THE AUSTRALIAN WORKERS' UNION (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SECTOR)
GENERAL AGREEMENT 2017

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THE AUSTRALIAN WORKERS' UNION WEST AUSTRALIAN
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RESPONDENT

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COMMISSIONER D J MATTHEWS

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Registration of Agreement

WHEREAS the Commission has before it an application pursuant to section 41 of the Industrial Relations Act 1979 to register an agreement as an industrial agreement; and

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the agreement meets the requirements of the Industrial Relations Act 1979 and that it should be registered;

NOW I, the undersigned, pursuant to the powers conferred on me under section 41 of the Industrial Relations Act 1979 hereby register the agreement made between the parties filed in the Commission on 7 March 2017 entitled The Australian Workers Union (Western Australian Public Sector) General Agreement 2017 attached hereto be registered as an industrial agreement in
replacement of *The Australian Workers Union (Western Australian Public Sector) General Agreement 2015.*

\[\text{(Sgd.) L.S. (Sgd.) D.J. MATTHEWS}\]

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3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 For the purposes of the General Agreement the following definitions shall apply.

(a) **Afternoon shift** means any ordinary hours starting at or after 10.00 a.m. and before 8.00 p.m.

(b) **Agency** means a Respondent listed in Schedule 9.

(c) **Agency Specific Agreement** means an Industrial Agreement developed in accordance with clause 3 of Schedule 5, or clause 5 of Schedule 6, which will be read in conjunction with the General Agreement and Award.

(d) **Award** means the *State Research Stations, Agricultural Schools and College Workers Award 1971*.

(e) **Commerce** means the Department of Commerce.

(f) **Day** means from midnight to midnight.

(g) **Day shift** for the purposes of shift work provisions, means any ordinary hours starting at or after 6.00 a.m. and before 10.00 a.m.

(h) **De-facto partner** means a relationship (other than a legal marriage) between two persons who live together in a ‘marriage-like’ relationship and includes same sex partners.

(i) **Dependant** of an Employee, for the purposes of District Allowance, means:

   (i) a partner; or
   (ii) where there is no partner, a child or any other relative resident within the state who relies on the Employee for their main support; and
   (iii) who does not receive a District or Location Allowance of any kind.
(j) **Employee** means a person employed in Western Australia by a Respondent and who is a member of or who is eligible to be a member of The Australian Workers' Union, West Australian Branch, Industrial Union of Workers (Union).

(k) **Employer** means a respondent listed in Schedule 9.

(l) **General Agreement** means The Australian Workers' Union (Western Australian Public Sector) General Agreement 2017.

(m) **Metropolitan Area** means that area within a radius of fifty (50) kilometres from the Perth City Railway Station.

(n) **Night shift** means any ordinary hours starting at or after 8.00 p.m. and before 6.00 a.m.

(o) **Ordinary rate of pay** means the weekly rate of pay as expressed in the schedules of this agreement.

(p) **Partial dependent** of an Employee, for the purposes of District Allowance, means:

   (i) a partner; or
   (ii) where there is no partner, a child or any other relative resident within the state who relies on the Employee for their main support; and
   (iii) who receives a District or Location Allowance of any kind pursuant to their employment which is less than the District Allowance prescribed in this General Agreement.

(q) **Partner** means either spouse or de-facto partner.

(r) **Primary care giver** means, for the purposes of parental leave, a person who assumes the principal role of providing care and attention to a child.

(s) **Reasonable board and lodging** means lodging in a well-kept establishment with three adequate meals each day, adequate furnishings, good bedding, good floor coverings, good lighting and heating and with hot and cold running water, in either a single room or a twin room if a single room is not available.

(t) **Regional Employee** means any Employee other than one whose assigned headquarters are within the Metropolitan Area as defined in this General Agreement.

(u) **Rostered shift** means a shift of which the Employee concerned has had no less than 24 hours' notice.

(v) **Spouse** means a person who is lawfully married to that person.
(w) **Tradesperson** means a Carpenter, Glazier, Motor Mechanic, Welder, Boilermaker, Electrician, Plumber, Painter or such agreed person between the parties who are required by the Employer to use their trade skills. The base trade equivalent rate is at Level 2.6.

(x) **Union** means The Australian Workers' Union, West Australian Branch, Industrial Union of Workers.

(y) **WAIRC** means the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

4. **PURPOSE OF GENERAL AGREEMENT**

4.1 The parties agree the purpose of the General Agreement is to:

(a) effect wage increases in accordance with the General Agreement, for Employees bound by the General Agreement; and

(b) provide a core set of employment conditions for Employees bound by the General Agreement.

**Objectives**

4.2 The objectives of this General Agreement are:

(a) improving working arrangements that will contribute to the long-term viability of the department;

(b) maximising the efficiency, flexibility, productivity and revenue of the Agencies for the benefit of Employees, the Agencies and the people of Western Australia;

(c) developing and maintaining productive, cooperative and harmonious relationships; and

(d) maintaining and enhancing occupational health, safety and welfare throughout the Agencies.

In accordance with wage fixing principles, the parties acknowledge that a broad agenda shall be considered in the implementation of improved productivity within the Agencies.

4.3 To enhance these aims, it is agreed that:

(a) subject to their skill and competence, there will be full flexibility between all Employees who perform the work specified in this Agreement;
(b) there will be a regular free exchange of information as to the performance and prosperity of the business; and

(c) a Consultative Committee will be established in order to consult Employees on matters relevant to their employment.

4.4 The following principles will govern the relationship between the parties in pursuing the aims of this General Agreement:

(a) the parties acknowledge and accept the structures, accountabilities and responsibilities of each other;

(b) honesty, mutual respect and a professional attitude will prevail at all times; and

(c) it is the duty of all parties to promote and develop trust, understanding and motivation within the workplace.

5. SUPPORTING OUTCOMES

Specific measures are dealt with below which detail how productivity improvements are to be achieved. These measures require Employer, Union and Employee participation and commitment. The following measures are identified.

Continuous Improvement

5.1 (a) It is agreed there will be full support for, and involvement with the ongoing process of continuous improvement to achieve reduced costs, less waste and improve quality, technology, work organisation, customer service, timeliness, safety, training and enhanced conservation outcomes.

(b) A fundamental ingredient in facilitating this strategy is the involvement of all Employees in its development and implementation. The parties agree to promote the involvement of all Employees in continuously improving their workplaces and to pro-actively work to remove barriers to its implementation.

Management of Work, Technology and use of Resources

5.2 The parties agree to improve work practices across all areas of the Agencies, particularly:

(a) improved efficiency of planning, allocation, performance and reporting of work undertaken;

(b) increased workplace flexibility (both geographical and functional);
(c) use of best practice and benchmarking to promote, measure and monitor team performance;

(d) compare performance results with other work teams and taking appropriate action to continually improve performance;

(e) improved management and supervisory practices to give more responsibility to work teams within developed guidelines;

(f) increased devolution of accountability and responsibility leading to self-managed work teams;

(g) simplification and improvement of work processes and procedures;

(h) optimising the use of existing technology; and

(i) implementation and use of new technologies including advanced communication and information technology systems.

5.3 Training and Skills Acquisition

(a) The parties agree that training will be provided to enable Employees to progress through their career paths subject to skills, knowledge, competency standards and licensing requirements.

(b) The parties are committed to the implementation of National Training Competency Standards for all in-service training courses, including accreditation and registration.

5.4 Flexibility

(a) Employees may perform work outside the Union's coverage where such work is not the major part, and is peripheral and incidental to, their normal duties, provided that such work is within their level of skill, knowledge and competence.

(b) Joint Consultative Committees (JCCs) will be committed to resolving demarcation issues at their workplaces as they arise. The parties reject "demarcation resolutions" which limit career path opportunities for Employees.

5.5 Health and Safety

(a) No measures adopted in this General Agreement shall in any way prejudice Occupational Safety and Health programs already in place in any workplace in the Agencies.

(b) The parties are committed to the rehabilitation of any Employee who is incapacitated through any work related injury.
6. APPLICATION AND PARTIES BOUND

6.1 This General Agreement shall replace and cancel in its entirety The Australian Workers’ Union (Western Australian Public Sector) General Agreement 2015.

6.2 The parties bound by the General Agreement are The Australian Workers’ Union, West Australian Branch, Industrial Union of Workers and the Respondents listed in Schedule 9 of this General Agreement.

6.3 The General Agreement shall apply to all Employees who are members of or eligible to be members of the Union and covered by the General Agreement. At the date of registration the approximate number of Employees bound by the General Agreement is 500.

6.4 The State Research Stations, Agricultural Schools and College Workers Award 1971 continues to apply as the Parent Award to Employees of the Department of Education or the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia engaged in duties at a State Research Station or Agricultural School or College. Where the provisions of this Award and the General Agreement are inconsistent, the provisions of the General Agreement shall prevail. Where this General Agreement is silent the provisions of this Award shall apply to the Employees referred to within this sub-clause.

6.5 Area of Operation

This General Agreement shall apply throughout the state of Western Australia.

7. TERM OF GENERAL AGREEMENT

7.1 The General Agreement shall operate from the date of registration in accordance with Section 41 of the Industrial Relations Act 1979 and will expire on 25 April 2019.

7.2 The parties to the General Agreement agree to re-open negotiations for a replacement General Agreement at least six (6) months prior to the expiry of the General Agreement with a view to implement a replacement General Agreement operative from 26 April 2019.

8. NO FURTHER CLAIMS

8.1 The parties to the General Agreement undertake that for the term of the General Agreement there will be no wage increases sought or granted other than those provided under the terms of the General Agreement.

8.2 The parties to the General Agreement undertake that for the term of the General Agreement there will be no further claims on matters contained in the General Agreement except where specifically provided for.
9.4 TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT

9.1 Employees are to be notified in writing on commencement of their employment status, which may be either one of the following:

(a) full-time;
(b) part-time;
(c) casual;
(d) trainees; or
(e) permanent seasonal.

9.2 Full-time Employees

9.2.1 A full-time Employee is an Employee who:

(a) is employed to work 38 hours per week; and

(b) may be employed for an indefinite period or for a fixed term.

9.3 Part-time Employees

9.3.1 A part-time Employee is an Employee who:

(a) is employed and terminated on the same conditions as those applicable to a full-time Employee;

(b) works less than 38 hours per week;

(c) has reasonably predictable hours of work; and

(d) receives on a pro-rata basis, equivalent pay and conditions to those of full-time Employees who do the same kind of work.

9.3.2 At the time of appointment the Employer and the part-time Employee will agree in writing on a regular pattern of work specifying the days of work, ordinary hours to be worked each day and start and finish times.

9.3.3 Any agreed variation to the regular pattern of work will be recorded in writing.

9.3.4 An Employee who does not meet the definition of a part-time Employee and who is not a full-time Employee will be paid as a casual Employee in accordance with 9.4.
9.4 Casual Employees

9.4.1 A casual Employee is an Employee who:

(a) is engaged as such;
(b) works less than five consecutive days;
(c) is not entitled to any leave entitlements in this General Agreement or long service leave; and
(d) receives, on a pro-rata basis, 25% in excess of the rate prescribed for their required level of competency for any work performed on ordinary work days and where work is performed on weekends or public holidays, 25% in excess of the loaded rate. This extra 25% will be in addition to and calculated on any shift penalties.

9.4.2 Casual Employees are to be informed if they are required to work on the next working day.

(a) Where a casual Employee is so informed, but no useful work is available, the Employee will be paid as follows:

- Where no useful work is available due to circumstances beyond the control of the Employer, Employees will be paid for two hours; or
- Where no work is available for any other reason they will be paid for the whole day or shift.

(b) Examples of 'circumstances beyond the control of the Employer' include, but are not limited to one or a combination of the following:

- Inclement weather or natural disasters;
- Power failure; and
- Plant and machinery failure.

9.5 Traineeships and trainees

The parties to this General Agreement will comply with the conditions of employment for trainees in clause 14 of the Agreement.

9.6 Seasonal Employees

9.6.1 (a) The parties agree to the utilisation of seasonal Employees for fixed term employment for the purpose of meeting seasonal work requirements.
(b) Seasonal Employees will be in addition to full-time Employee numbers and shall not be utilised to the detriment of full-time Employees.

(c) A seasonal Employee is an Employee enlisted by the Agency on a contractual engagement for periods not less than three months to cover excessive workloads within the Agency.

(d) The Employee concerned shall have such previous service recognised for the purposes of accrual of annual, personal and long service leave, provided that these entitlements shall be calculated on a pro rata basis in accordance with the following formula:

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\text{Number of hours worked per annum} = \frac{\text{Proportion of entitlement}}{1976}
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Permanent "Seasonal" Employees

9.6.2. In addition to the provisions of sub clause 9.3.1, Employees may be employed as permanent part-time Employees with periods of engagement not on a weekly basis but on a seasonal basis. Employees may be offered employment on a full-time or part-time basis for the duration of the fire season/s. Permanent "Seasonal" Employees will receive pro rata entitlements equivalent to that of a full-time Employee.

All permanent part-time Employees shall have a contract clearly stating a commencement date, the duration of the contract with a closing date of the contract and the duties expected. This contract may be extended by mutual agreement dependent upon the requirements of the department.

9.7 Performance of Work

9.7.1 (a) the Employer may direct an Employee to carry out such duties as are within the limits of the Employee’s skill, competence and training consistent with the classification structure of the Agreement, provided that such duties are not designed to promote deskilling.

(b) the Employer may direct any Employee to carry out such duties and use such tools and equipment as maybe required, provided that the Employee has been properly trained in the use to such tools and equipment.

(c) any direction issued by the Employer must be consistent with the Employee’s responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy working environment.
10. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Notice of termination by Employer

10.1 In order to terminate the employment of a full-time or part-time Employee the Employer must give the Employee the following notice:

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10.2 In addition to the notice in sub-clause 10.1 Employees over 45 years of age at the time of the giving of the notice with not less than two years' continuous service, shall be entitled to an additional week's notice.

10.3 Payment in lieu of the notice will be made if the appropriate notice period is not given. Employment may be terminated by the Employee working part of the required period of notice and by the Employer making payment for the remainder of the period of notice.

10.4 In calculating any payment in lieu of notice, the wages an Employee would have received in respect of the ordinary time they would have worked during the period of notice had their employment not been terminated will be used.

10.5 An Employee who is dismissed for misconduct shall be paid by direct funds transferred to the credit of a bank and account number nominated by the Employee within twenty-four hours of the time the Employee reports to the Employer. Provided that any annual leave payments due to an Employee shall be made available to Head Office or, at the request of the Employee, despatched to his or her home address by registered post.

10.6 The period of notice in this clause shall not apply in the case of conduct that justifies instant dismissal, including malingering, neglect of duty or misconduct. Notice periods are also not applicable in the case of casual Employees, probationary Employees, apprentices or Employees engaged for a specific period of time or for a specific task or tasks.

10.7 In this clause, continuous service means service under an unbroken contract of employment and includes:

(a) any period of leave taken in accordance with this General Agreement;

(b) any period of part-time employment worked in accordance with this General Agreement; or

(c) any period of leave or absence authorised by the Employer or by the General Agreement.
Notice of Termination by Employee

10.8 The notice of termination required to be given by an Employee is the same as required by the Employer, except there will be no additional notice based on the age of the Employee concerned.

10.9 If an Employee fails to give notice the Employer has the right to withhold moneys due to the Employee to a maximum amount equal to the ordinary time rate of pay for the period of notice.

Time Off During the Notice Period

10.10 Where an Employer has given notice of termination to an Employee, an Employee is entitled to up to one day's time off without loss of pay for the purpose of seeking other employment. The time off is to be taken at times that are convenient to the Employee after consultation with the Employer.

Statement of Employment

10.11 The Employer must, upon receipt of a request from the Employee whose employment has been terminated, provide to the Employee a written statement specifying the period of his or her employment and the type of work performed by the Employee.

Summary Dismissal

10.12 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause 10.1 the Employer has the right to dismiss any Employee without notice for conduct that justifies instant dismissal.

Harsh Oppressive or Unfair Dismissal

10.13 The Employer must not harshly, oppressively or unfairly dismiss an Employee.

PART 2. WAGES AND ASSOCIATED ALLOWANCES

11. WAGES

11.1 The wage increases for this General Agreement shall be:

- 1.5% on and from 25 April 2017; and
- 1.5% on and from 25 April 2018.

11.2 The wage increases provided in this General Agreement are in full and final settlement of productivity improvements up to the date of commencement of the General Agreement.
12. PAYMENT OF WAGES

12.1 Wages shall be paid fortnightly but, where the usual payday falls on a Public Holiday, payment shall be made on the previous working day.

12.2 Wages will be paid by direct funds transfer to the credit of an account nominated by the Employee at a bank, building society or credit Union approved by the treasurer or an accountable Employee.

12.3 For the calculation of wages, the pay period is Monday to Sunday, or as otherwise agreed between the parties.

12.4 Claims for payment for overtime and allowances shall be submitted on a fortnightly basis.

13. SUPPORTED WAGE

13.1 Workers Eligible for a Supported Wage

This clause defines the conditions that will apply to Employees who, because of the effects of a disability, are eligible for a supported wage under the terms of this clause. In the context of this clause, the following definitions will apply:

(a) "Supported Wage System" means the Commonwealth Government system to promote employment for people who cannot work at full agreement wages because of a disability, as documented in "(Supported Wage System: Guidelines and Assessment Process)";

(b) "Accredited Assessor", means a person accredited by the management unit established by the Commonwealth under the Supported Wage System to perform assessment of an individual's productive capacity within the Supported Wage System;

(c) "Disability Support Pension" means the Commonwealth pension scheme to provide income security for persons with a disability as provided under the Social Security Act 1991, as amended from time to time, or any successor to that scheme; and

(d) "Assessment Instrument" means the form provided for under the Supported Wage System that records the assessment of the productive capacity of the person to be employed under the Supported Wage System.

Eligibility Criteria

13.2 (a) Employees covered by this clause will be those who are unable to perform the range of duties to the competence level required within the class of work for which the Employee is engaged under this General Agreement, because of the effects of a disability on their productive
capacity and who meet the impairment criteria for receipt of a Disability Support Pension. (This clause does not apply to any existing Employee who has a claim against the Employer, which is subject to the provisions of workers' compensation legislation, or any provision of the General Agreement relating to the rehabilitation of Employees who are injured in the course of their current employment).

(b) This clause also does not apply to Employers in respect of their facility, programme, undertaking, service or the like which receives funding under the Disability Services Act 1986 and fulfils the dual role of service provider and sheltered Employer to people with disabilities who are in receipt of or eligible for a Disability Support Pension, except with respect to an organisation which has received recognition under s10 or s12A of the Act, or if a part only has received recognition, that part.

**Supported Wage Rates**

13.3 Employees to whom this clause applies shall be paid the applicable percentage of the minimum rate of pay prescribed by the General Agreement for the class of work, which the person is performing according to the following schedule:

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(Provided that the minimum amount payable shall be not less than $83 per week).

*Where a person's assessed capacity is 10%, they shall receive a high degree of assistance and support.

**Assessment of Capacity**

13.4 For the purpose of establishing the percentage of the General Agreement rate to be paid to the Employees, the productive capacity of the Employee will be assessed in accordance with the Supported Wage System and documented in an assessment instrument y either:

(a) The Employer and the Employee, or the Union Representative as required; or
(b) the Employer and an accredited Assessor from a panel agreed by the parties to the General Agreement and the Employee.

Lodgement of Assessment Instruments

13.5 All assessment instruments under the conditions of this clause, including the appropriate percentage of the General Agreement wage rate to be paid to the Employee, shall be lodged by the Employer with the Registrar of the Commission.

All assessment instruments shall be agreed and signed by the parties to the assessment, provided that where the Union is not a party to the assessment it shall be referred by the Registrar to the Union by certified mail and shall take effect unless an objection is notified to the Registrar within 10 working days.

Review of Assessment

13.6 The assessment of the applicable percentage should be subject to annual review or earlier on the basis of a reasonable request for such a review. The process of review shall be in accordance with the procedures for assessing capacity under the Supported Wage System.

Other Terms and Conditions of Employment

13.7 Where an assessment has been made, the applicable percentage shall apply to the wage rate only. Employees covered by the provisions of this clause will be entitled to the same terms and conditions of employment as all other Employees covered by the General Agreement paid on a pro rata basis.

Workplace Adjustment

13.8 An Employer wishing to employ a person under the provisions of this clause shall take reasonable steps to make changes in the workplace to enhance the Employee's capacity to do the job. Changes may involve re-design of job duties, working time arrangements and work organisation in consultation with other Employees in the area.

Trial Period

13.9 In order for an adequate assessment of the Employee's capacity to be made, an Employer may employ a person under the provisions of this clause for a trial period not exceeding 12 weeks, except that in some cases additional work adjustment time (not exceeding four 4 weeks) may be needed.

During the trial period the assessment of capacity shall be undertaken and the proposed wage rate for a continuing employment relationship shall be determined.
The minimum amount payable to the Employee during the trial period shall be no less than $64 per week.

Work trials should include induction or training as appropriate to the job being trialled.

Where the Employer and Employee wish to establish a continuing employment relationship following the completion of the trial period, a further contract of employment shall be entered into based on the outcome of assessment under sub-clause 13.5.

14. TRAINEESHIPS

14.1 Definitions

(a) **Part-time trainee** means a trainee who is employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week (except in the case of school based traineeships), and has regular and stable hours of work each week, to allow training to occur. Wages and entitlements accrue on a pro rata basis.

(b) **Traineeship** means a full-time or part-time structured employment based training arrangement approved by the Western Australian Department of Training and Workforce Development. Trainees gain work experience and have the opportunity to learn new skills in a work environment. On successful completion of the Traineeship the trainee obtains a nationally recognised qualification.

(c) **Traineeship Training Contract** means the agreement between the Employer and the trainee that provides details of the Traineeship and obligations of the Employer and trainee and is registered with the Department of Training and Workforce Development.

(d) **Training Plan** means the on-the-job and off-the-job training assessment plan and how the Registered Training Organisation will assist in ensuring the integrity of the training and assessment process.

14.2

(a) Trainees are to be additional to the normal workforce of the Employer so that trainees shall not replace paid workers or volunteers or reduce the hours worked by existing Employees.

(b) **Training Conditions:**

The arrangements between the Employer and the trainee in relation to training are as specified in the Traineeship Training Contract, as administered by the Department of Training and Workforce Development. The trainee will be trained in accordance with the agreed Training Plan.
(c) Employment Conditions:

(i) The initial period of employment for trainees is the nominal training period endorsed at the time the particular Traineeship is established;

(ii) Completion of the Traineeship Scheme will not guarantee the trainee future employment in the Public Sector, but the Employer will cooperate to assist the trainee to be placed in suitable employment, should a position arise;

(iii) Trainees are permitted to be absent from work without loss of continuity of employment to attend off the job training in accordance with the Training Plan. However, except for absences provided for under the General Agreement, failure to attend for work or training without an acceptable cause may result in loss of pay for the period of the absence;

(iv) Trainees will receive a mix of supervised work experience, structured training on the job and off the job, and the opportunity to practice new skills in a work environment; and

(v) Overtime and shift work shall not be worked by trainees except to enable the requirements of the training to be effected. When overtime and shift work are worked the relevant allowances and penalties of the General Agreement will apply. No trainee shall work overtime or shift work unsupervised.

(d) Wages:

The wages applicable to trainees shall be as prescribed in the Circular to Departments and Authorities – Pay Rates for Public Sector Trainees as published by Commerce each year for Employees up to and including 20 years of age. Adult trainees will be paid the rate prescribed under the Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993 for the minimum weekly rate of pay for Employees 21 or more years of age.

15. RECOVERY OF UNDERPAYMENTS

15.1 Where an Employee is underpaid in any manner:

(a) the Employer will, once the Employer is aware of the underpayment, rectify the error as soon as practicable;

(b) where possible the underpayment shall be rectified no later than in the pay period immediately following the date on which the Employer is aware an underpayment has occurred; and
(c) where an Employee can demonstrate an underpayment has created serious financial hardship, the Employee shall be paid by way of a special payment as soon as practicable.

15.2 An Employer shall compensate an Employee for costs resulting directly from an underpayment, where it is proven the costs resulted directly from the underpayment. This includes compensation for overdraft fees, dishonoured cheque costs, and dishonour fees related to routine deductions from a bank account into which an Employee’s salary is paid.

15.3 Nothing in this clause shall be taken as precluding the Employee’s legal right to pursue recovery of underpayments.

16. RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS

16.1 The Employer has an obligation under the Financial Management Act 2006 to account for public monies. This requires the Employer to recover overpayments made to an Employee.

16.2 Any overpayment will be repaid to the Employer within a reasonable period of time.

16.3 Where an overpayment is identified and proven, the Employer will provide the Employee with the written details of the overpayment and notify the Employee of their intent to recover the overpayment.

16.4 Where the Employee accepts that there has been an overpayment, arrangements for the recovery of the overpayment will be negotiated between the Employer and Employee.

16.5 If agreement on a repayment schedule cannot be reached within a reasonable period of time, the Employer may deduct the amount of the overpayment over the same period of time that the overpayment occurred provided:

(a) the Employer may not deduct or require an Employee to repay an amount exceeding 10% of the Employee’s net pay in any one pay period without the Employee’s agreement; and

(b) where necessary, an Employer may deduct money over a period of time greater than the period of time over which the overpayment occurred.

16.6 If the Employee disputes the existence of an overpayment and the matter is not resolved within a reasonable period of time, the matter should be dealt with in accordance with clause 56 - Dispute Settlement Procedure. No deductions relating to the overpayment shall be made from the Employee’s pay while the matter is being dealt with in accordance with the Dispute Settlement Procedure.

16.7 Nothing in this clause shall be taken as precluding the Employer’s legal right to pursue recovery of overpayments.
16.8 Where an Employer alters the pay cycle or pay day, any consequential variations to an Employee's fortnightly salary and/or payments to compensate shall not be considered an overpayment for the purposes of this clause.

17. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

17.1 All Employees' performance will be subject to regular reviews. The reviews shall be in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Employer's preferred performance management system. The reviews shall occur at least every 12 months.

17.2 The intent of this provision is to provide an opportunity for Employees to discuss their performance with their manager/supervisor, and will not of itself have any impact on the wage classifications that apply under this Agreement.

18. SALARY PACKAGING

18.1 An Employee may, by agreement with the Employer, enter into a Salary Packaging arrangement in accordance with the WA Public Sector Salary Packaging Guidelines or any similar Salary Packaging arrangement offered by the Employer.

18.2 Salary Packaging is an arrangement whereby the entitlements under the General Agreement contributing toward the Total Employment Cost (as defined) of an Employee, can be reduced by and substituted with another, or other benefits.

18.3 For the purpose of this clause, Total Employment Cost (TEC) is defined as the cost of salary and other benefits aggregated to a total figure or TEC, less the cost of Compulsory Employers Superannuation Guarantee contributions.

18.4 The TEC for the purposes of Salary Packaging is calculated by adding:

(a) the base salary;
(b) other cash allowances (e.g. annual leave loading);
(c) non cash benefits (e.g. Superannuation, Motor Vehicle etc.);
(d) any Fringe Benefit Tax liabilities currently paid; and
(e) any variable components (e.g. performance based incentives, where they exist).

18.5 Where an Employee enters into a Salary Packaging arrangement they will be required to enter into a separate written agreement with the Employer that sets out the terms and conditions of the arrangement.
18.6 Notwithstanding any Salary Packaging arrangement the salary rate as defined is the basis for calculating salary related entitlements specified in the General Agreement.

18.7 The Salary Packaging arrangement must be cost neutral in relation to the total cost to the Employer.

18.8 The Salary Packaging arrangement must also comply with relevant Taxation Legislation and the Employer will not be liable for additional tax, penalties or other costs payable or which may become payable by the Employee.

18.9 In the event of any increase or additional payments of tax or penalties associated with the employment of the Employee or the provision of Employer benefits under the Salary Packaging agreement, such tax, penalties and any other costs shall be borne by the Employee.

18.10 In the event of significant increases in Fringe Benefit Tax liability or administrative costs relating to arrangements under this clause, the Employee may vary or cancel a Salary Packaging arrangement.

18.11 Compulsory Employer Superannuation Guarantee contributions are to be calculated in accordance with applicable federal and state legislation. Compulsory Employer contributions made to superannuation schemes established under the *State Superannuation Act 2000* and the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1970* are calculated on the gross (pre-packaged) salary amount regardless of whether an Employee participates in a salary packaging arrangement with their Employer.

18.12 The cancellation of Salary Packaging will not cancel or otherwise affect the operation of the General Agreement.

18.13 An Employer shall not unreasonably withhold agreement to Salary Packaging on request from an Employee.

19. **DISTRICT ALLOWANCE**

19.1 This clause is to be read in conjunction with District Allowance (Government Wages Employees) General Agreement 2010 AG18 of 2010 or its successor.

19.2 District Allowance is payable to casual Employees on an hourly rate basis in accordance with the following formula:

\[
\text{Appropriate Weekly District Allowance Rate} \times \frac{1}{38}
\]

20. **FLYING ALLOWANCE**

20.1 An Employee who in the course of the Employee's official duties is required to fly in an aircraft other than those used in public air services, shall be paid an allowance for the following duties:
(a) Observation and photographic duties in fixed wing aircraft - $13.19 per hour or part thereof;
(b) Cloud seeding and fire-bombing duties, observation and photographic duties involving operations in which fixed wing aircraft are used at heights less than 304 metres or in unpressurised aircraft at heights more than 3048 metres - $18.07 per hour or part thereof; and
(c) When required to fly in a helicopter on fire-bombing duties, observation and photographic duties or stock surveillance - $24.99 per hour or part thereof.

20.2 Subject to the provisions of this agreement, the provisions of the Public Service Award 1992 at clause 46 – Flying Allowance and Schedule K – Diving, Flying and Sea Going Allowance, as amended from time to time, shall apply mutatis mutandis to Employees covered by this General Agreement.

21. MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE

Subject to the provisions of this agreement, the provisions of the Public Service Award 1992 clause 47 – Motor Vehicle Allowance and Schedule E and F – Motor Vehicle Allowance, as amended from time to time, shall apply mutatis mutandis to Employees covered by this Schedule.

22. CAMPING ALLOWANCE

22.1 When an Employee is required to camp because the job site is too distant from their usual place of work for the Employee to reasonably return home each night, the Employer will:

(a) pay a per night allowance as prescribed in Schedule 8 (2); or
(b) provide reasonable board and lodging; or
(c) pay a higher amount than the Camping Allowance if the Employee can justify the greater outlay.

22.2 Subject to 22.3 below, where:

(a) the camp is considered to be the Employee's usual place of work because the Employee has been directed by the Employer to live at the site; or
(b) the Employee is required to live at the site because no reasonable transportation is available to enable the Employee to travel to and from work each day,

the Employer will pay an allowance as prescribed in Schedule 8 (2) for every working week or, one seventh of this amount per night (which includes Saturday or Sunday).
22.3 Provided that, where the Employer provides meals, the allowance provided at clause 22.1 will be reduced by $34.60 per night as from the date of registration of the Agreement and $35.10 as from 25 April 2018.

22.4 Where the accommodation provided is not considered "reasonable board and lodging" and the Department of Parks and Wildlife provides food to Employees to prepare and cook meals – a camping allowance prescribed in Schedule 8 (2) will be paid.

23. INCIDENTAL ALLOWANCE

23.1 An Employee who travels on official business which necessitates an overnight stay away from headquarters shall be entitled to an Incidental Allowance.

23.2 The rate of Incidental Allowance shall be that as prescribed in the Public Service Award 1992 – Schedule I - Item (1), (2) or (3) as amended from time to time.

23.3 An Employee in receipt of Camping Allowance under clause 22 of this Agreement is not entitled to an Incidental Allowance under this clause.

24. COXSWAIN ALLOWANCE

24.1 Employees who hold a full Coxswain certificate and are required to hold the certificate as part of their job description form will be paid an allowance of $872.00 per annum.

24.2 Employees who hold a restricted Coxswain certificate and are required to hold the certificate as part of their job description form will be paid an allowance of $436.00 per annum.

25. OTHER ALLOWANCES

25.1 Leading Hand/Trainer

An Employee appointed as a Leading Hand or Trainer shall for the time so spent, but not less than a day, be paid an hourly allowance as prescribed in Schedule 8 (2). A Leading Hand will be considered to be an Employee placed in charge of three or more persons. A Trainer will be considered to be an Employee who is required to instruct Employees in specific job skills. This allowance may not be claimed for both job descriptions at the same time.

25.2 First Aid Allowance

An Employee who has been trained to render first aid and who is the current holder of appropriate first aid qualifications such as a certificate from the St. John's Ambulance or similar body shall be paid a weekly allowance as prescribed in Schedule 8 (2), if appointed by their Employer to perform first aid duty.
25.3 Compensation for Damage to Clothing, Spectacles, Hearing Aids and Tools

Compensation must be made to the extent of the damage sustained where, in the course of the work, clothing, spectacles, hearing aids or tools of trade are damaged or destroyed by fire or molten metal or through the use of corrosive substances. The Employer's liability in respect of tools is limited to the tools of trade that are ordinarily required for the performance of the Employee's duties. Compensation is not payable if an Employee is entitled to workers' compensation in respect of the damage.

25.4 Case Hardened Prescription Lenses

An Employer who requires an Employee to have their prescription lenses case hardened shall pay for the cost of such case hardening.

25.5 Working Away From the Usual Place of Work

(a) An Employee who is required to start work at a place other than the Employee's usual place of work will, if the time taken in travelling from the Employee's place of residence to the job and return exceeds the time normally taken in travelling from the Employee's usual place of residence to the Employee's usual place of work and return, be paid for such excess travelling time at ordinary rates. An Employee's usual place of work means the usual work location, depot or office complex to which the Employee is normally assigned.

(b) If the fares actually and reasonably incurred in such travelling exceed the fares normally paid by the Employee in travelling from the Employee's place of residence and return, the Employer will pay the amount by which such fares exceed those usually paid for travelling to and from the Employee's usual place of employment.

25.6 Underground Allowance

(a) An Employee will receive an additional allowance a day or shift as prescribed in Schedule 8 (2) for working underground.

(b) The Underground Allowance will commence from the surface for sinking shafts more than six metres deep.

(c) There is no Underground Allowance for pot and drive work at a depth of 3.6 metres or less.

25.7 Allowance For Protective Clothing Whilst Using Herbicides Or Pesticides

An Employee required to wear protective clothing or equipment for the purpose of this paragraph will be paid an hourly rate or part thereof as prescribed in Schedule 8 (1) while doing so unless the Employee and the Employer agree that by reason of the nature of the protective clothing or equipment the Employee does not suffer discomfort or inconvenience whilst
wearing it, or in the event of disagreement, clause 56 – Dispute Settlement Procedure shall apply.

25.8 Tool Allowance

Employees will be paid a weekly Tool Allowance as prescribed in Schedule 8 (1) when Employees are required to use their own tools.

25.9 Meal Allowance

A Meal Allowance as prescribed in Schedule 8 (1) will be paid, if the Employer is unable to provide an adequate and suitable meal, when an Employee is required to work overtime in excess of one and a half hours after working ordinary hours.

25.10 Allowance for Loss or Damage of Personal Effects During the Course Of Duty

(a) An Employee will be paid costs to the extent of the loss or damage, up to the maximum amount prescribed in Schedule 8 (1), for Employee’s clothing which is destroyed at the workplace or camp, provided that such destruction is not in any way caused by the Employee’s own act or neglect or wilful destruction.

(b) An Employee will be paid costs to the extent of the loss or damage, where an Employee during the course of their duty incur loss or damage to their spectacles and the Employer is satisfied it is work related. Provided that this does not apply when an Employee is entitled to Workers’ Compensation in respect to the damage.

PART 3. LEAVE

26. ANNUAL LEAVE

The provisions of this clause do not apply to casual Employees.

Entitlement to annual leave

26.1 An Employee is entitled to four consecutive weeks of annual leave with pay, after every 12 months of continuous service. Annual leave shall be calculated on a calendar year basis commencing 1 January in each year.

26.2 Agreement between the Employer and Employee may be reached to allow leave to be taken in periods of not less than one week, including the taking of single days leave to a maximum of five single days per annum.

26.3 Public holidays that occur during the period of annual leave will be added to the end of the leave. Annual leave loading is not payable on these additional days.
26.4 If any Employee has more than one year's accrued annual leave entitlement, with the Employer's approval, the Employee may compact any portion in excess of that entitlement on a two for one basis.

Additional entitlements to annual leave

26.5 A seven day shift Employee who works regularly on Sundays and public holidays is entitled to one extra week's leave in addition to the leave to which the Employee is otherwise entitled under this clause, after every 12 months of continuous service. Where an Employee with more than 12 months continuous service is engaged on seven day shifts including regular Sundays and public holidays for only part of a qualifying 12 month period, the Employee is entitled to the additional week of annual leave on a monthly pro rata basis. This will be calculated by increasing the annual leave entitlement by 1/12th of a week for each completed month continuously engaged.

26.6 Leave entitlements for Employees who are engaged in vermin and pest control for the purposes of protecting the agricultural industry are as follows:

a) Agricultural pest and weed spray operators employed to work in that area of the State north of the 26 degree south latitude are entitled to five weeks of annual leave.

b) Agricultural doggers and vermin fence Employees employed to work in that area of the State south of the 26 degree south latitude are entitled to five weeks of annual leave.

c) Agricultural doggers and vermin fence Employees employed to work in that area of the State North of the 26 Degree South Latitude are entitled to six weeks of annual leave.

Rate of payment for annual leave

26.7 Employees will be paid for annual leave on the basis of their ordinary rate of pay with additional leave loadings specified in clause 26.12.

26.8 In the case of a shift Employee, at the rate of pay the Employee would have received for working the roster or projected roster, inclusive of penalties, had the Employee not taken leave in addition to the leave loadings specified in clause 26.13 (a).

26.9 If after one week's continuous service an Employee lawfully leaves, or employment is terminated through no fault of the Employee, pro rata annual leave is payable, paid at:

a) 2.923 hours for each completed week of continuous service; or

b) 3.653 hours for each completed week of continuous service where a shift Employee qualifies for one extra week, as prescribed in clause 26.6.
26.10 An Employee is not entitled to pro rata annual leave or payment in lieu of annual leave:

a) if the Employee has not accrued the annual leave;

b) if the Employee has been dismissed for misconduct;

c) for any period of unpaid leave;

d) for any approved period of absence through illness, with or without pay, which is in excess of three calendar months; and

e) for any approved period of absence through a work related injury or illness, which is in excess of six calendar months.

Entitlement to annual leave loading

26.11 The entitlement to annual leave loading prescribed by this clause does not apply to Employees covered by Schedule 2 of this Agreement, who receive an annualised allowance of 2.34% in lieu of annual leave loading.

26.12 A loading of 17.5% calculated on an employee’s normal rate of salary for a maximum of four weeks' annual leave shall be paid to employees on the first pay period in December in the calendar year in which the leave accrues.

26.13 The maximum payment for the loading provided for in clause 26.12 shall not exceed a rate equivalent to 17.5% of four weeks’ salary of a General Division Level 8.1 employee, as prescribed by the Public Service Government Officers General Agreement 2014 or its replacement, as at 1 January in the calendar year in which the leave accrues.

26.14

a) Where a shift Employee qualifies for one additional week of annual leave, the Employee will receive either a 20% loading in addition to the weekly rate of pay, or payment in accordance with rostered shifts, if that payment is greater.

b) The maximum payment for leave loading for a shift work Employee will be up to a maximum of 125% of the amount determined by the calculation prescribed in clause 26.13.

c) Leave loading as prescribed in this subparagraph will apply to proportionate leave on termination.

26.15 Part-time Employees shall be paid a proportion of the annual leave loading at the salary rate applicable, provided that the maximum loading payable shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:
Average hours of work per fortnight in the calendar year in which the leave accrues  
	76  
Maximum loading in accordance with clause 26.12  
	1  

Payment of leave loading for non-shift work Employees

26.16 Employees (other than shift work Employees and Employees on commuted arrangements which incorporate annual leave loading) are to be paid leave loading as follows:

a) In the first pay period in December 2017 Employees eligible for leave loading shall be paid leave loading for annual leave accrued up to and including 31 December 2017.

b) Leave loading payable on all annual leave accrued from 1 January 2013 onwards shall be paid in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) Leave loading shall be paid to Employees in the first pay period in December in the calendar year in which the leave accrues. The leave loading to be paid shall be the leave loading anticipated to be due on 31 December of that year.

(ii) Notwithstanding clause 26.17 below, leave loading shall be paid in December at the Employee’s anticipated substantive rate as at 31 December of that year.

(iii) Where an Employee proceeds on annual leave during the calendar year in which that leave accrues and the Employee is in receipt of a higher duties allowance (HDA) during the period of leave, annual leave loading relating to this period of leave will be paid in December based on:

- the HDA rate applicable at the time the leave was taken, or
- the Employee's anticipated substantive rate as at 31 December of that year, whichever is higher.

(iv) On termination, where an Employee is not entitled to a payment in lieu of proportionate annual leave, the Employee must refund any leave loading paid in December of that calendar year.

Payment of leave loading for shift work Employees

26.17 In accordance with sub-clause 26.14, shift work Employees are to be paid leave loading when taking annual leave.
26.18 Where an Employee has been paid leave loading in accordance with sub-clause 26.17, there shall be no entitlement to the payment of leave loading when taking annual leave for which the loading was already paid.

**Capacity to cash out annual leave**

26.19 Subject to sub-clause 26.19, the Employer and Employee may agree that the Employee forego part of their entitlement to annual leave in exchange for equivalent payment at the rate which would have applied had leave been taken. For shift work Employees, the payment is to include annual leave loading.

26.20 The following criteria apply to the cashing out on annual leave:

a) the Employer agrees in writing to a request by an Employee to cash out annual leave;

b) there is an annual leave entitlement that has accrued in previous years and is overdue to be taken;

c) no more than 50% of any year's annual leave entitlement can be cashed out; and

d) annual leave accruing in the year the request for cashing out is made cannot be cashed out in that year.

26.21 It is the Employee's responsibility to seek information on any taxation implications arising from the payout of annual leave.

**27. ANNUAL LEAVE TRAVEL CONCESSION**

27.1 Officers Stationed In Remote Areas

(a) The travel concessions contained in the following table are provided to officers and their dependants when proceeding on annual leave to either Perth or Geraldton from headquarters situated in District Allowance Areas 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(b) Officers are required to serve 12 months continuous service in these areas before qualifying for travel concessions. However, officers who have less than 12 months continuous service in these areas and who are required to proceed on annual leave to suit departmental convenience will be allowed the concessions. The concession may also be given to an officer who proceeds on annual leave before completing 12 months continuous service provided that the officer returns to the area to complete the remainder of the 12 months continuous service at the expiration of the period of leave.

(c) The mode of travel is to be at the discretion of the Employer.
(d) Travel concessions not utilised within 12 months of becoming due will lapse.

(e) Part-time officers are entitled to travel concessions on a pro rata basis according to the usual number of hours worked per week.

Travelling time shall be calculated on a pro rata basis according to the number of hours worked.

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<td>(aa) Air</td>
<td>Airfare for the Officer, and dependant partner and dependant children</td>
<td>One day each way</td>
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<td>(bb) Road</td>
<td>Full motor vehicle allowance rates, but reimbursement not to exceed the cost of the return airfare for the Officer, dependant partner and dependant children, travelling in the motor vehicle.</td>
<td>North of 20° South Latitude - two and one half days each way. Remainder - two days each way.</td>
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<td>(cc) Air and Road</td>
<td>Full motor vehicle allowance rates for car trip, but reimbursement not to exceed the cost of the return air fare for the Officer. Air fares for the dependant partner and dependant children.</td>
<td>North of 20° South Latitude - two and one half days each way. Remainder - two days each way.</td>
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(f) Where Employees are entitled to a travel concession under this sub-clause and the Employees’ headquarters are situated in District Allowance Areas 3, 4, 5 or 6, a travel concession covering the cost of airfares or motor vehicle allowance up to a maximum amount equivalent to the value of a return fully flexible and refundable airfare to Perth will be provided for each Employee and each of his/her dependants when proceeding on annual leave to a location other than Perth or Geraldton.

**Officers whose headquarters are located 240 kilometres or more from Perth**

27.2 Officers, other than those designated in paragraph 27.1 (a) whose headquarters are situated two hundred and forty kilometres or more from the Perth Railway Station and who travel to Perth for their annual leave may be granted by the Employer reasonable travelling time to enable them to complete the return journey.
28. PERSONAL LEAVE

Introduction

28.1 The intention of Personal Leave is to give Employees and Employers greater flexibility by providing leave on full pay for a variety of personal purposes. Personal leave replaces sick and paid carer’s leave. Personal Leave is not to be used for circumstances normally met by other forms of leave.

28.2 This clause does not apply to casuals with the exception of sub-clause 28.37 personal leave without pay for the purposes of carer’s leave of this clause.

Entitlement

28.3 The Employer shall credit full-time Employees engaged on an ongoing basis with the following personal leave credits:

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<td>On the completion of each further period of 12 months continuous service</td>
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28.4 A part-time Employee shall be entitled to the same personal leave credits as a full-time Employee, but on a pro rata basis according to the number of hours worked each fortnight. Payment for personal leave shall only be made for those hours that would normally have been worked had the Employee not been on personal leave.

28.5 An Employee employed for a period less than 12 months shall be credited personal leave on a pro rata basis, accrued weekly, for the period of the contract.

28.6 Where Employees access personal leave, it shall be deducted from their non-cumulative entitlement in the first instance.

28.7 In the year of accrual the 114 hours personal leave entitlement may be accessed for illness or injury, carer’s leave, unanticipated matters or planned matters in accordance with the provisions of this clause. On completion of 12 months continuous service unused personal leave up to a maximum of 98.8 hours will be cumulative and added to personal leave accumulated from...
previous years. Unused non-cumulative leave will be lost on completion of 12 months continuous service.

28.8 Whilst Employees are able to access personal leave in accordance with sub clause 28.14 of this clause, a minimum of 76 hours of personal leave per year must be available or accessed by the Employee for the purposes of:

(a) an Employee's entitlement to paid leave for illness or injury; or

(b) carer’s leave.

The provisions of this sub-clause shall apply to part-time Employees on a pro rata basis.

28.9 An Employee is unable to access personal leave while on any period of parental leave or leave without pay. An Employee is unable to access personal leave while on any period of annual or long service leave, except as provided for in sub-clauses 28.23 and 28.24 (re-crediting Leave).

28.10 Personal leave will not be debited for public holidays, which the Employee would have observed.

28.11 If an Employee has exhausted all accrued personal leave the Employer may allow the Employee who has at least 12 months continuous service to anticipate up to 38 hours personal leave from next year’s credit. If the Employee ceases duty before accruing the leave, the value of the unearned portion must be refunded to the Employer, calculated at the wage rate as at the date the leave was taken, but no refund is required in the event of the death of the Employee.

28.12 In exceptional circumstances the Employer may approve the conversion of an Employee’s personal leave credits to half pay to cover an absence on personal leave due to illness or injury.

28.13 Personal leave may be taken on an hourly basis.

Application for Personal Leave

28.14 Reasonable and legitimate requests for personal leave will be approved subject to available credits. Subject to sub clause 28.4 and 28.9 the Employer may grant personal leave in the following circumstances:

(a) where the Employee is ill or injured;

(b) to provide care or support to a member of the Employee’s family or household who requires care or support because of an illness or injury to the member, or an unexpected emergency affecting the member;

(c) for unanticipated matters of a compassionate or pressing nature which arise without notice and require immediate attention; or
(d) by prior approval of the Employer, having regard for agency requirements and the needs of the Employee, planned matters where arrangements cannot be organised outside of normal working hours or be accommodated by the utilisation of flexible working hours or other leave. Planned personal leave will not be approved for regular ongoing situations.

28.15 Employees must complete the necessary application and clearly identify which of the above circumstances apply to their personal leave request.

28.16 The definition of family shall be the definition contained in the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 for “relative”. That is, a person who is related to the Employee by blood, marriage, affinity or adoption and includes a person who is wholly or mainly dependent on, or is a member of the household of, the Employee.

28.17 Where practicable, the Employee must give reasonable notice prior to taking leave. Where prior notice cannot be given, notice must be provided as early as possible on the day of absence. Where possible, an estimate of the period of absence from work shall be provided.

Evidence

28.18 An application for personal leave exceeding two consecutive working days shall be supported by evidence that would satisfy a reasonable person of the entitlement.

28.19 In general, supporting evidence is not required for single or two consecutive day absences. Where the Employer has good reason to believe that the absence may not be reasonable or legitimate, the Employer may request evidence be provided. The Employer must provide the Employee with reasons for requesting the evidence. The leave shall not be granted where the absence is not reasonable or legitimate.

28.20 Personal leave will not be granted where an Employee is absent from duty because of personal illness directly caused by the misconduct of the Employee in the course of the Employee’s employment.

28.21 Where there is doubt about the cause of an Employee’s illness, the Employer may require the Employee to submit to a medical examination by a medical practitioner of the Employer’s choice, which the Employee must attend. Where it is reported that the absence is because of illness or injury caused by the misconduct of the Employee, or the Employee fails without reasonable cause to attend the medical examination, the fee for the examination must be deducted from the Employee’s wage and personal leave will not be granted.

28.22 If the Employer has reason to believe that an Employee is in such a state of health as to render a danger to themselves, fellow Employees or the public, the Employee may be required to obtain and furnish a report as to the
Employee's condition from a registered medical practitioner nominated by the Employer. The fee for any such examination shall be paid by the Employer.

Re-crediting Annual Leave

28.23 Where an Employee is ill or injured during the period of annual leave and produces at the time, or as soon as practicable thereafter, medical evidence to the satisfaction of the Employer that as a result of the illness or injury the Employee was confined to their place of residence or a hospital for a period of at least seven consecutive calendar days, the Employer may grant personal leave for the period during which the Employee was so confined and reinstate annual leave equivalent to the period of confinement.

Re-crediting Long Service Leave

28.24 Where an Employee is ill or injured during the period of long service leave and produces at the time, or as soon as practicable thereafter, medical evidence to the satisfaction of the Employer that as a result of illness or injury the Employee was confined to their place of residence or a hospital for a period of at least 14 consecutive calendar days, the Employer may grant personal leave for the period during which the Employee was so confined and reinstate long service leave equivalent to the period of confinement.

28.25 Unused personal leave will not be cashed out or paid out when an Employee ceases their employment.

Workers' Compensation

29.26 Where an Employee suffers a disease or injury within the meaning of section 5 of the Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981 which necessitates that Employee being absent from duty, personal leave with pay shall be granted to the extent of personal leave credits. In accordance with section 80 (2) of the Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981 where the claim for workers' compensation is decided in favour of the Employee, personal leave credit is to be reinstated and the period of absence shall be granted as leave without pay.

Personal Leave Without Pay Whilst Ill or Injured

28.27 Employees who have exhausted all of their personal leave entitlements and are ill or injured may apply for personal leave without pay. Employees are required to complete the necessary application and provide evidence to satisfy a reasonable person. The Employer shall not unreasonably withhold this leave.

28.28 Personal leave without pay not exceeding a period of three months in a continuous absence does not affect salary increment dates, anniversary date of sick leave credits, long service leave entitlements or annual leave entitlements. Where a period of personal leave without pay exceeds three
months in a continuous absence, the period in excess of three months is excised from qualifying service.

28.29 Personal leave without pay is not available to Employees who have exhausted all of their personal leave entitlements and are seeking leave for circumstances outlined in paragraphs (b), (c) or (d) of sub-clause 28.14 of this clause. However, other forms of leave including leave without pay may be available.

**Portability**

28.30 Where:

(a) an Employee was, immediately prior to being employed by the Employer, employed in the service of the Commonwealth of Australia, public service of Western Australia or any other state body of Western Australia; and

(b) the period of employment between the date when the Employee ceased previous employment and the date of commencing employment with the Employer does not exceed one week or any other period approved by the Employer;

the Employer will credit the Employee additional sick leave credits equivalent to those held at the date the Employee ceased previous employment.

28.31 The maximum break in employment permitted by paragraph 28.30 (b) of this clause, may be varied by the approval of the Employer provided that where employment with the public sector of Western Australia commenced more than one week after ceasing the previous employment, the period in excess of one week does not exceed the amount of accrued and pro rata annual leave paid out at the date the Employee ceased with the previous Employer.

**Travelling Time for Regional Employees**

28.32 Subject to the evidentiary requirements set out in sub-clauses 28.18 to 28.22 of this clause, a regional Employee who requires medical attention at a medical facility in Western Australia located 240 km or more from their workplace will be granted paid travel time undertaken during the Employee’s ordinary working hours up to a maximum of 38 hours per annum.

28.33 The Employer may approve additional paid travel time to a medical facility in Western Australia where the Employee can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Employer that more travel time is warranted.

28.34 The provisions of sub-clauses 28.32 and 28.33 are not available to Employees whilst on leave without pay or personal leave without pay for illness or injury.
28.35 The provisions of sub-clauses 28.32 and 28.33 apply as follows.

- **(a)** An Employee employed on a fixed term contract for a period greater than 12 months, shall be credited with the same entitlement as a permanent Employee for each full year of service and pro rata for any residual portion of employment.

- **(b)** An Employee employed on a fixed term contract for a period less than 12 months shall be credited with the same entitlement on a pro rata basis for the period of employment.

- **(c)** A part-time Employee shall be entitled to the same entitlement as a full-time Employee for the period of employment, but on a pro rata basis according to the number of ordinary hours worked each fortnight.

- **(d)** The provisions do not apply to casual Employees.

**Personal Leave Without Pay for the purposes of carer's leave**

28.36 Subject to 28.37 an Employee, including a casual Employee, is entitled to unpaid carer's leave of up to two days for each occasion (a "permissible occasion") on which a member of the Employee's family or household requires care or support because of:

- **(a)** an illness or injury of the member; or
- **(b)** an unexpected emergency affecting the member; or
- **(c)** the birth of a child of the member.

28.37 An Employee is entitled to personal leave without pay for the purposes of carer's leave for a particular permissible occasion, only if the Employee cannot take paid carer's leave during this period.

28.38 The definition of family is the same as provided in sub-clause 28.16 of this clause.

28.39 The Employer may grant an Employee personal leave without pay for the purposes of carer's leave in excess of two days. Where a period of personal leave without pay for the purposes of carer's leave exceeds 14 days in a continuous absence, the period in excess of 14 days is excised from qualifying service for all purposes.

28.40 Personal leave without pay for the purposes of carer's leave may be taken on an hourly basis.

**Casual Entitlement to Unpaid Carer's Leave**
28.41 Where an Employee is engaged pursuant to sub-clause 9.4.1, the following shall apply with respect to unpaid carer's leave.

28.42 An Employer must not fail to re-engage a casual Employee because the casual Employee accessed the entitlements provided for in sub-clause 28.36. The rights of an Employer to engage or not engage a casual Employee are otherwise not affected.

28.43 Subject to the provisions of sub-clauses 28.44 and 28.45, the Employer may grant an Employee leave without pay for any period and is responsible for that Employee on their return.

28.44 Subject to the provisions of sub-clause 28.2 every application for leave without pay will be considered on its merits and may be granted provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) The work of the department is not inconvenienced; and

(b) All other leave credits of the Employee are exhausted.

28.45 An Employee shall, upon request be entitled to two days unpaid personal (caring) leave.

28.46 An Employee on a fixed term contract may not be granted leave without pay for any period beyond that Employee's approved period of engagement.

**Workers’ Compensation**

28.47 Where an Employee suffers a disease or injury within the meaning of section 5 of the *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981* which necessitates that Employee being absent from duty, personal leave with pay shall be granted to the extent of personal leave credits. In accordance with section 80 (2) of the *Workers’ Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981* where the claim for workers’ compensation is decided in favour of the Employee, personal leave credit is to be reinstated and the period of absence shall be granted as leave without pay.

**Absenteeism Management – Evidence Requirements**

28.48 (a) In addition to the provisions of clauses 28.18, 28.20 and 28.21 of this Agreement, where the Employer has raised and documented concerns with an Employee about the number and/or timing of their personal leave absences without clear explanation in the previous three months, the Employer may:

(i) for the next three months, require Medical Practitioner certificates, Dental Practitioner certificates, Statutory Declarations, or certificates from a Health Professional or Allied Health Professional when personal leave is taken;
(ii) extend the period referred to in clause 28.48(a)(i) for a further three month period should personal leave absences without clear explanation or evidentiary support continue during this period; and

(iii) cancel or reduce the period referred to in clause 28.48(a)(i) and (ii) where the matter is considered to have been resolved.

(b) Any notification to an Employee under clause 28.48(a) shall be provided in writing by the Employer.

(c) Employees will be provided with an opportunity to explain the number and/or timing of personal leave absences over the three month period prior to implementation of the process contained in clause 28.48(a).

(d) The evidence required in 28.48(a)(i) – (iii) will replace the provisions of clause 28.19 of this Agreement.

(e) The Employer will not use the process contained in 28.48(a):

(i) for Employees who have produced evidence of an ongoing health problem and are taking Personal Leave due to that health problem; or

(ii) for Employees who have produced evidence that a person in their care has an ongoing health problem and are taking Carer’s Leave due to the health problem.

29. LONG SERVICE LEAVE

29.1 The provisions of the General Order of the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (66 WAIG 319) as it relates to Western Australian Government wages Employees generally, as amended from time to time, will apply to Employees covered by this General Agreement.

29.2 By agreement between the Employee and the Employer, Employees will be entitled to take twice the period of long service leave at half the rate applicable to the Employee.

Continuity of Service

29.3 Long service leave taken in accordance with this clause shall not be excised for the purpose of continuous service.

Long Service Leave Flexibilities

Access to accrued long service leave entitlement.

29.4 Employees may by agreement with their Employer, clear any accrued entitlement to long service leave in minimum periods of one day.
Cash out of accrued long service leave entitlement

29.5 Employees may by agreement with their Employer, cash out any portion of an accrued entitlement to long service leave, provided the Employee proceeds on a minimum of 10 days annual leave in that anniversary year.

Long service leave on double pay

29.6 Employees may by agreement with their Employer, access any portion of an accrued entitlement to long service leave on double pay for half the period accrued. In these circumstances the leave actually taken is 50 percent of the accrued entitlement accessed.

29.7 Access to pro rata long service leave

(a) Employees accessing long service leave on a 10 year basis and being within 10 years of their preservation age under Western Australian Government superannuation arrangements, may by agreement with their Employer, choose to access pro rata long service leave at the rate of 6.5 days per completed 12 month period of continuous service.

(b) Employees accessing long service leave on a seven year basis and being within seven years of their preservation age under Western Australian Government superannuation arrangements, may by agreement with their Employer, choose to access pro rata long service leave at the rate of 9.28 days per completed 12 month period of continuous service.

(c) Under this sub-clause access to pro rata long service leave can only be taken as paid leave and there is no capacity for payment in lieu of leave.

30. PARENTAL LEAVE

Definitions

30.1 "Employee" includes full-time, part-time, permanent, fixed term contract and "eligible" casual Employees.

30.2 A casual Employee is "eligible" if the Employee:

(a) has been engaged by the Public Sector on a regular and systematic basis for a sequence of periods of employment during a period of at least 12 months; and
but for an expected birth of a child to the Employee or the Employee's spouse or de facto partner or an expected placement of a child with the Employee with a view to the adoption of the child by the Employee, would have a reasonable expectation of continuing engagement by the Employer on a regular and systematic basis.

30.3 Without limiting sub-clause 30.2, a casual Employee is also “eligible” if the Employee-

(a) has been engaged by the Public Sector on a regular and systematic basis for a sequence of periods during a period (the first period of employment) of less than 12 months; and

(b) at the end of the first period of employment, the Employee ceased, on the Employer's initiative, to be so engaged by the Public Sector Employer; and

(c) the Public Sector Employer later engaged the Employee on a regular and systematic basis for a further sequence of periods during a period (the second period of employment) that started not more than three months after the end of the first period of employment; and

(d) the combined length of the first period of employment and the second period of employment is at least 12 months; and

(e) the Employee, but for an expected birth of a child to the Employee or the Employee's spouse or de facto partner or an expected placement of a child with the Employee with a view to adoption of the child by the Employee, would have a reasonable expectation of continuing engagement in the public sector on a regular and systematic basis.

30.4 “Primary care giver” is the Employee who will assume the principal role for the care and attention of a child/children. The Employer may require confirmation of primary care giver status.

30.5 “Replacement Employee” is an Employee specifically engaged to replace an Employee proceeding on parental leave.

30.6 “Partner” means a person who is a spouse or de facto partner.

30.7 “Public sector” means an employing authority as defined in section 5 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994.

Entitlement to parental leave
30.8 An Employee is entitled to a period of up to 52 weeks unpaid parental leave in respect of the:

(a) birth of a child to the Employee or the Employee’s partner; or

(b) adoption of a child who is not the natural child or the stepchild of the Employee or the Employee’s partner; is under the age of five; and has not lived continuously with the Employee for six months or longer.

30.9 An Employee, other than an eligible casual Employee, identified as the primary care giver of a child and who has completed 12 months continuous service in the Public Sector shall be entitled to 14 weeks paid parental leave which will form part of the 52 week entitlement provided in sub-clause 30.8.

30.10 An Employee may take the paid parental leave specified in sub-clause 30.9 at half pay for a period equal to twice the period to which the Employee would otherwise be entitled.

30.11 A pregnant Employee can commence the period of paid parental leave any time up to six weeks before the expected date of birth and no later than four weeks after the birth. Any other primary care giver can commence the period of paid parental leave from the birth date or for the purposes of adoption from the placement of the child but no later than four weeks after the birth or placement of the child.

30.12 Paid parental leave for primary care purposes for any one birth or adoption shall not exceed the period specified in sub-clause 30.9 and 30.10 above.

30.13 The paid and unpaid parental leave entitlement up to a maximum of 52 weeks may be shared between partners assuming the role of primary care giver.

30.14 Parental leave may only be taken concurrently by an Employee and his or her partner as provided for in sub-clause 30.21 or under special circumstances with the approval of the Employer.

30.15 Where less than the standard parental leave is taken the unused portion of the period of paid or unpaid leave cannot be preserved in any way.

30.16 An Employee may elect to receive pay in advance for the period of paid parental leave at the time the parental leave commences, or may elect to be paid the entitlement on a fortnightly basis over the period of the paid parental leave.

30.17 An Employee is eligible, without resuming duty, for subsequent periods of parental leave in accordance with the provisions of this clause.

30.18 Birth of a child
30.19 Adoption of a child

(a) An Employee seeking to adopt a child shall be entitled to two days unpaid leave to attend interviews or examinations required for the adoption procedure. Employees working or residing outside the Perth Metropolitan Area are entitled to an additional day’s unpaid leave. The Employee may take any paid leave entitlement to which the Employee is entitled in lieu of this leave.

(b) If an application for parental leave has been granted for the adoption of a child, which does not eventuate, then the period of paid or unpaid parental leave is terminated. Employees may take any other paid leave entitlement to which they are entitled in lieu of the terminated parental leave or return to work.

Partner Leave

30.20 An Employee is entitled to unpaid partner leave as prescribed by this sub-clause in respect of the:

(a) birth of a child to the Employee or the Employee’s partner; or

(b) adoption of a child who is not the natural child or the stepchild of the Employee or the Employee’s partner; is under the age of five; and has not lived continuously with the Employee for six months or longer.

30.21 An Employee who is not taking parental leave with respect to the birth of child to their partner shall be entitled to a period of unpaid partner leave of up to one week at the time of the child’s birth. In the case of adoption of a child this period shall be increased to up to three weeks unpaid leave.

30.22 The Employee may request to extend the period of unpaid partner leave up to a maximum of eight weeks.

30.23 The Employer is to agree to an Employee’s request to extend their partner leave under 30.22 unless:
having considered the Employee’s circumstances, the Employer is not satisfied that the request is genuinely based on the Employee’s parental responsibilities; or

(b) there are grounds to refuse the request relating to its adverse effect on the Employer’s business and those grounds would satisfy a reasonable person. These grounds include, but are not limited to:

(i) cost;

(ii) lack of adequate replacement staff;

(iii) loss of efficiency; and

(iv) impact on the production or delivery of products or services by the Employer.

30.24 The Employer is to give the Employee written notice of the Employer’s decision on a request for extended partner leave. If the Employee’s request is refused, the notice is to set out the reasons for the refusal.

30.25 An Employee who believes their request for extended partner leave under 30.22 has been unreasonably refused may seek to enforce it as a minimum condition of employment and the onus will be on the Employer to demonstrate that the refusal was justified in the circumstances.

Other leave entitlements

30.26 Annual and long service leave

An Employee proceeding on unpaid parental leave may elect to substitute any part of that leave with accrued annual leave or long service leave to which the Employee is entitled for the whole or part of the period of unpaid parental leave.

Extended Unpaid Maternity Leave

30.27 An Employee is entitled to apply for leave without pay following Maternity Leave (“extended unpaid Maternity Leave) to extend their leave by up to two years. The Employer is to agree to a request to extend their leave unless:

(a) having considered the Employee’s circumstances, the Employer is not satisfied that the request is genuinely based on the Employee’s parental responsibilities; or

(b) there are grounds to refuse the request relating to its adverse effect on the Employer’s business and those grounds would satisfy a reasonable person. These grounds include, but are not limited to:

(i) cost;
(ii) lack of adequate replacement staff;
(iii) loss of efficiency; and
(iv) impact on the production or delivery of products or services by the Employer.

30.28 Approval for an extension to unpaid leave Maternity Leave will be subjected to all other available leave entitlements being exhausted.

30.29 An Employee who believes their request for leave without pay under 30.27 has been unreasonably refused may seek to enforce it as a minimum condition of employment and the onus will be on the Employer to demonstrate that the refusal was justified in the circumstances.

30.30 Any period of leave without pay must be applied for and approved in advance and will be granted on a year-by-year basis. Where both partners work for the Employer the total combined period of leave without pay following parental leave will not exceed two years.

30.31 An Employee on parental leave is not entitled to paid sick leave and other paid absences other than as specified in 30.26 and 30.32.

30.32 Should the birth or adoption result in other than the arrival of a living child, the Employee shall be entitled to such period of paid sick leave or unpaid leave for a period certified as necessary by a registered medical practitioner. Such paid sick leave cannot be taken concurrently with paid parental leave.

30.33 Where a pregnant Employee not on parental leave suffers illness related to the pregnancy or is required to undergo a pregnancy related medical procedure the Employee may take any paid sick leave to which the Employee is entitled or unpaid leave for a period as certified necessary by a registered medical practitioner.

Notice and variation

30.34 The Employee shall give not less than four weeks’ notice in writing to the Employer of the date the Employee proposes to commence paid or unpaid parental leave stating the period of leave to be taken.

30.35 An Employee seeking to adopt a child shall not be in breach of sub-clause 30.33 by failing to give the required period of notice if such failure is due to the requirement of the adoption agency to accept earlier or later placement of a child, or other compelling circumstances.

30.36 An Employee proceeding on parental leave may elect to take a shorter period of parental leave and may at any time during that period elect to reduce or
extend the period stated in the original application, provided four weeks written notice is provided.

Transfer to a safe job

30.37 If the Employee gives her Employer a Medical Certificate from a Medical Practitioner containing a statement to the effect that, in the medical practitioner's opinion, the Employee is fit to work, but that it is inadvisable for her to continue in her present position for a stated period because of:

(a) illness, or risks, arising out of her pregnancy; or

(b) hazards connected with that position; then

the Employer must modify the duties of the position or alternatively transfer the Employee to a safe job at the same classification level for the period during which they are unable to continue in her present position.

30.38 If the Employee's Employer does not think it to be reasonably practicable to modify the duties of the position or transfer the Employee to a safe job the Employee is entitled to paid leave for the period during which they are unable to continue in her present position.

30.39 An entitlement to paid leave provided in 30.9 is in addition to any other leave entitlement the Employee has and is to be paid the amount the Employee would reasonably have expected to be paid if the Employee had worked during that period.

30.40 An entitlement to paid leave provided in 30.9 ends at the earliest of whichever of the following times is applicable:

(a) the end of the period stated in the medical certificate;

(b) if the Employee's pregnancy results in the birth of a living child – the end of the day before the date of birth; and

(c) if the Employee's pregnancy ends otherwise than with the birth of a living child – the end of the day before the end of the pregnancy.

Communication during parental leave

30.41 Where an Employee is on parental leave and a definite decision has been made to introduce significant change at the workplace, the Employer shall take reasonable steps to:

(a) make information available in relation to any significant effect the change will have on the status or responsibility level of the position the Employee held before commencing parental leave; and
(b) provide an opportunity for the Employee to discuss any significant effect the change will have on the status or responsibility level of the position the Employee held before commencing parental leave.

30.42 The Employee shall take reasonable steps to inform the Employer about any significant matter that will affect the Employee’s decision regarding the duration of parental leave to be taken, whether the Employee intends to return to work and whether the Employee intends to return to work on a part-time or modified basis.

30.43 The Employee shall also notify the Employer of changes of address or other contact details which might affect the Employer’s capacity to comply with sub-clause 30.41.

Replacement Employee

30.44 Prior to engaging a replacement Employee the Employer shall inform the person of the temporary nature of the employment and the entitlements relating to the return to work of the Employee on parental leave.

Return to work

30.45 An Employee shall confirm the intention to return to work by notice in writing to the Employer not less than four weeks prior to the expiration of parental leave.

30.46 An Employee on return to work from parental leave will be entitled to the same position or a position equivalent in pay, conditions and status and commensurate with the Employee’s skill and abilities as the substantive position held immediately prior to proceeding on parental leave.

30.47 Where the Employee was transferred to a safe job or proceeded on leave as provided for in 30.37 of this clause, the Employee is entitled to return to the position occupied immediately prior to the transfer or the taking of the leave.

30.48 Right to return to work on a modified basis

(a) An Employee may return on a part-time or job-share basis to the substantive position occupied prior to the commencement of leave or to a different position at the same classification level in accordance with the part-time provisions of the relevant agreement.

(b) An Employee may return on a modified basis that involves the Employee working on different days or at different times, or both; or on fewer days or for fewer hours or both, than the Employee worked immediately before starting parental leave.

(c) If, on finishing Parental Leave, an Employee has returned to work on a modified basis in accordance with this clause, the Employer may subsequently require the Employee to resume working on the same
basis as the Employee worked immediately before commencing Parental Leave.

(d) A requirement can be made under clause 30.48 (c) only if:

(i) the requirement is made on the grounds relating to adverse effect that the Employee continuing to work on a modified basis would have on the conduct of operations or business of the Employer and those grounds would satisfy a reasonable person; or

(ii) the Employee is no longer has a child who has not reached the compulsory education period as defined in section 6 of the School Education Act 1999.

30.49 Right to revert

(a) An Employee who has returned on a part-time or modified basis in accordance with 30.48 may subsequently request the Employer to permit the Employee to resume working on the same basis as the Employee worked immediately before starting parental leave or full-time work at the same classification level.

(b) An Employer is to agree to a request to revert made under 30.49 (a) unless there are grounds to refuse the request relating to the adverse effect that agreeing to the request would have on the conduct of operations or business of the Employer and those grounds would satisfy a reasonable person.

(c) An Employer is to give the Employee written notice of the Employer's decision on a request to revert under 30.49 (a). If the request is refused, the notice is to set out the reasons for the refusal.

(d) An Employee who believes their request to revert under 30.49 (a) has been unreasonably refused may seek to enforce it as a minimum condition of employment and the onus will be on the Employer to demonstrate that the refusal was justified in the circumstances.

Effect of Parental Leave on the Contract of Employment

30.50 An Employee employed for a fixed term contract shall have the same entitlement to parental leave, however the period of leave granted shall not extend beyond the term of that contract.

30.51 Paid parental leave will count as qualifying service for all purposes under the relevant agreement. During paid parental leave at half pay all entitlements will accrue as if the Employee had taken the entitlement to paid parental leave at full pay.
30.52 Absence on unpaid parental leave shall not break the continuity of service of Employees but shall not be taken into account in calculating the period of service for any purpose under the relevant agreement.

30.53 An Employee on parental leave may terminate employment at any time during the period of leave by written notice in accordance with the relevant agreement.

30.54 An Employer shall not terminate the employment of an Employee on the grounds of the Employee's application for parental leave or absence on parental leave but otherwise the rights of the Employer in respect of termination of employment are not affected.

**Casual Employees**

30.55 To avoid doubt, an eligible casual Employee has no entitlement to paid leave under this clause with the exception of the entitlement to paid leave as provided under sub-clause 30.37.

30.56 Nothing in this clause confers a change in the employment status of a casual Employee.

31. **TIME OFF IN LIEU**

(a) Where the Employer and an Employee agree in writing, time off in lieu of payment for overtime worked may be taken in accordance with the appropriate overtime payment ratio.

(b) The Employee shall be required to clear accumulated time off in lieu within three months of the overtime being performed, provided that by written agreement between the Employee and the Employer, time off in lieu of payment for overtime may be accumulated beyond three months from the time the overtime is performed so as to be taken in conjunction with periods of approved leave.

(c) If the Employer is unable to release the Employee to clear such leave within three months of the overtime being performed, and no further agreement prescribed in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph is reached, then the Employee shall be paid for the overtime worked.

32. **BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

32.1 Employees, including casuals, shall on the death of:

(a) the Employee’s spouse or de facto partner;
(b) a child, step-child or grandchild of the Employee (including an adult child, step-child or grandchild);

(c) a parent, step-parent or grandparent of the Employee;

(d) a sibling of the Employee;

(e) any other person who, at or immediately before the relevant time for assessing the Employee's eligibility to take leave, lived with the Employee as a member of the Employee's household; and

Be eligible for up to two days paid bereavement leave, provided that at the request of an Employee the Employer may exercise discretion to grant bereavement leave to an Employee in respect of some other person with whom the Employee has a special relationship.

32.2 The two days need not be consecutive.

32.3 Bereavement leave is not to be taken during any other period of leave.

32.4 Payment of such leave may be subject to the Employee providing evidence, if so requested by the Employer, of the death or relationship to the deceased that would satisfy a reasonable person.

32.5 An Employee requiring more than two days bereavement leave in order to travel overseas in the event of the death overseas of a member of the Employee's immediate family may, upon providing adequate proof, in addition to any bereavement leave to which the Employee is eligible, have immediate access to annual leave and/or accrued long service leave or leave without pay provided all accrued leave is exhausted.

**Travelling Time for Regional Employees**

32.6 Subject to prior approval from the Employer, an Employee entitled to Bereavement Leave and who as a result of such bereavement travels to a location within Western Australia that is more than 240 km from their workplace will be granted paid time off for the travel period undertaken in the Employee's ordinary working hours up to a maximum of 15.2 hours per bereavement. The Employer will not unreasonably withhold approval.

32.7 The Employer may approve additional paid travel time within Western Australia where the Employee can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Employer that more than two days travel time is warranted.

32.8 The provisions of this clause are not available to Employees whilst on leave without pay or sick leave without pay.

32.9 The provisions of sub-clauses 32.6 and 32.7 apply as follows:
(a) An Employee employed on a fixed term contract for a period greater than 12 months, shall be credited with the same entitlement as a permanent Employee for each full year of service and pro rata for any residual portion of employment.

(b) An Employee employed on a fixed term contract for a period less than 12 months shall be credited with the same entitlement on a pro rata basis for the period of employment.

(c) A part-time Employee shall be entitled to the same entitlement as a full-time Employee for the period of employment, but on a pro rata basis according to the number of ordinary hours worked each fortnight.

(d) For casual Employees, the provisions apply to the extent of their agreed working arrangements.

33. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

33.1 Public holidays are:

- New Year Day;
- Australia Day;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Monday;
- Anzac Day;
- Labour Day;
- Western Australia Day;
- Sovereign's Birthday;
- Christmas Day; and
- Boxing Day.

33.2 Whenever a Public Holiday falls on an Employee’s working day and the Employee is not required to work on that day, the Employee will be paid for the ordinary hours the Employee would have worked.

33.3 Employees and Employers may agree when to observe a Public Holiday in lieu of its actual day. The actual day will not be a Public Holiday but the substituted day will be a Public Holiday without deduction of any payment for that substituted day.

33.4 When a Public Holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it will be observed on the next succeeding Monday. If Boxing Day falls on a Sunday or Monday it will be observed on the next succeeding Tuesday.

33.5 When a Public Holiday falls on a rostered day off, that rostered day off will be observed on the next working day, unless otherwise agreed.
33.6 When an Employee is off duty due to leave without pay or sickness, including accidents on or off duty, except time for which the Employee is entitled to claim sick pay, any public holiday falling during such absence will not be paid.

33.7 Where an Employee is on duty or available on the whole of the working day immediately preceding a holiday, or resumes duty or is available on the whole of the working day immediately following a holiday, as prescribed in this clause, an Employee will be entitled to a paid holiday on all such holidays.

33.8 Casual Employees not required to work on a public holiday are not entitled to payment for a Public Holiday. When a casual Employee works on a Public Holiday they are to be paid in accordance with the overtime provisions.

33.9 If a day observed as a Public Holiday under this paragraph falls during an Employee's annual leave, the Employee will be entitled to an additional days leave with pay for that day to be taken immediately after completion of the annual leave.

34. CULTURAL/CEREMONIAL LEAVE

34.1 Cultural/ceremonial leave shall be available to all Employees.

34.2 Such leave shall include leave to meet the Employee's customs, traditional law and to participate in cultural and ceremonial activities.

34.3 Employees are entitled to time off without loss of pay for cultural /ceremonial purposes, subject to agreement between the Employer and Employee and sufficient leave credits being available.

34.4 The Employer will assess each application for ceremonial/cultural leave on its merits and give consideration to the personal circumstances of the Employee seeking the leave.

34.5 The Employer may request reasonable evidence of the legitimate need for the Employee to be allowed time off.

34.6 Cultural /ceremonial leave may be taken as whole or part days off. Each day or part thereof shall be deducted from:

(a) the Employee's annual leave entitlements (where applicable); or

(b) accrued days off or time in lieu.

34.7 Long service leave shall be available for cultural/ceremonial leave in individual days.

34.8 Time off without pay may be granted by arrangement between the Employer and the Employee for cultural/ceremonial purposes.
35. PURCHASED LEAVE - 44/52 WAGE ARRANGEMENT

35.1 The Employer and an Employee may agree to enter into an arrangement whereby the Employee can purchase up to eight weeks additional leave.

35.2 The Employer will assess each application for 44/52-wage arrangement on its merits and give consideration to the personal circumstances of the Employee seeking the arrangement.

35.3 Where an Employee is applying for purchased leave of between 5 and 8 weeks the Employer will give priority access to those Employees with carer responsibilities.

35.4 Access to this entitlement will be subject to the Employee having satisfied the agency's accrued leave management policy.

35.5 The Employee can agree to take a reduced wage spread over the 52 weeks of the year and receive the following amounts of purchased leave:

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35.6 The purchased leave will not be able to be accrued. The Employee is to be entitled to pay in lieu of the purchased leave not taken. In the event that the Employee is unable to take such purchased leave, his/her wage will be adjusted on the last pay period in January to take account of the fact that time worked during the year was not included in the wage.

35.7 In the event that a part-time Employee's ordinary working hours are varied during the year, the wage paid for such leave taken will be adjusted on the last pay in January to take into account any variations to the Employee's ordinary working hours during the previous year.

36. PURCHASED LEAVE - DEFERRED WAGES ARRANGEMENT

36.1 With the written agreement of thee, an Employee may elect to receive, over a four-year period, 80% of the wage they would otherwise be entitled to receive in accordance with the General Agreement.

36.2 The Employer will assess each application for deferred wages on its merits and give consideration to the personal circumstances of the Employee seeking the leave.
36.3 On completion of the fourth year, an Employee will be entitled to 12 months leave and will receive an amount equal to 80% of the wage they were otherwise entitled to in the fourth year of deferment.

36.4 Where an Employee completes four years of deferred wage service and is not required to attend duty in the following year, the period of non-attendance shall not constitute a break in service and shall count as service on a pro rata basis for all purposes.

36.5 An Employee may withdraw from this arrangement prior to completing a four-year period by written notice. An Employee will receive a lump sum payment of wages forgone to that time but will not be entitled to equivalent absence from duty.

36.6 The Employer will ensure that superannuation arrangements and taxation effects are fully explained to the Employee by the relevant Authority. The Employer will put any necessary arrangements into place.

**Variation of the Arrangements**

36.7 As an alternative to sub-clause 36.5 of this clause, and only by mutual agreement of the Employer and the Employee, the provisions of the deferred arrangement may be varied subject to the following:

(a) the term of the arrangement will not extend beyond that contemplated by this clause,

(b) the variation will not result in any consequential monetary or related gain or loss to either the Employer or the Employee, and

(c) the percentage of salary to apply during the 12 months leave as specified in sub-clause 36.3 of this clause will be calculated as 80% of the average ordinary prescribed hours worked over the previous four years.

37. **STUDY LEAVE**

37.1 Conditions for Granting Time Off

(a) An Employee may be granted time off with pay for study purposes at the discretion of the Employer.

(b) Part-time Employees are entitled to study leave on the same basis as full-time Employees.

(c) Time off with pay may be granted up to a maximum of five hours per week including travelling time, where subjects of approved courses are available during normal working hours, or where approved study by correspondence is undertaken.
(d) Employees who are obliged to attend educational institutions for compulsory block sessions, may be granted time off with pay including travelling time up to the maximum annual amount allowed in sub-clause 37.1 (c) of this clause.

(e) Employees shall be granted sufficient time off with pay to travel to and sit for the examinations of any approved course of study.

(f) In every case the approval of time off to attend lectures and tutorials will be subject to:
   (i) agency convenience;
   (ii) the course being undertaken on a part-time basis;
   (iii) Employees undertaking an acceptable formal study load in their own time;
   (iv) Employees making satisfactory progress with their studies;
   (v) the course being of value to the agency; and
   (vi) the Employer's discretion when the course is only relevant to the Employee’s career in the Public Sector and being of value to the State.

(g) A service agreement or bond will not be required.

37.2 Payment of Fees

(a) Agencies are to meet the payment of higher education administrative charges for cadets and trainees who, as a condition of their employment, are required to undertake studies at a University or College of Advanced Education. Employees who of their own volition attend such institutions to gain higher qualifications will be responsible for the payment of fees.

(b) This assistance does not include the cost of textbooks or Guild and Society fees.

(c) An Employee who is required to repeat a full academic year of the course will be responsible for payment of the higher education fees for that particular year.

37.3 Approved Courses

(a) First-degree or Associate Diploma courses at a University within the state of Western Australia.
(i) First degree or Associate Diploma courses at a College of advanced education;

(ii) Diploma courses at Technical and Further Education (TAFE);

(iii) Two-year full-time Certificate courses at TAFE; and

(iv) Courses recognised by the National Authority for the Accreditation of Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) in a language relevant to the needs of the Public Sector.

(b) Except as outlined in sub-clause 37.3(d) of this clause, Employees are not eligible for study assistance if they already possess one of the qualifications specified in sub-clause 37.3(a)(i) and 37.3(a)(ii) of this clause.

(c) An Employee who has completed a Diploma through TAFE is eligible for study assistance to undertake a degree course at a University within the state of Western Australia or a College of Advanced Education. An Employee who has completed a two year full-time Certificate through TAFE is eligible for study assistance to undertake a Diploma course specified in sub-clause 37.3(a)(iii) or a degree or associate diploma course specified in sub-clause 37.3(a)(i) or 37.3(a)(ii) of this clause.

(d) Assistance towards additional qualifications including second or higher degrees may be granted in special cases, at the discretion of the Employer.

37.4 (a) An acceptable part-time study load should be regarded as not less than five hours per week of formal tuition with at least half of the total formal study commitment being undertaken in the Employee's own time, except in special cases such as where the Employee is in the final year of study and requires less time to complete the course, or the Employee is undertaking the recommended part-time year or stage and this does not entail five hours formal study.

(b) A first degree or Associate Diploma course does not include the continuation of a degree or Associate Diploma towards a higher postgraduate qualification.

(c) In cases where Employees are studying subjects which require fortnightly classes the weekly study load should be calculated by averaging over two weeks the total fortnightly commitment.

(d) In Agencies which are operating on flexi-time, time spent attending or travelling to or from formal classes for approved courses between 8.15 am and 4.30 pm, less the usual lunch break, and for which "time off"
would usually be granted, is to be counted as credit time for the purpose of calculating total hours worked per week.

(e) Travelling time returning home after lectures or tutorials is to be calculated as the excess time taken to travel home from such classes, compared with the time usually taken to travel home from the Employee's normal place of work.

(f) An Employee shall not be granted more than 5 hours' time off with pay per week except in exceptional circumstances where the Employer may decide otherwise.

(g) Time off with pay for those who have failed a unit or units may be considered for one repeat year only.

37.5 Subject to the provisions of sub-clause 37.6 of this clause, the Employer may grant an Employee full-time study leave with pay to undertake:

(a) Post-Graduate Degree studies at Australian or overseas tertiary education institutions; or

(b) study tours involving observations and/or investigations; or

(c) a combination of postgraduate studies and study tour.

37.6 Applications for full-time study leave with pay are to be considered on their merits and may be granted provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) The course or a similar course is not available locally. Where the course of study is available locally, applications are to be considered in accordance with the provisions of sub-clause 37.1 to 37.5 of this clause and Clause 40 - Leave Without Pay of the General Agreement.

(b) It must be a highly specialised course with direct relevance to the Employee's profession.

(c) It must be highly relevant to the Agency's corporate strategies and goals.

(d) The expertise or specialisation offered by the course of study should not already be available through other Employees employed within the agency.

(e) If the applicant was previously granted study leave, studies must have been successfully completed at that time. Where an Employee is still under a bond, this does not preclude approval being granted to take further study leave if all the necessary criteria are met.
A fixed term contract Employee may not be granted study leave with pay for any period beyond that Employee's approved period of engagement.

37.7 Full-time study leave with pay may be approved for more than 12 months subject to a yearly review of satisfactory performance.

37.8 Where an outside award is granted and the studies to be undertaken are considered highly desirable by an Employer, financial assistance to the extent of the difference between the Employee's normal salary and the value of the award may be considered. Where no outside award is granted and where a request meets all the necessary criteria then part or full payment of salary may be approved at the discretion of the Employer.

37.9 The Employer supports recipients of coveted awards and fellowships by providing study leave with pay. Recipients normally receive as part of the award or fellowship; return airfares, payment of fees, allowance for books, accommodation or a contribution towards accommodation.

37.10 Where recipients are in receipt of a living allowance, this amount should be deducted from the Employee's salary for that period.

37.11 Where the Employer approves full-time study leave with pay the actual salary contribution forms part of the agency's approved average staffing level funding allocation. Employers should bear this in mind if considering temporary relief.

37.12 Where study leave with pay is approved and the Employer also supports the payment of transit costs and/or an accommodation allowance, the Employer will gain approval for the transit and accommodation costs as required.

37.13 Where Employees travelling overseas at their own expense wish to participate in a study tour or convention whilst on tour, study leave with pay may be approved by the Employer together with some local transit and accommodation expenses providing it meets the requirements of sub-clause 37.6 of this clause. Each case is to be considered on its merits.

37.14 The period of full-time study leave with pay is accepted as qualifying service for leave entitlements and other privileges and conditions of service prescribed for Employees under the General Agreement.

38. ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING LEAVE (PAID)

38.1 Leave during working hours without loss of pay must be granted to Employees who are unable to meet standards of communication to advance career prospects, or who constitute a safety hazard or risk to themselves and/or fellow Employees, or are not able to meet the accepted production requirements of that particular occupation or industry, to attend English training conducted by an approved and authorised Authority. The selection of Employees for training will be determined by consultation between the Employer and the Union.
38.2 Leave will be granted to enable Employees selected to achieve an acceptable level of vocational English proficiency. In this respect the tuition content with specific aims and objectives incorporating the pertinent factors at clause 37.3 and 37.4 must be agreed between the Employer, the Union and the Adult Migrant Education Service or other approved Authority conducting the training.

38.3 Subject to appropriate needs assessment participation in training will be on the basis of a minimum of 100 hours per Employee per year.

38.4 The agreed desired proficiency level will take account of the vocational needs of an Employee in respect of communication, safety and welfare and productivity within the Employee's current position as well as those positions to which the Employee may be considered for promotion or redeployment. It will also take account of issues in relation to training, retraining and multi-skilling, award restructuring, industrial relations and safety provisions and equal opportunity employment legislation.
39. **WITNESS AND JURY SERVICE**

**Witness**

39.1 An Employee subpoenaed or called as a witness to give evidence in any proceeding must as soon as practicable, notify the manager/supervisor who must notify the Employer.

39.2 Where an Employee is subpoenaed or called as a witness to give evidence in an official capacity that Employee must be granted by the Employer leave of absence with pay, but only for such period as is required to enable the Employee to carry out duties related to being a witness. If the Employee is on any form of paid leave, the leave involved in being a witness will be reinstated, subject to the satisfaction of the Employer. The Employee is not entitled to retain any witness fee but must pay all fees received into Consolidated Fund. The receipt for such payment with a voucher showing the amount of fees received must be forwarded to the Employer.

39.3 An Employee subpoenaed or called as a witness to give evidence in an official capacity must, in the event of non-payment of the proper witness fees or travelling expenses as soon as practicable after the default, notify the Employer.

39.4 An Employee subpoenaed or called as a witness on behalf of the Crown, not in an official capacity must be granted leave with full pay entitlements. If the Employee is on any form of paid leave, this leave must not be reinstated as such witness service is deemed to be part of the Employee's civic duty. The Employee is not entitled to retain any witness fees but must pay all fees received into Consolidated Revenue Fund.

39.5 An Employee subpoenaed or called as a witness under any other circumstances other than specified in clauses 39.2 and 39.4 must be granted leave of absence without pay except when the Employee makes an application to clear accrued leave in accordance with agreement provisions.

**Jury**

39.6 An Employee required to serve on a jury must as soon as practicable after being summoned to serve, notify the supervisor/manager who must notify the Employer.

39.7 An Employee required to serve on a jury must be granted by the Employer leave of absence on full pay, but only for such period as is required to enable the Employee to carry out duties as a juror.

39.8 An Employee granted leave of absence on full pay as prescribed in clause 39.7 is not entitled to retain any juror's fees but must pay all fees received into Consolidated Fund. The receipt for such payment must be forwarded with a voucher showing the amount of juror's fees received to the Employer.
40. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

40.1 Where the Employer is satisfied that there is sufficient cause for doing so, the Employer may grant an Employee leave of absence without pay for any period provided that:

(a) the work of the Employer is not inconvenienced; and

(b) all other leave credits of the Employee are exhausted.

40.2 Any period that exceeds two weeks during which an Employee is on leave of absence without pay is not, except as otherwise provided for in this General Agreement, is regarded as part of the period of service of that Employee.

40.3 The Employer may grant an Employee leave without pay to undertake full-time study, subject to a yearly review of satisfactory performance. Unless the Employer otherwise determines any leave granted under this clause, does not count as qualifying service for leave purposes.

41. LEAVE FOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS

41.1 Special leave with pay may be granted by an Employer to an Employee chosen to represent Australia as a competitor or official at a sporting event which meets the following criteria:

(a) it is a recognised international amateur sport of national significance; or

(b) it is a world or international regional competition; and

(c) no contribution is made by the sporting organisation towards the normal salary of the officer.

41.2 The Employer shall make enquiries with the Department of Sport and Recreation on:

(a) whether the application meets the above criteria; and

(b) the period of leave to be granted.

42. BLOOD/PLASMA DONORS LEAVE

42.1 Subject to operational requirements, Employees shall be entitled to absent themselves from the workplace in order to donate blood or plasma in accordance with the following general conditions:

(a) prior arrangements with the supervisor has been made and at least two days' notice has been provided; or

(b) the Employee is called upon by the Red Cross Blood Centre.
42.2 The notification period shall be waived or reduced where the line manager is satisfied that operations would not be unduly affected by an Employee's absence.

42.3 Employees shall be required to provide proof of attendance at the Red Cross Blood Centre upon return to work.

42.4 Employees shall be entitled to two hours of paid leave per donation for the purpose of donating blood or plasma to the Red Cross Blood Centre.

43. **EMERGENCY SERVICES LEAVE**

43.1 Subject to operational requirements, paid leave of absence shall be granted by the Employer to an Employee who is an active volunteer member of State Emergency Service, St John Ambulance Brigade, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Bush Fire Brigades, Volunteer Marine Rescue Services Groups or the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Units, in order to allow for attendances at emergencies as declared by the recognised authority.

43.2 The Employer shall be advised as soon as possible by an Employee, the emergency service, or other person as to the absence and, where possible, the expected duration of leave.

43.3 The Employee must complete a leave of absence form immediately upon return to work.

43.4 The application form must be accompanied by a certificate from the emergency organisation certifying that the Employee was required for the specified period.

43.5 An Employee, who during the course of an emergency, volunteers their services to an emergency organisation, shall comply with sub-clauses 43.2, 43.3 and 43.4.

44. **LEAVE FOR TRAINING WITH DEFENCE FORCE RESERVES**

44.1 The Employer must grant leave of absence for the purpose of Defence service to an Employee who is a volunteer member of the Defence Force Reserves or the Cadet Force. Defence service means service, including training, in a part of the Reserves or Cadet Force.

44.2 Leave of absence may be paid or unpaid in accordance with the provisions of this clause.

44.3 Application for leave of absence for Defence service shall, in all cases, be accompanied by evidence of the necessity for attendance. At the expiration of the leave of absence granted, the Employee shall provide a certificate of attendance to the Employer.
44.4 Paid Leave

(a) An Employee who is a volunteer member of the Defence Force Reserves or the Cadet Force is entitled to paid leave of absence for Defence service, subject to the conditions set out hereunder.

(b) Part-time Employees shall receive the same paid leave entitlement as full-time Employees, but payment shall only be made for those hours that would normally have been worked but for the leave.

(c) On written application, an Employee shall be paid salary in advance when proceeding on such leave.

(d) Casual Employees are not entitled to paid leave for the purpose of Defence service.

(e) An Employee is entitled to paid leave for a period not exceeding 106.4 hours on full pay in any period of 12 months commencing on 1 July in each year.

(f) An Employee is entitled to a further period of leave, not exceeding 16 calendar days, in any period of 12 months commencing on July 1. Pay for this leave shall be at the rate of the difference between the normal remuneration of the Employee and the Defence Force payments to which the Employee is entitled if such payments do not exceed normal salary. In calculating the pay differential, pay for Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays and rostered days off is to be excluded, and no account is to be taken of the value of any board or lodging provided for the Employee.

44.5 Unpaid Leave

(a) Any leave for the purpose of Defence service that exceeds the paid entitlement prescribed in sub-clause 44.4 of this clause shall be unpaid.

(b) Casual Employees are entitled to unpaid leave for the purpose of Defence service.

44.6 Use of Other Leave

(a) An Employee may elect to use annual or long service leave credits for some or all of their absence on Defence service, in which case they will be treated in all respects as if on normal paid leave.

(b) An Employer cannot compel an Employee to use annual leave or long service leave for the purpose of Defence service.
PART 4. UNION REPRESENTATIVES

45. UNION FACILITIES FOR UNION REPRESENTATIVES

45.1 The Employer recognises the rights of the Union to organise and represent its members. Union representatives in the workplace have a legitimate role and function in assisting the Union in the tasks of recruitment, organising, communication and representing members' interests in the workplace.

45.2 The Employer recognises that, under the Union rules, Union representatives are delegates representing members within a specific worksite.

45.3 The Employer will recognise Union representatives in the workplace and will allow them to carry out their role and functions.

45.4 The Union will advise the Employer in writing of the names of the Union representatives in the Agency.

45.5 The Employer shall recognise the authorisation of each Union representative in the Agency and shall provide them with the following:

(a) Paid time off from normal duties to perform their functions as a Union representative such as organising, recruiting, individual grievance handling, collective bargaining, involvement in the electorate delegates committee and to attend Union business in accordance with Clause 48 - Leave to Attend Union Business of this General Agreement.

(b) Access to facilities required for the purpose of carrying out their duties. Facilities may include but not be limited to, the use of filing cabinets, meeting rooms, telephones, fax, email, internet, photocopiers and stationery. Such access to facilities shall not unreasonably affect the operation of the organisation and shall be in accordance with normal Authority protocols.

(c) A noticeboard for the display of Union materials including broadcast email facilities.

(d) Paid access to periods of leave for the purpose of attending Union training courses in accordance with clause 49 - Trade Union Training Leave of this General Agreement. Country representatives will be provided with appropriate travel time.

(e) Notification of the commencement of new Employees, and as part of their induction, time to discuss the benefits of Union membership with them.

(f) Access to agreements, policies and procedures.
(g) Access to information on matters affecting Employees in accordance with clause 55 – Consultation of this General Agreement.

(h) The names of any Equal Employment Opportunity and Occupational Safety and Health representatives.

45.6 The Employer recognises that it is paramount that Union representatives in the workplace are not threatened or disadvantaged in any way as a result of their role as a Union representative.

46. RIGHT OF ENTRY

The parties shall act consistently with the terms of the Division 2G - Right of Entry and Inspection by Authorised Representatives - of the *Industrial Relations Act 1979*.

47. TIME AND WAGES RECORD

47.1 Employers must ensure that the keeping of employment records and access to employment records of officers is in accordance with the *Industrial Relations Act 1979* Part 11 Division 2F - Keeping of and access to employment records.

47.2 Employers must ensure that the keeping of employment records and alteration of employment records is in accordance with the *Industrial Relations (General) Regulations 1997* Regulation 4 – Form of Records.

48. LEAVE TO ATTEND UNION BUSINESS

48.1 The Employer shall grant paid leave at the ordinary rate of pay during normal working hours to Employees:

(a) who are required to give evidence before any Industrial Tribunal;

(b) who as a Union-nominated representative are required to attend any negotiations and/or proceedings before an Industrial Tribunal and/or meetings with Ministers of the Crown, their staff or any other representative of Government;

(c) when prior arrangement between the Union and the Department for the Employees to attend official Union meetings preliminary to negotiations and/or Industrial Tribunal proceedings; or

(d) who as a Union nominated representative is required to attend joint Union/management consultative committees or working parties.

48.2 The granting of leave is subject to departmental convenience and shall only be approved:

(a) where reasonable notice is given for the application for leave;
(b) for the minimum period necessary to enable the Union business to be conducted for evidence to be given; and

(c) for those Employees whose attendance is essential.

48.3 The Employer shall not be liable for any expenses associated with Employees attending to Union business.

48.4 Leave of absence granted under this clause shall include any necessary travelling time in normal working hours.

48.5 Employees shall not be entitled to paid leave to attend to Union business other than as prescribed by this Clause.

48.6 The provisions of the Clause shall not apply to:

(a) special arrangements made with the Union which provide for unpaid leave for Employees to conduct Union business;

(b) when Employees are absent from work without the approval of the Employer; and

(c) casual Employees.

49. TRADE UNION TRAINING LEAVE

49.1 Subject to departmental convenience, paid leave of absence shall be granted by the Employer to Employees who are nominated by the Union to attend short courses or seminars as from time to time approved by agreement between Commerce, the Employer and the Union.

49.2 An Employee shall be granted up to a maximum five days paid leave per calendar year for trade Union training or similar courses or seminars as approved. However, leave of absence in excess of five days and up to 10 days may be granted in any one calendar year provided that the total leave being granted in that year and in the subsequent year does not exceed 10 days.

49.3 (a) Leave of absence will be granted at the ordinary rate of pay and cannot include shift allowances, penalty rates or overtime.

(b) Where a public holiday, public service holiday or rostered day off falls during the duration of a course, a day off in lieu of that day will not be granted.

(c) Subject to clause 49.3(a) shift workers attending a course, are deemed to have worked the shifts they would have worked had leave not been taken to attend the course.
(d) Part-time Employees shall receive the same entitlement as full-time Employees, but payment will only be made for those hours that would normally have been worked but for the leave.

49.4 (a) Any application by an Employee shall be submitted to the Employer for approval at least four weeks before the commencement of the course unless the Employer agrees otherwise.

(b) All applications for leave shall be accompanied by a statement from the Union indicating that the Employee has been nominated for the course. The application shall provide details as to the subject, commencement date, length of course, venue and the authority which is conducting the course.

49.5 A qualifying period of 12 months service shall be served before an Employee is eligible to attend courses or seminars of more than half day duration. The Employer may, where special circumstances exist, approve an application to attend a course where an Employee has less than 12 months service.

49.6 (a) The Employer is not liable for any expenses associated with an Employee's attendance at trade Union training courses.

(b) Leave of absence granted under this clause includes any necessary travelling time in normal working hours immediately before or after the course.

PART 5. MISCELLANEOUS

50. EFFECT OF POLICY, CIRCULARS AND ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

50.1 Subject to clause 50.3, the provisions of all Western Australian government policy, circulars and administrative instructions shall apply to Employees bound by this Agreement.

50.2 Subject to clause 50.3, the provisions of all departmental policy, circulars and administrative instructions, including the code of conduct shall apply to Employees bound by this Agreement.

50.3 Where any such policy, circular or administrative instruction is in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, then this Agreement shall apply.

51. ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY

Employees covered by this Agreement are bound by the agreed Employer/AWU policy on alcohol and other drugs.
52. **DRESS CODE**

52.1 The parties agree that the agreed dress code for the agency's Employees shall be adhered to by all parties to this Agreement.

52.2 Subject to departmental policy, an Employee engaged in work which requires the provision of clothing, shall be provided with:

(a) $497 per annum for Employees in their first year of employment; and

(b) $297 per annum for Employees after their first 12 months of service

These provisions do not apply to personal protective clothing.

53. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

53.1 An Employee will receive the difference between the notional weekly amount of worker's compensation paid to the Employee and the Employee's 38 hour schedule rate and accrued entitlements as per 53.2 for a maximum period of 26 weeks from the date of injury.

53.2 Where an Employee is on workers' compensation leave for a period of less than one complete 20 day work cycle, the Employee will continue to accrue ordinary time as worked towards the next rostered day off during the workers compensation leave.

53.3 An Employee will not accrue rostered days off for periods of worker's compensation where such periods of leave exceed one or more complete 20 day work cycles.

53.4 An Employee on workers' compensation for less than one complete 20 day work cycle and an accrued day falls within the period, the Employee will not be re rostered for an additional day off.

53.5 An Employer will pay workers' compensation make up pay during the incapacity of the Employee until such incapacity ceases or until the expiration of a period of 26 weeks from the date of injury or settlement between the parties, whichever event will first occur.

53.6 The Employer's liability during the 26 weeks' period ceases whenever the Employee stops receiving weekly worker's compensation payment.

53.7 The Employer's liability continues if the employment relationship ceases for whatever reason within the 26 weeks' period.

54. **PIECEWORK**

54.1 For the purposes of this clause piecework shall mean a system of engagement of Employees who are normally full-time or a part-time
Employees involving payment by results. Any such system shall be implemented by agreement between the Employer and the Employee.

54.2 The rate of payment for any system of piecework will be fixed on the basis that it shall be sufficient to yield to Employees of average capacity for a full weeks' work of the ordinary hours at least 10% above the minimum time rate of pay as prescribed herein for such weeks work. Provided that where Employees work part of a full week at piecework rates and part of a week at normal Schedule rates, they will be paid no less than as they are entitled to receive under this Schedule at the normal Schedule rates of pay.

54.3 An Employee employed on piecework is entitled to payment at the normal Schedule rate for any public holiday which occurs during a period of piecework. This payment is in addition to any piecework payments that may be earned on that day.

54.4 Any sick leave claimed during the period an Employee is working under piecework arrangements will be paid at the normal Schedule rate and drawn from accrued sick leave credits.

54.5 An Employee employed on piecework is entitled to payment at the normal Schedule rate for any period of approved paid leave, including annual and long service leave, which occurs during a period of piecework.

PART 6. CHANGE MANAGEMENT

55. CONSULTATION

55.1 The parties recognise the need for effective communication to improve the business/operational performance and working environment in agencies. The parties acknowledge that decisions will continue to be made by the Employer, who is responsible and accountable to Government for the effective and efficient operation of the agency.

55.2 The parties agree that:

(a) Where the Employer proposes to make changes likely to affect existing practices, working conditions or employment prospects of the Employees, the Union and Employees affected shall be notified by the Employer as early as possible.

(b) For the purposes of such discussion the Employer shall provide to the Employees concerned relevant information about the changes, including the nature of the changes on the Employees, provided that the Employer shall not be required to disclose any confidential information.

(c) In the context of such discussion the Union and Employees are able to contribute to the decision making process.
56. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE

56.1 Any questions, difficulties or disputes arising under this General Agreement of Employees bound by the Agreement will be dealt with in accordance with this clause.

56.2 The Employee/s and the manager with whom the dispute has arisen shall discuss the matter and attempt to find a satisfactory solution, within three working days. An Employee may be accompanied by a Union representative.

56.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved at this level, the matter shall be referred to and be discussed with the relevant manager's superior and an attempt made to find a satisfactory solution, within a further three working days. An Employee may be accompanied by a Union representative.

56.4 If the dispute is still not resolved, it may be referred by the Employee/s or Union representative to the Employer or his/her nominee.

56.5 Where the dispute cannot be resolved within five working days of the Union representatives' referral of the dispute to the Employer or his/her nominee, either party may refer the matter to the WAIRC.

56.6 The period for resolving a dispute may be extended by agreement between the parties.

56.7 At all stages of the procedure the Employee may be accompanied by a Union representative.
SCHEDULE 1 - SIGNATURES OF PARTIES

Signed ............................................ Date 07/10/2017
Mike Zoetbrood
Secretary
The Australian Workers' Union
West Australian Branch
Industrial Union of Workers

Signed ............................................ Date 2/3/2017
Kristin Berger
Executive Director
Labour Relations and Industry Development
Department of Commerce
Acting as agent for and on behalf of the respondents listed in Schedule 9.
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1.1 Wage Rates ($ per week inclusive of industry allowance and 2.34% annualised allowance)

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1.2 Industry allowance includes payment for the inconvenience of:

(a) climatic conditions when working in the open on types of work or on a multi-storey construction prior to it being enclosed;

(b) the physical disadvantages of having to climb stairs or ladders, particularly on multi-storey constructions;

(c) dust blowing in the wind on construction sites;

(d) sloppy or muddy conditions associated with the initial stages of construction;

(e) dirty conditions caused by use of form oil or green timber;

(f) drippings from newly poured concrete;
(g) the disability of work on all types of scaffold other than a single plank or a bosun's chair; and

(h) the lack of usual amenities associated with the type of work covered by this agreement.

1.3 The Employees paid in accordance with this Schedule do not receive annual leave loading but do receive a 2.34% annualised allowance.

2. CLASSIFICATION DEFINITION AND SKILL BASED CAREER PATH

2.1 Descriptors

(a) **Level 1 – Entry level Employee**

   An Employee who has not yet completed the induction period.

(b) **Level 2 – Conservation Employee**

   An Employee at this level performs routine duties as defined in their Job Description of essentially a manual nature and to the level of their training and/or competence, including:

   (i) works under direct supervision either individually or in a team;

   (ii) understands and undertakes basic quality control/assurance procedures including the ability to recognise basic quality deviations/faults; and

   (iii) undertakes structured competency development to progress through the classification.

(c) Positions include: Conservation Employee.

Conservation Employee means an Employee who undertakes a range of essentially manual activities related to conservation and land management and engages in good customer liaison. Specific components of identified job profiles include one or more of the following:

(i) fire suppression and management;

(ii) park management and visitor services associated with tourism and recreational facilities;

(iii) flora and fauna management; and

(iv) the operation of associated machinery.
Level 3—Supervisor/overseer or specialist Employee

An Employee at this level performs specialist duties as defined in their Job Description of a manual nature and/or works with technology and/or works remotely from their supervisor, and involves supervision, to the level of their training and/or competence, including:

(i) understanding and undertaking quality control/assurance procedures including the ability to recognise quality deviations/faults;

(ii) specialist work under supervision either individually or in a team environment; and/or provides supervision, mentoring and leadership of Level 2 Employees;

(iii) undertakes competency development to progress through the classification, which at this level would be Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management or an equivalent qualification and/or as defined in the Employee’s Job Description;

(iv) Is fully competent in fire suppression and control activities and has acquired fire certification;

(v) Has a sound working knowledge of Occupational Safety and Health requirements, assists in the development and implementation of job descriptions and safe working procedures;

(vi) Conducts on the job training;

(vii) Works autonomously with limited direction; and

(viii) Exercises a range of technical skills relevant to area of work.

Positions include: Specialist Conservation Employee, Overseer, Machine Operator and Storeperson.

(i) Specialist Conservation Employee means a conservation Employee who undertakes work at a higher level than a conservation Employee in one or more specialties linked to park management and visitor services associated with tourism and recreation facilities, flora and fauna management and conservation and land management activities.

(ii) Overseer means an Employee responsible for the daily supervision of Employees.
(iii) Machine plant operator means an Employee who exercises complex heavy plant operation technical skills having experience and competence in operational work and fire suppression, knowledge and experience in disease hygiene requirements and machine operations in environmentally sensitive areas.

Able to provide appropriate experienced machine operation support for all categories of bushfire (Levels 1, 2 and 3) and be fire line competent.

(iv) Storeperson means an Employee who is responsible for operating a store across one or more work centres, including safety and security of the store/warehouse and compound.

(f) **Level 4 – Coordinator**

An Employee at this level primarily supervises, organises, leads, and coaches others and manages small teams or provides specialist advice to the level of their training and/or competence and as defined in their Job Description, including:

(i) having a full understanding of quality control/assurance procedures including the ability to recognise quality deviations/faults and applies quality control;

(ii) providing specialist advice or providing supervision including daily work programming and planning to meet targets and implementation of work;

(iii) assisting others to achieve and improve their outputs, assessing and identifying training needs;

(iv) undertaking competency development to progress through the classification which includes the acquisition of a Certificate IV as specified in the Employee’s Job Description; and

(v) proven ability to undertake roles in incident and fire management activities.

(g) Positions include Fire Specialist, Specialist Leader, Senior Machine Operator, Bridge Specialist, Storeperson and Works Coordinator.

(i) Fire Specialist means an Employee who applies specialist knowledge and experience to develop and facilitate tactical and operational fireworks programs and prescribes fire plans.

(ii) Specialist Leader means an Employee responsible for developing, planning, organising and implementing works
programs associated with construction and maintenance of tourism and recreational facilities, and nature conservation projects including revegetation and rehabilitation.

(iii) Senior Machine Operator means an Employee responsible for supervising and assisting in training in the complex operation of heavy plant in fire suppression and other work. They impart knowledge and experience on appropriate disease hygiene requirements and machine operations in environmentally sensitive areas and programs heavy plant use to meet operational needs within a work area.

(iv) Bridge Specialist applies specialist knowledge and experience to develop and undertake operational works programs for bridge road and access trail maintenance and upgrades including bridge, culver and road management, audit and inspections.

(v) Storeperson at this level is responsible for organising stores, equipment and services across more than one work centre, typically at a district level. Coordination implies higher level complexity than level 3 in terms of number of work centres, stock volume and complexity of operations covered by the stores facility.

(vi) Works Coordinator means an Employee responsible for the daily programming and implementation of work for Employees.

(h) **Level 5 – Senior Coordinator**

The primary duties for an Employee at this level are either supervisory and planning or providing specialist advice, to the level of their training and/or competence and as defined in their Job Description, including:

(i) having a full understanding of all quality control/assurance procedures;

(ii) providing advanced specialist advice and training, or undertaking supervision, programming and management of work;

(iii) engaging in tactical and operational planning in line with strategic direction, reviewing group output and developing strategies for improvement including development of protocols for improved operational delivery and customer service;

(iv) undertakes competency development to progress through the classification at this level includes the acquisition of Certificate in Training & Assessment or an equivalent depending upon the role and the Job Description requirements.
(i) Positions include Senior Works Coordinator, Training Co-ordinator, and Senior Storeperson.

(ii) Senior Works Coordinator means an Employee responsible for coordinating works programs across a discrete work area typically at district level, directing lower level supervisors in priority setting, critical planning and target achievements.

(iii) Training Co-ordinator means an Employee, whose sole responsibility is the coordination and development of training programs, keeping of competency records, and the implementation of progression programs for individual Employee development under this Schedule.

(iii) Senior Storeperson at this level is responsible for a bulk superstore ensuring efficient and effective stores supply and use, high level stores organisation and application of prescribed procedures for store equipment management and control.

(j) **Level 6 – Advanced Supervisor**

An Advanced Supervisor means a person with additional specialist skills and expertise as defined in their Job Description, who facilitates the delivery of programs and projects across a significant operational area at a divisional level, and contributes in a significant way to the effective and efficient delivery of operational activities.

Employees at this level are recognised across the division for their expertise and knowledge.

2.2 Progression within classification level

(a) Progression within each classification level is based upon the acquisition and satisfactory utilisation of skills and competencies required by the Employer and as defined in the Employee’s Job Description.

(b) Progression within a level is by annual increment subject to the Employee participation in an Employee performance and development conversation with the Employer.

(c) The Employee performance and development program shall be undertaken, as a minimum, on an annual basis and in cases where the review is delayed due to circumstances beyond the control of the Employee, the anniversary date of the 12 month review will be not be changed and any increase will be paid retrospectively to the anniversary date.

Progression between classification levels is by promotion only, unless otherwise agreed between the parties.
3. HOURS

With the exception of 3.1, the provisions of this clause do not apply to Employees engaged in fire service duties. The Department of Parks and Wildlife – AWU Fire Service Provisions Agreement 2014 (AG 21 of 2014) or any replacement, shall contain the relevant provisions regarding fire service duties.

3.1 The ordinary hours, other than for shift Employees, will be an average of 38 hours per week worked Monday to Friday. The Employer and Employee may reach agreement on the arrangement for the working of the ordinary hours and/or for accrued days off, but in the absence of any agreement, then the following will apply:

(a) The spread of hours is between 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.,

   (i) Employees may be required to work ordinary hours between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of remote work, project work or other genuine short term requirements not exceeding three months. Provided that notice of changes in ordinary hours is given to the Employee at or prior to the completion of the previous normal roster shift;

   (ii) The changes to the ordinary hours within the spread of hours from 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for a longer period than three months or a permanent change may be agreed between the Employer and the majority of affected Employees.

(b) The cycle will consist of eight consecutive hours, excluding unpaid meal breaks, each Monday to Friday inclusive with 0.4 of one hour (24 minutes) of each such day worked accruing towards an accrued paid day off during the cycle.

(c) The accrued day off will be observed on either the first or the last working day of the week.

3.2 During the year Employees will be required to take a period of annual leave to include an accrued day off for that particular work cycle. There will be no additional pay or leave in lieu of that accrued day off.

3.3 Except for periods of long service leave and subject to 3.2, each day of paid leave and any public holidays occurring during any cycle of four weeks will be regarded as having been worked for the purposes of accruing time for an accrued day off. The appropriate leave will be debited for the time that would have been worked and the accrual entitlement.
3.4 Where a full cycle has not been worked, an accrued day off on full pay may be calculated on a pro rata basis for each day worked in the four week cycle. The pro rata amount is 0.4 of one hour (24 minutes) off for each eight hour day worked.

3.5 Where an Employee is required to work on the Employee's accrued day off:

(a) For the full day, then the Employee will be paid at ordinary time rates for that day and will be re-rostered for another day off duty within ten working days. The re-rostered day will be agreed between the parties, but where no agreement is reached the day will be the first or last working day of the week.

If the Employee is required to work on the re-rostered day, then the Employee will be paid as through the Employee was called out in accordance with the provisions contained in clause 6- Overtime of this schedule.

(b) For less than a full day, then the Employee will be paid as through the Employee was called out in accordance with the provisions contained in clause 6 – Overtime of this Schedule.

3.6 Where shift or trench sinkers, or timber persons work at a depth of over 1.8 metres and where Employees are driving at any depth in a tunnel or similar work, the prescribed daily hours will, on a Monday to Friday, include crib time or half an hour to be counted as time worked.

3.7 The spread of hours provisions of this clause will not apply to cook house personnel or camp orderlies.

3.8 All time occupied in erecting and/or shifting camp, or moving plant and equipment will be counted as time worked in accordance with this clause or, where applicable, in accordance with the provisions contained in clause 5 – Overtime of this Schedule.

**Meal and rest breaks**

3.9 An unpaid meal break of at least 30 minutes is to be taken, at a time agreed between the Employee and the Employer, between noon and 2.00 p.m.

3.10 Employees, other than shift Employees, are allowed a paid morning rest break of 7.5 minutes at a time agreed between the supervisor and the Employee. Provided that Employees previously entitled to an additional paid afternoon rest break of seven and a half minutes will retain such an entitlement.

3.11 If Employees are required to work through their meal interval and the meal interval deferred, the Employee will be paid a loading of 50% for the first half hour of such deferment and a loading of 100% for any further time elapsing until a meal break of at least 30 minutes duration is taken.
If continuance of work is necessary and could not be avoided by any reasonable action of the Employer, the Employer will be allowed 20 minutes before penalty rates begin to accrue.

3.12 An Employee who is required to work for more than five hours without a meal break of at least 30 minutes duration, other than on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday; will be paid a loading of 100% for all time elapsing from the end of the five hours until such a meal break is taken.

4. **SHIFT WORK**

The provisions of this clause do not apply to Employees engaged in fire service duties. The Department of Parks and Wildlife – AWU Fire Service Provisions Agreement 2014 (AG 21 of 2014) or any replacement, shall contain the relevant provisions regarding fire service duties.

4.1 Except as otherwise stated, the ordinary working hours of Employees on shift work is an average of 38 hours spread over a period of two, three or four weeks. Each shift consists of eight hours which includes a 30 minute paid meal break.

4.2 The sequence of shifts will not be deemed to be broken by a public holiday and no Employee will be rostered to work for more than eight shifts in any nine consecutive days. The roster will provide for rotation of shifts unless all affected Employees agree otherwise. The roster starting and finishing times of shifts will be determined by the requirements of the particular job, provided transport facilities are available or arranged.

4.3 Except for a casual shift worker, loadings are to be calculated as the additional percentage paid upon the ordinary rate of pay and are not compounding. For a casual shift worker, the casual loading of 25% is to be paid in addition to shift loadings and is calculated upon the shift loading rate.

4.4 On Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, a loading of 15% will be paid for an afternoon or night shift. Subject to 4.2, if an Employee works less than five consecutive afternoon or night shifts, then the Employee will be paid a loading of 50% for Monday to Friday shifts. Public holidays will be paid in accordance with 4.6.

4.5 A loading of 30% will be paid for each night shift in lieu of the loading prescribed in 4.4, if an Employee is required and has not requested to:

(a) work night shifts only during a period of engagement on shift work; or
(b) remain on night shifts for a longer period than four consecutive weeks; or
(c) work on night shifts which do not rotate or alternate with another shift or with day shifts so as to give at least 1/3rd of the working time off night shift in each cycle.

4.6 Employees who work ordinary hours on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays will be paid ordinary hours shift penalties as below:

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4.7 Where the ordinary hours of work span midnight on any Friday, Sunday or public holiday, the loading for the whole shift will be calculated according to the loading applicable for the greater part of the shift.

5. OVERTIME

The provisions of this clause do not apply to Employees engaged in fire service duties. The Department of Parks and Wildlife – AWU Fire Service Provisions Agreement 2014 (AG 21 of 2014) or any replacement, shall contain the relevant provisions regarding fire service duties.

5.1 Except in the case of a shift worker, all time worked in excess of an Employee’s ordinary working hours or outside of the spread of hours in clause 3.1 is overtime and the following loading will be paid to an Employee, in addition to the ordinary rate of pay:

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Provided that the maximum amount of actual diving in any one shift will be six hours.

5.3 Work done by shift Employees in excess of, or outside the ordinary working hours of their shift, or on a shift other than a rostered shift, will be paid a loading of 100% of the ordinary wage rate, except for work done on a public holiday. On public holidays Employees will be paid a loading of 150% of the ordinary rate.

Overtime meal breaks

5.4 An Employee will not be required to work for more than four hours on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday without a meal interval of at least 30 minutes.

5.5 An Employee working overtime following ordinary hours will be allowed a paid meal break of 20 minutes after each four hours of overtime worked if the Employee is to continue working after the meal break. The meal break will be calculated at the current overtime loading rate, except for:

(a) when the overtime is on a Saturday and the first meal break occurs between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., then the first meal break will be paid at the ordinary rates; or

(b) the total period of overtime is less than 1.5 hours and is worked directly after ordinary hours, then a meal break of 20 minutes is to be paid at ordinary rates.

5.6 An Employer and Employee may agree to vary 5.4 to meet work circumstances, provided that the Employer is not required to pay for any portion of the meal break that exceeds 20 minutes.
Call out

5.7 An Employee, other than a shift Employee, called out to work from Monday to Saturday who is required to work for more than two hours, is entitled to overtime loading as prescribed in 5.1.

5.8 An Employee, other than a shift Employee, called out to work Monday to Saturday after having left work for the day will be paid the minimum time and loading for each callout as follows:

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For subsequent callouts the Employee will be paid the above loading for actual time worked.

5.10 When a shift Employee is called out after the expiration of the Employee’s rostered shift and the Employee has left the workplace at the completion of the shift or is called out on a rostered day off, then the Employee will be paid a loading of 100% and the Employee will paid for no less than a period of three hours for each call out. Provided that if recalled on a public holiday, the Employee will be paid of loading of 150%, calculated on the Employee’s ordinary wage rate, for a minimum of three hours for each time the Employee is called out.

Standby

Rostered standby

5.11 (a) An Employee required to be on standby on a roster system, which is to be mutually agreed between Employer and Employees for each depot, will be paid the following ordinary time rates for each day on standby:

(i) three hours for a Monday to a Friday;

(ii) three hours plus a day in lieu for any day defined as a public holiday by this Schedule;

(iii) four hours for a Saturday or Sunday.
(b) If the Employee on standby is required to work during the standby period then the Employee will be paid overtime as per 5.1, or in the case of shift Employees as per 5.3, in addition to the standby payments.

Ad-hoc standby

5.12 When an Employer directs an Employee to be on standby outside of normal working hours, then the Employee will be paid at the ordinary rate of pay for each hour of standby. On a public holiday, this payment is in addition to the payment for the public holiday.

(a) If the Employee on standby is required to work during the standby period then the Employee will be paid overtime in accordance with 5.1, or in the case of shift Employees as per 5.3, but this is in lieu of any standby payments for the period worked.

(b) Provided that this sub-clause shall not apply to any time spent by an Employee during the standby period travelling to or from the Employee’s place of employment.

Rest periods after overtime

5.13 Wherever reasonably practicable, Employee’s who have worked overtime will have at least 10 hours off before working again. If the Employee’s ordinary time hours on the following day commence less than 10 hours after completing the overtime, then the Employee will have such time off with pay of the following day’s ordinary time hours until a 10 hour period has lapsed. If it is necessary, the Employer can require the Employee to resume work under 10 hours but the Employee will receive a loading of 100% for any time worked until there is a 10 hours break and the Employee will be paid for any ordinary time hours occurring during this 10 hour break.

5.14 Subject to clause 5.15 an Employer may require an Employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates.

5.15 An Employee may refuse to work overtime in circumstances where the working of such overtime would result in the Employee working hours which are unreasonable, having regard to:

(a) any risk to Employee health and safety;

(b) the Employee’s personal circumstances including family responsibilities;

(c) the needs of the workplace or enterprise;

(d) the notice (if any) given by the Employer of the overtime and by the Employee of his or her intention to refuse it; and
(e) any other relevant matter.

6. HIGHER DUTIES

6.1 Where an Employee is required to do, and does on any one day for a time exceeding two hours in the aggregate, work for which a higher rate is prescribed than for other work done on that day, the Employee shall be paid at not less than such higher rate for all work done on that day.

6.2 The Employer and an Employee may agree for an Employee to undertake special duties in which case the rate of pay for those duties will be determined by agreement prior to their commencement.
SCHEDULE 3 - AGENCY SPECIFIC SCHEDULE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTRES

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2. CLASSIFICATIONS AND WAGE RATES

2.1 The hourly rate of pay is 1/38th of the weekly rate.

2.2 Each Employee will receive the appropriate rate of pay according to their classification.

2.3 Descriptors for classifications are as follows

(a) Level 1 means an entry level Employee who is undergoing induction and/or training under direct supervision for one of the following classifications.

(b) Level 2.1 means an Employee who is competent and undertakes under limited supervision the role of either a host, guide revenue collection.

(c) Level 2.2 means an Employee who is competent and undertakes the role of a host, guide, revenue collection or supervised marketing/retail assistant.
(d) Level 2.3 means an Employee who is competent to undertake the role of a Level 2.2 and in addition is competent and undertakes the role of marketing and/or retail duties.

(e) Level 2.4 means an Employee who is competent and undertakes the role of a supervisor of less than 10 Employees.

(f) Level 2.5 means an Employee who is competent and undertakes the role of a supervisor of 10 or more Employees.

3. HOURS OF WORK

3.1 Subject to the provisions of this clause, ordinary hours shall be calculated on an annualised hours basis of 1976 hours for full-time Employees and pro rata for part-time, seasonal and part-time “seasonal” Employees. Rosters will be determined by the Employer in consultation with Employees.

3.2 The ordinary hours may be worked within the span of 6.00 am and 8.00pm.

Full-time Employees

3.3 The ordinary hours will be an average of 38 hours per week worked over ten of the 14 days each fortnight. The Employer and Employee may reach agreement on the arrangement for the working of the ordinary hours and/or for accrued days off, but in the absence of any agreement, then the following will apply:

(a) The cycle will consist of eight consecutive hours, excluding unpaid meal breaks, with 0.4 of one hour (24 minutes) of each such day worked accruing towards an accrued paid day off during the cycle.

(b) Unless otherwise agreed, the accrued day off will be observed on either the first or the last weekday working day of the week.

(c) Except for periods of annual and long service leave, each day of paid leave and any public holidays occurring during any cycle of four weeks will be regarded as having been worked for the purposes of accruing time for an accrued day off. The appropriate leave will be debited for the time that would have been worked and the accrual entitlement. Periods of annual or long service leave are cleared at 7.6 hours (7 hours 36 minutes) per day.

(d) Where a full cycle has not been worked, an accrued day off on full pay may be calculated on a pro rata basis for each day worked in the four week cycle. The pro rata amount is 0.4 of one hour (24 minutes) off for each eight hour day worked.
(e) Where an Employee is required to work on the Employee’s accrued day off:

(i) **for the full day** – the Employee will be paid at ordinary time rates for that day and will be re-rostered for another day off duty within 10 working days. The re-rostered day will be agreed between the parties, but where no agreement is reached the day will be the first or last working day of the week.

If the Employee is required to work on the re-rostered day, then the Employee will be paid as though the Employee was called out in accordance with the provisions contained in clause 5 – Overtime of this Schedule.

(ii) **for less than a full day** - the Employee will be paid as through the Employee was called out in accordance with the provisions contained in clause 5 – Overtime of this Schedule.

### Part-time and casual Employees

3.4 The maximum ordinary hours are eight hours per day. Any extensions to hours of work to the maximum of eight hours will be treated as ordinary time and in the case of part-time Employees will contribute towards annualised hours and entitlements accordingly.

### All Employees

3.5

(a) Meal breaks shall be unpaid and between 30 minutes and 60 minutes in duration.

(b) No Employee shall be required to work more than five hours without a meal break.

(c) Any Employee required by the Employer to work for more than five hours shall be paid at overtime penalty rates for the period in excess of five hours until a meal break of at least 30 minutes is taken.

(d) Employees employed for four or more hours continuously on any day are entitled to a paid rest break of 7.5 minutes at a time agreed between the Supervisor and each Employee.

### Rostering

3.6 The variable nature of the provision of services to tourists and visitors in particular requires a flexible approach to rostering of Employees. This includes the seasonal nature of tourism and unforeseen circumstances. Unforeseen circumstances include, but are not limited to, the cancellation of
booked tours, inclement weather, natural disasters and power, plant or machinery failures. As such the following provisions apply for other than full-time Employees.

**Part-time Employees**

(a) Part-time Employees may have their daily hours adjusted to take account of changed circumstances, provided that a minimum of three hours pay will apply for any actual attendance as rostered by the Employer. Provided further that an Employee who has other prior commitments on the day may decline an extension of their ordinary hours. The Employer will maintain a running record of ordinary hours worked for the purpose of calculating annual pro rata leave entitlements.

**Casual Employees**

(b) Casual Employees are employed by the hour, provided that a minimum of two hours pay will apply for any period of actual attendance as requested by the Employer.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clauses 3.6 (a) and (b) an Employee may agree to cessation of employment for the day and forego entitlement to any outstanding minimum payment.

4. **ORDINARY HOURS SHIFT PENALTIES**

Employees who work ordinary hours on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays will be paid ordinary hours shift penalties as below:

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<td>Public Holiday</td>
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5. **OVERTIME**

5.1 Overtime applies for work undertaken outside of ordinary hours on normal working days, or for any days worked in excess of 10 days in any pay or roster fortnight. Each day stands alone and any time worked outside of ordinary hours is treated as and paid for at the appropriate overtime rates, as below:
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Rest period after overtime

5.2 Wherever reasonably practicable, Employee's who have worked overtime will have at least 10 hours off before working again. If the Employee's ordinary time hours on the following day commence less than 10 hours after completing the overtime, then the Employee will have such time off with pay of the following day's ordinary time hours until a 10 hour period has lapsed. If it is necessary, the Employer can require the Employee to resume work under 10 hours but the Employee will receive a loading of 100% for any time worked until there is a 10 hour break and the Employee will be paid for any ordinary time hours occurring during this 10 hour break.

Callout

5.3 The minimum overtime callout for part-time and full-time Employees is three hours pay, provided that the appropriate overtime penalty shall apply for all time actually worked.

Time off in lieu

5.4 By prior mutual agreement between the Employer and an Employee, time off in lieu at the equivalent penalty/overtime rate may be provided in lieu of cash payment for overtime worked. Provided that any such time off in lieu must be cleared within two months of being worked unless otherwise mutually agreed e.g. may be further delayed to be taken with other leave entitlements or any other mutually agreed purpose.

5.5 Overtime can only be worked and paid for on the instruction of the Employer.

6. **ANNUAL LEAVE**

By mutual agreement between an Employee and the Employer, an Employee may clear annual leave in individual days up to a maximum of five days per year.

7. **HIGHER DUTIES ALLOWANCE**

7.1 Where an Employee is required to do, and does on any one day for a time exceeding two hours in the aggregate, work for which a higher rate is
prescribed than for other work done on that day, the Employee shall be paid at not less than such higher rate for all work done on that day.

7.2 The Employer and an Employee may agree for an Employee to undertake special duties in which case the rate of pay for those duties will be determined by agreement prior to their commencement.
## SCHEDULE 4 - AGENCY SPECIFIC SCHEDULE
### FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

### 1. WAGE RATES

1.1 Wage Rates ($ per week inclusive of industry allowance)

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1.2 Industry allowance includes payment for the inconvenience of:

(a) climatic conditions when working in the open on types of work covered by this Agreement or on a multi-storey construction prior to it being enclosed;

(b) the physical disadvantages of having to climb stairs or ladders, particularly on multi-storey constructions;

(c) dust blowing in the wind on construction sites;

(d) sloppy or muddy conditions associated with the initial stages of construction;

(e) dirty conditions caused by use of form oil or green timber;

(f) drippings from newly poured concrete;

(g) the disability of work on all types of scaffold other than a single plank or a bosun's chair; and

(h) the lack of usual amenities associated with the type of work covered by this agreement.

2. CLASSIFICATION DEFINITION AND SKILL BASED CAREER PATH

2.1 Descriptors

(a) Level 1 – Entry Level Employee

An Employee who has not yet completed the induction period.

(b) Level 2 – General Construction Employee or General Hand

An Employee at this level performs routine duties of essentially a manual nature and to the level of their training and/or competence, including:

(i) works under direct supervision either individually or in a team

(ii) understands and undertakes basic quality control/assurance procedures including the ability to recognise basic quality deviations/faults; and

(iii) undertakes structured competency development to progress through the classification.
Positions include: Conservation Employee, Bridge Construction Employee, Road Construction and Maintenance Employee, River Works Employee, Agricultural Dogger, Survey Hand, Nursery Employees.

(i) Conservation Employee means an Employee who undertakes construction and maintenance work in the fields of forestry (including fire management), flora and fauna conservation (including control of feral animals and invasive flora/fauna), tourism and recreational facilities and the operation of associated machinery.

(ii) Nursery Employee means an Employee who, within their acknowledged competence range, undertakes routine manual tasks within a nursery/plant propagation environment.

(iii) Road and construction means an Employee who is engaged on road construction and maintenance work.

(iv) Bridge construction means an Employee who is engaged on bridge construction and maintenance work.

(v) Survey hand means an Employee who undertakes who assists a surveyor in the undertaking of land surveying work.

(vi) Agricultural dogger means an Employee who undertakes work to control agricultural vermin and feral animals that are a threat to agricultural products.

(vii) River works Employee means an Employee who undertakes work on river maintenance work.

Level 3– Supervisor/Overseer or Specialist Employee

An Employee at this level performs specialist duties of a manual nature or involves routine direct supervision, to the level of their training and/or competence, including:

(i) understanding and undertaking quality control/assurance procedures including the ability to recognise quality deviations/faults; and

(ii) specialist work under direct supervision either individually or in a team environment, and/or provides routine supervision of Level 2 Employees; and

(iii) undertakes competency development to progress through the classification.
(e) Positions include: Specialist Conservation Employee, Road Gang Leader, Field Clerk, Advanced Survey Hand, Advanced/Final Grade Operator.

(i) Specialist Conservation Employee means a conservation Employee who undertakes work at a higher level than a conservation Employee in one or more specialties.

(ii) Specialist Nursery Employee means a nursery Employee who undertakes work at a higher level than a nursery Employee in one or more specialties.

(iii) Overseer means an Employee responsible for the daily supervision of Employees.

(iv) Road Gang Leader means an Employee responsible for the daily supervision of a team of road construction and maintenance Employees.

(v) Field Clerk means an Employee responsible for the preparation and processing of routine paperwork and payroll details on a field site.

(vi) Advanced/Final Grade Plant Operator means an Employee who is required to undertake work on specialised plant and machinery for road construction as the major part of their duties.

(f) **Level 4 – Coordinator**

An Employee at this level duties are primarily either supervision or providing specialist advice, to the level of their training and/or competence, including:

(i) having a full understanding of quality control/assurance procedures including the ability to recognise quality deviations/faults; and

(ii) providing specialist advice or providing supervision including some programming and implementation of work; and

(iii) undertakes competency development to progress through the classification.

(g) Positions include Works Coordinator, Senior Road Gang Leader, Depot Gang Leader, Plant Operator Instructor, Road Works Inspector.

(i) Works Coordinator means an Employee responsible for the daily programming and implementation of work for Employees.
(ii) Senior Road Gang Leader means an Employee who is responsible for the supervision of more than one team of road construction and maintenance Employees.

(iii) Depot Gang Leader means an Employee responsible for the daily programming and implementation of work within a depot.

(iv) Plant Operator instructor means an Employee responsible for instructing Employees in the operation and use of specialised plant and machinery.

(v) Road Works Inspector means an Employee who undertakes quality control and assurance audits of road construction and maintenance works.

(h) **Level 5 – Foreperson/Supervisor**

The primary duties for an Employee at this level are either supervisory and planning or providing specialist advice, to the level of their training and/or competence, including:

(i) having a full understanding of all quality control/assurance procedures; and

(ii) providing advanced specialist advice and training, or undertaking supervision, programming and management of work; and

(iii) undertakes competency development to progress through the classification.

(i) Positions include Foreperson, Training Co-ordinator, Special Class Survey Gang Leader, Senior Road Works Inspector.

(i) Foreperson means an Employee responsible for the overall planning, programming and implementation of work for Employees.

(ii) Training Co-ordinator means an Employee whose sole responsibility is the development of competencies, skill progression points, training coordination and development of training programs for Employees under this Schedule.

(iii) Senior Road Works Inspector means an Employee who undertakes quality control and assurance audits of road construction and maintenance works at a higher level than a Roads Works Inspector.
Level 6 – Advanced foreperson

An advanced foreperson means a foreperson with additional specialist skills and expertise.

2.2 Progression within classification level

(a) Progression within each classification level is based upon the acquisition and satisfactory utilisation of skills and competencies required by the Employer. Progression between classification levels is by promotion only, unless otherwise agreed between the parties.

(b) Assessment of the competencies is to be undertaken on an annual basis and in cases where the review is delayed due to circumstances beyond the control of the Employee, the anniversary date of the 12 month review will be not be changed and any increase will be paid retrospectively to the anniversary date.

(c) Where the parties have not finalised the competency point system for a workplace for positions Level 3 and above, the following competency based approach will be adopted:

(i) the meeting of established developmental and performance outcomes as agreed between the Employer and Employee through an annual agreement. This includes the completion of training modules as agreed between Employer and Employee;

(ii) an annual review will be undertaken by the Employer for all full-time and part-time Employees in order to assess the Employees progression within the level;

(iii) demonstrated competency and satisfactory service over a minimum period of 12 months at each point within the level; and

(iv) in cases where the review is delayed due to circumstances beyond the control of the Employee, the anniversary date of the 12 month review will be not be changed and any increase will be paid retrospectively to the anniversary date.

3. HOURS

3.1 The ordinary hours, other than for shift Employees, will be an average of 38 hours per week worked Monday to Friday. The Employer and Employee may reach agreement on the arrangement for the working of the ordinary hours and/or for accrued days off, but in the absence of any agreement, then the following will apply:

(a) The spread of hours is between 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
(b) The cycle will consist of eight consecutive hours, excluding unpaid meal breaks, each Monday to Friday inclusive with 0.4 of one hour (24 minutes) of each such day worked accruing towards an accrued paid day off during the cycle.

(c) The accrued day off will be observed on either the first or the last working day of the week.

(d) During the year Employees will be required to take a period of annual leave to include an accrued day off for that particular work cycle. There will be no additional pay or leave in lieu of that accrued day off.

(e) Except for periods of long service leave and subject to 3.1(d) each day of paid leave and any public holidays occurring during any cycle of four weeks will be regarded as having been worked for the purposes of accruing time for an accrued day off. The appropriate leave will be debited for the time that would have been worked and the accrual entitlement.

(f) Where a full cycle has not been worked, an accrued day off on full pay may be calculated on a pro rata basis for each day worked in the four week cycle. The pro rata amount is 0.4 of one hour (24 minutes) off for each eight hour day worked.

(g) Where an Employee is required to work on the Employee's accrued day off:

(i) for the full day - the Employee will be paid at ordinary time rates for that day and will be re-rostered for another day off duty within 10 working days. The re-rostered day will be agreed between the parties, but where no agreement is reached the day will be the first or last working day of the week.

If the Employee is required to work on the re-rostered day, then the Employee will be paid as through the Employee was called out in accordance with the provisions contained in clause 5 - Overtime of this schedule.

(ii) for less than a full day - the Employee will be paid as through the Employee was called out in accordance with the provisions contained in clause 5 – Overtime of this Schedule.

(h) Where shift or trench sinkers, or timber persons work at a depth of over 1.8 metres and where Employees are driving at any depth in a tunnel or similar work, the prescribed daily hours will, on a Monday to Friday, include crib time or half an hour to be counted as time worked.
3.2 The spread of hours provisions of this clause will not apply to cook house personnel or camp orderlies.

3.3 All time occupied in erecting and/or shifting camp, or moving plant and equipment will be counted as time worked in accordance with this clause or, where applicable, in accordance with the provisions contained in clause 5 – Overtime of this Schedule.

**Meal and rest breaks**

3.4 An unpaid meal break of at least 30 minutes is to be taken, at a time agreed between the Employee and the Employer, between noon and 2.00 p.m.

3.5 Employees, other than shift Employees, are allowed a paid morning rest break of 7.5 minutes at a time agreed between the Supervisor and the Employee. Provided that Employees previously entitled to an additional paid afternoon rest break of seven and a half minutes will retain such an entitlement.

3.6 If Employees are required to work through their meal interval and the meal interval deferred, the Employee will be paid a loading of 50% for the first half hour of such deferment and a loading of 100% for any further time elapsing until a meal break of at least 30 minutes duration is taken.

If continuance of work is necessary and could not be avoided by any reasonable action of the Employer, the Employer will be allowed 20 minutes before penalty rates begin to accrue.

3.7 An Employee who is required to work for more than five hours without a meal break of at least 30 minutes duration, other than on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday; will be paid a loading of 100% for all time elapsing from the end of the five hours until such a meal break is taken.

4. **SHIFT WORK**

4.1 Except as otherwise stated, the ordinary working hours of Employees on shift work is an average of 38 hours spread over a period of two, three or four weeks. Each shift consists of eight hours which includes a 30 minute paid meal break.

4.2 The sequence of shifts will not be deemed to be broken by a public holiday and no Employee will be rostered to work for more than eight shifts in any nine consecutive days. The roster will provide for rotation of shifts unless all affected Employees agree otherwise. The roster starting and finishing times of shifts will be determined by the requirements of the particular job, provided transport facilities are available or arranged.

4.3 Except for a casual shift worker, loadings are to be calculated as the additional percentage paid upon the ordinary rate of pay and are not
compounding. For a casual shift worker, the casual loading of 20% is to be paid in addition to shift loadings and calculated upon the shift loading rate.

4.4 On Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, a loading of 15% will be paid for an afternoon or night shift. Subject to 4.2, if an Employee works less than five consecutive afternoon or night shifts, then the Employee will be paid a loading of 50% for Monday to Friday shifts. Public holidays will be paid in accordance with 4.8.

4.5 A loading of 30% will be paid for each night shift in lieu of the loading prescribed in 4.4, if an Employee is required and has not requested to:

(a) work night shifts only during a period of engagement on shift work; or
(b) remain on night shifts for a longer period than four consecutive weeks; or
(c) work on night shifts which do not rotate or alternate with another shift or with day shifts so as to give at least 1/3rd of the working time off night shift in each cycle.

4.6 A loading of 50% will be paid on a Saturday for all ordinary hours worked.

4.7 A loading of 100% will be paid on a Sunday for all ordinary hours worked.

4.8 A loading of 150% will be paid on a Public Holiday for all ordinary hours worked.

4.9 Where the ordinary hours of work span midnight on any Friday, Sunday or public holiday, the loading for the whole shift will be calculated according to the loading applicable for the greater part of the shift.

5. OVERTIME

5.1 Except in the case of a shift worker, all time worked in excess of an Employee's ordinary working hours or outside of the spread of hours in clause 4.1 is overtime and the following loading will be paid to an Employee, in addition to the ordinary rate of pay:

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<td>Sunday</td>
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<td>150%</td>
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<td>or, by agreement, a day in lieu plus a loading of</td>
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Overtime for diver and tenders

5.2 If divers or tenders are required to work overtime at the expiration of the customary working day and have left work for the day, they will be paid the following loading in addition to their ordinary rate of pay:

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Provided that the maximum amount of actual diving in any one shift will be six hours.

5.3 Work done by shift Employees in excess of or outside the ordinary working hours of their shift or on a shift other than a rostered shift will be paid a loading of 100% of the ordinary wage rate, except for work done on a public holiday. On public holidays Employees will be paid a loading of 150% of the ordinary rate.

Overtime meal breaks

5.4 An Employee will not be required to work for more than four hours on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday without a meal interval of at least 30 minutes.

5.5 An Employee working overtime following ordinary hours will be allowed a paid meal break of 20 minutes after each four hours of overtime worked if the Employee is to continue working after the meal break. The meal break will be calculated at the current overtime loading rate, except for:

(a) when the overtime is on a Saturday and the first meal break occurs between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., then the first meal break will be paid at the ordinary rates; or

(b) the total period of overtime is less than 1.5 hours and is worked directly after ordinary hours, a meal break of 20 minutes is to be paid at ordinary rates.

5.6 An Employer and Employee may agree to vary 5.4 to meet work circumstances, provided that the Employer is not required to pay for any portion of the meal break that exceeds 20 minutes.
Call out

5.7 An Employee, other than a shift Employee, called out to work from Monday to Saturday who is required to work for more than two hours, is entitled to overtime loading as prescribed in 5.1.

5.8 An Employee, other than a shift Employee, called out to work Monday to Saturday after having left work for the day will be paid the minimum time and loading for each callout as follows:

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For subsequent callouts the Employee will be paid the above loading for actual time worked.

5.10 When a shift Employee is called out after the expiration of the Employees rostered shift and the Employee has left the workplace at the completion of the shift or is called out on a rostered day off, then the Employee will be paid a loading of 100% and will be paid for no less than a period of three hours for each call out. Provided that if recalled on a public holiday, the Employee will be paid of loading of 150%, calculated on the Employee’s ordinary wage rate, for a minimum of three hours for each time the Employee is called out.

Standby

5.11 Rostered standby

(a) An Employee required to be on standby on a roster system, which is to be mutually agreed between Employer and Employees for each depot, will be paid the following ordinary time rates for each day on standby:

(i) three hours for a Monday to a Friday;

(ii) three hours plus a day in lieu for any day defined as a public holiday by this Schedule;

(iii) four hours for a Saturday or Sunday.
(b) If the Employee on standby is required to work during the standby period then the Employee will be paid overtime as per 5.1, or in the case of shift Employees as per 5.3, in addition to the standby payments.

5.12 Ad-hoc standby

(a) When an Employer directs an Employee to be on standby outside of normal working hours the Employee will be paid at the ordinary rate of pay for each hour of standby. On a public holiday, this payment is in addition to the payment for the public holiday.

(b) If the Employee on standby is required to work during the standby period the Employee will be paid overtime in accordance with 5.1, or in the case of shift Employees as per 5.3, but this is in lieu of any standby payments for the period worked.

(c) Provided that this sub-clause shall not apply to any time spent by an Employee during the standby period travelling to or from the Employee’s place of employment.

Rest periods after overtime

5.13 Wherever reasonably practicable, Employee’s who have worked overtime will have at least 10 hours off before working again. If the Employees ordinary time hours on the following day commence less than 10 hours after completing the overtime, then the Employee will have such time off with pay of the following day’s ordinary time hours until a 10 hour period has lapsed. If it is necessary, the Employer can require the Employee to resume work under 10 hours but the Employee will receive a loading of 100% for any time worked until there is a 10 hours break and the Employee will be paid for any ordinary time hours occurring during this 10 hour break.

5.14 Subject to clause 5.15 an Employer may require an Employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates.

5.15 An Employee may refuse to work overtime in circumstances where the working of such overtime would result in the Employee working hours which are unreasonable having regard to:

(a) any risk to Employee health and safety;

(b) the Employee’s personal circumstances including any family responsibilities;

(c) the needs of the workplace or enterprise;

(d) the notice (if any) given by the Employer of the overtime and by the Employee of his or her intention to refuse it; and
(e) any other relevant matter.

6. PAY OUT OF ACCRUED DAYS OFF

An Employee may request payment for accumulated rostered days off and by mutual agreement such payment shall be made. Any such payment made will be at the Employee's normal ordinary time rate of pay.
SCHEDULE 5 - AGENCY SPECIFIC SCHEDULE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

1. WAGE RATES

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2. CORE CONDITIONS

2.1 The core conditions of employment for Employees covered by the General Agreement shall be the terms and conditions of the General Agreement and the following provisions contained in the award:

Clause 5 – Holidays;
Clause 6 – Annual Leave;
Clause 7 – Long Service Leave;
3. AGENCY SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS

3.1 The primary vehicle for regulating pay and conditions for Employees shall be any relevant award and the General Agreement.

3.2 The parties accept that agency specific agreements will only be made in the following circumstances:

(a) where an existing agency specific agreement is due to expire and the parties seek to register a replacement agency specific agreement; or

(b) where arrangements are agreed by the parties to be necessary due to the nature of work undertaken or the environment in an agency.

3.3 Core conditions of employment referred to in clause 2 of this schedule of the General Agreement cannot be the subject of an agency specific agreement.

3.4 Should the parties be unable to reach agreement the matter may be referred to the WAIRC.

4. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

4.1 In this clause "Schedule I" means Schedule I - Travelling, Transfer and Relieving Allowance of the Public Service Award 1992 (PSA) and "Schedule" means this Schedule.

4.2 An Employee who travels on Agency business and requires accommodation involving an overnight stay must receive payment in accordance with the Schedule, as follows:

(a) Where predetermined arrangements have been made for bulk or authorised corporate card payments for accommodation and/or meals (such as Conferences, Training courses, Regional/District/Discipline meetings), the Employee must be reimbursed:

i) incidental expenses in accordance with the rates prescribed in PSA Column A of the Schedule I, Items (1) to (3); and

ii) meal expenses incurred by Employee/s will be reimbursed in accordance with the rates prescribed in PSA Column A of the Schedule I, Item (12) to (14) subject to certification from the Employee that each meal claimed was actually purchased.
(b) Where an Employee is fully responsible for their own accommodation, meals and incidental expenses they must be reimbursed:

i) accommodation the full cost on production of receipt; and

ii) in lieu of Meals and Incidentals as per the rates prescribed in PSA Column A of the Schedule I, items (9) to (11). The payment as prescribed is not dependent on the time of departure.

However, such cost of reimbursement for accommodation, meals and incidentals, in Clause 4.2 (b)(i) and (ii) of this schedule must not exceed the rate prescribed in PSA Column A of the Schedule I, Items (4) to (8).

(c) On the day of return to headquarters from an overnight stay, an Employee will be entitled to meal expenses incurred. Reimbursement of such expense must be in accordance with the rates prescribed in PSA Column A of Schedule I. Items (12) to (14) subject to certification from the Employee that each meal claimed was actually purchased.

4.3 When an Employee travels to a place outside a radius of 50 kms, as measured from the Employee's headquarters, and, which does not involve an overnight stay then;

(a) the Employee will be reimbursed meal expenses incurred in accordance with the rates prescribed in Column A of Schedule I, Item (12) to (14), subject to certification from the Employee that each meal claimed was actually purchased.

OR

(b) when an Employee departs from headquarters before 8.00 am and does not arrive back at headquarters until after 11.00 pm on the same day the Employee will be paid the rate prescribed in PSA Column A of Schedule I, Item (9) to (11).

4.4 In addition to clause 1 of this Schedule an Employee must be reimbursed reasonable incidental expenses such as train, bus and taxi fares, official telephone calls, laundry and dry cleaning on production of receipts.

4.5 If on account of lack of suitable transport facilities an Employee necessarily engages reasonable accommodation for the night prior to commencing travelling on early morning transport the Employee must be reimbursed the actual cost of such accommodation.

4.6 Reimbursement of expenses must not be suspended should an Employee become ill whilst travelling, provided leave for the period of such illness is approved in accordance with provisions of Clause 28 - Personal Leave of this
General Agreement and the Employee continues to incur accommodation, meal and incidental expenses.

4.7 When it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Employer by the production of receipts that reimbursement in accordance with Schedule I does not cover an Employee's reasonable expenses for a whole trip the Employee must be reimbursed the excess expenditure.

4.8 Reimbursement claims for travelling in excess of 14 days in one (4) month must not be passed for payment by a certifying Employee unless the Director General or delegated officer has endorsed the account.

5. Flexible Working Arrangements

5.1 The prescribed hours of work for Employees are between the hours of 6.30 am to 6.30 pm Monday to Friday.

5.2 Maximum flexibility in working arrangements.

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<td>(494 normal hours plus 76 credit hours)</td>
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5.3 Workplace Arrangements

In addition to other working arrangements, the Director General authorises each workplace to develop its own system of hours under the following circumstances:

(a) The Employees and their supervisor or manager at the workplace must reach agreement on the system of hours to be worked.

(b) The system of hours is developed, documented and made available to affected Employees, supervisors or managers no later than five (5) working days prior to the commencement of the system of hours and after receiving endorsement from the Director General or nominee. The system of hours will indicate

(i) starting and finishing times on a daily, weekly or seasonal basis; and

(ii) the minimum staffing requirements.
(c) The flexibility of the system of hours does not exceed the limits detailed in clause 5.2.

(d) Where practical there will be no core hours of duty or prescribed hours for Employees who develop an agreed system of hours within the provisions of this clause.

(e) Notwithstanding the above, the Director General may withdraw endorsement to an agreed system of hours by giving one months' notice in writing to a workgroup, worksite or Employees affected and determine other working arrangements.

5.4 Hours of duty and settlement period.

(a) The hours of duty in each 13-week settlement period will be as indicated in clause 5.2 of this Schedule with flexible daily starting and finishing times to be agreed and documented in the system of hours required in sub-clause 5.3(b) of this Schedule.

(b) Notwithstanding sub-clause 5.4 (a), where specific work groups and/or worksites so required, a 26 week settlement period may be developed. In such instances, the settlement period and hours of duty in each period – maximum credit and debit hours as noted in sub-clause 5.2, will be similarly pro-rated.

(c) For the purpose of leave and public holidays, a day must be credited as the average daily hours.

(d) The first settlement period must commence at the beginning of a pay period to be determined by the Employees and management of each workplace.

5.5 Lunch Breaks

An Employee must be allowed to take a rest or meal break of not less than 30 minutes but not exceeding 60 minutes. An Employee is entitled to such a break after working five continuous hours. An Employee may be allowed to extend a rest or meal break beyond 60 minutes to a maximum of 120 minutes with prior approval of the Employee’s supervisor.

5.6 Credit hours

(a) (i) At the end of any settlement period credit hours shall be carried forward to the next settlement period. It is the responsibility of the supervisors, managers and Employees to ensure that credit hours do not exceed the maximum credit hours allowable in sub-clause 5.2.

(ii) In the event that credit hours exceed those prescribed in sub-clause 5.2 then sub clause 5.9 will apply.
(b) Where an Employee has accrued an amount of flexible credit hours within the prescribed settlement period and has given 10 working days' (excluding weekends) notice to their supervisor/manager the Employee will be entitled to take the flexible credit hours accrued.

5.7 Debit hours

(a) At the end of each settlement period debit hours shall be carried forward to the next settlement period. It is the responsibility of supervisors, managers and Employees to ensure that debit hours do not exceed the maximum debit hours allowable in sub-clause 5.2.

(b) For debit hours in excess of the maximum Employees shall be required to continue to work while taking leave without pay for the period necessary to reduce debit hours to those specified in sub-clause 5.2. Employees having excessive debit hours may be placed on standard working hours.

5.8 Maximum daily working hours

A maximum of 12 ordinary hours may be worked in any day.

5.9 Additional Hours

(a) Where duly authorised or directed to the Director General or a delegated officer, where an Employee working within the provisions of clause 5 has greater than 76 credit hours, the overtime provisions of the Award will apply, subject to the following:

(i) Where such excess hours cannot be cleared within the agreed settlement period due to work activities, project and programme demands, the Employee will receive payments in accordance with the overtime provisions of the Award.

OR

(ii) Where such excess hours are less than 25 at the end of the settlement period, then by mutual arrangement between the Employee and a delegated officer, Time in Lieu (TIL) at Award overtime rates can be taken. Agreed TIL under this clause must be cleared within 60 days, or, with the written agreement of the Employee, taken with a period of leave. If TIL cannot be cleared as agreed, the excess hours will be paid out at Award overtime rates.

(b) Notwithstanding sub clause 5.9 (a) where such work activities/programs can be pre-planned or pre-determined prior to the commencement of a settlement period, then my mutual consent, the overtime provision of the Award may be applied to prospective excess hours for each settlement period.
6. **OVERTIME**

6.1 (a) Except in the case of a shift worker, all time worked in excess of an Employee’s ordinary working hours or outside of the spread of hours in clause 5.1 is overtime and the following loading will be paid to an Employee, in addition to the ordinary rate of pay:

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(b) Where the notice period is less than 24 hours, overtime is payable after 7 hours and 36 minutes.

(c) Where a declared emergency arises in accordance with the Department’s Incident Management Policy, the Agriculture System of Hours will be suspended and Employees involved in the declared emergency will be paid in accordance with the Award entitlements.

6.2 Overtime for divers and tenders

If divers or tenders are required to work overtime at the expiration of the customary working day and have left work for the day, they will be paid the following loading in addition to their ordinary rate of pay:

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Provided that the maximum amount of actual diving in any one shift will be six hours.

6.3 Work done by shift Employees in excess of or outside the ordinary working hours of their shift or on a shift other than a rostered shift will be paid a loading of 100% of the ordinary wage rate, except for work done on a public holiday.
On public holidays Employees will be paid a loading of 150% of the ordinary rate.

6.4 Overtime meal breaks
(a) An Employee will not be required to work for more than four hours on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday without a meal interval of at least 30 minutes.
(b) An Employee working overtime following ordinary hours will be allowed a paid meal break of 20 minutes after each four hours of overtime worked if the Employee is to continue working after the meal break. The meal break will be calculated at the current overtime loading rate, except for:
   (i) when the overtime is on a Saturday and the first meal break occurs between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., then the first meal break will be paid at the ordinary rates; or
   (ii) the total period of overtime is less than 1.5 hours and is worked directly after ordinary hours, then a meal break of 20 minutes is to be paid at ordinary rates.

6.5 An Employer and Employee may agree to vary clause 6.3 to meet work circumstances, provided that the Employer is not required to pay for any portion of the meal break that exceeds 20 minutes.

6.6 Call out
(a) An Employee, other than a shift Employee, called out to work from Monday to Saturday who is required to work for more than two hours, is entitled to overtime loading as prescribed in clause 6.1.
(b) An Employee, other than a shift Employee, called out to work Monday to Saturday after having left work for the day will be paid the minimum time and loading for each callout as follows:

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For subsequent callouts the Employee will be paid the above loading for actual time worked.

(d) When a shift Employee is called out after the expiration of the Employees rostered shift and the Employee has left the workplace at the completion of the shift or is called out on a rostered day off, then the Employee will be paid an loading of 100% and the Employee will paid for no less than a period of three hours for each call out. Provided that if recalled on a public holiday, the Employee will be paid of loading of 150%, calculated on the Employee’s ordinary wage rate, for a minimum of three hours for each time the Employee is called out.

6.7 Standby

6.7.1 Rostered standby

(a) An Employee required to be on standby on a roster system, which is to be mutually agreed between Employer and Employees for each depot, will be paid the following ordinary time rates for each day on standby:

(i) three hours for a Monday to a Friday;

(ii) three hours plus a day in lieu for any day defined as a public holiday by this Schedule;

(iii) four hours for a Saturday or Sunday.

(b) If the Employee on standby is required to work during the standby period then the Employee will be paid overtime as per 6.1, or in the case of shift Employees as per clause 6.3, in addition to the standby payments.

6.7.2 Ad-hoc standby

When an Employer directs an Employee to be on standby outside of normal working hours, then the Employee will be paid at the ordinary rate of pay for each hour of standby. On a public holiday, this payment is in addition to the payment for the public holiday.

(a) If the Employee on standby is required to work during the standby period then the Employee will be paid overtime in accordance with 6.1, or in the case of shift Employees as per clause 6.3, but this is in lieu of any standby payments for the period worked.
(b) Provided that this sub-clause shall not apply to any time spent by an Employee during the standby period travelling to or from the Employer’s place of employment.

6.8 Rest periods after overtime

Wherever reasonably practicable, Employee's who have worked overtime will have at least 10 hours off before working again. If the Employees ordinary time hours on the following day commence less than 10 hours after completing the overtime, then the Employee will have such time off with pay of the following day’s ordinary time hours until a 10 hour period has lapsed. If it is necessary, the Employer can require the Employee to resume work under 10 hours but the Employee will receive a loading of 100% for any time worked until there is a 10 hour break and the Employee will be paid for any ordinary time hours occurring during this 10 hour break.

6.9 Subject to clause 6.10 an Employer may require an Employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates.

6.10 An Employee may refuse to work overtime in circumstances where the working of such overtime would result in the Employee working hours which are unreasonable having regard to:

(a) any risk to Employee health and safety;

(b) the Employee’s personal circumstances including any family responsibilities;

(c) the needs of the workplace or enterprise;

(d) the notice (if any) given by the Employer of the overtime and by the Employee of his or her intention to refuse it; and

(e) any other relevant matter.

Other than in an unforeseen circumstance beyond the control of the Employer, 24 hours' notice will be given.
**SCHEDULE 6 – AGENCY SPECIFIC SCHEDULE**
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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2. CASUAL EMPLOYEES

2.1 Clause 9.4.1 (d) of the General Agreement is replaced with the following for the Department of Education:

Casual Employees within the Department of Education receive on a pro rata basis, 20% in excess of the rate prescribed for their required level of competency for any work performed on ordinary work days and where work is performed on weekends or public holidays, 20% in excess of the loaded rate. This extra 20% will be in addition to and calculated on any shift penalties.

3. EXCLUSIONS

3.1 The provisions of clause 12.3 of the General Agreement will not apply to the Department of Education.

4. CORE CONDITIONS

4.1 Subject to clause 2 and 3 above, the core conditions of employment for Employees covered by the General Agreement shall be the terms and conditions of the General Agreement and the following provisions contained in the Award:

Clause 5 – Holidays;
Clause 6 – Annual Leave;
Clause 7 – Long Service Leave;
Clause 11 – Contract of Service;
Clause 18 – Hours, in respect of 38 hours per week only;
Clause 24 – Time Record; and
Clause 32 – Mixed Functions

5. AGENCY SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS

5.1 The primary vehicle for regulating pay and conditions for Employees shall be any relevant award and the General Agreement.

5.2 The parties accept that agency specific agreements will only be made in the following circumstances:

(a) where an existing agency specific agreement is due to expire and the parties seek to register a replacement agency specific agreement; or

(b) where arrangements are agreed by the parties to be necessary due to the nature of work undertaken or the environment in an agency.

5.3 Core conditions of employment referred to in clause 4 of this Schedule of the general agreement cannot be the subject of an agency specific agreement.
5.4 Should the parties be unable to reach agreement the matter may be referred to the WAIRC.

6.0 ROSTER ARRANGEMENTS

6.1 Rosters will be posted one week in advance.

6.2 Employees are to be provided with a minimum of 48 hours' notice of any changes to the roster.
SCHEDULE 7 – AGENCY SPECIFIC SCHEDULE
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MEAT INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

1. WAGE RATES

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<th>Classification</th>
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2. CLASSIFICATION DEFINITION AND SKILL BASED CAREER PATH

2.1 Descriptors

(a) **Entry Level Employee**

An employee who has not yet demonstrated the required level of competency of a Level 1 Employee. At any time during the 12 month period, if the Employer is satisfied the Employee has demonstrated the required competencies the Employee may progress to Level 1.

(b) **Level 1 Employee**

An Employee at this level means an employee who performs routine duties under direct supervision (either individually or in a team) of a manual nature which includes, but is not limited to:
(i) the movement of livestock;
(ii) general yard work (gardening);
(iii) basic farm maintenance of farm machinery and equipment;
(iv) completion of livestock receivable; and
(v) undertakes structured training to independently operate farm equipment (e.g. Sweeper, Bob Cat, Tractors and Humane Destruction of Livestock) to be eligible for Level 2 classification.

Positions include: Stockperson, Yardperson

(c) Level 2 Employee

An Employee at this level shall mean an employee who performs duties of a manual nature and works with limited supervision. The duties of this role shall include, but are not limited to:

(i) movement of livestock;
(ii) feeding of livestock including operation of tractors and bobcats;
(iii) operation of farm equipment (e.g. Scales, Crushes and Scanners); and
(iv) general maintenance of farm equipment (e.g. Chainsaw, Brush Cutter).

Positions include: Stockperson, Plant Operator

(d) Level 3 Employee

An employee at this level shall mean an Employee who has gained skills to perform specialist duties of a manual nature with limited supervision, which include, but are not limited to:

(i) penning;
(ii) drafting;
(iii) marking out of livestock;
(iv) fence construction;
(v) welding;
(vi) irrigation supervision;
(vii) complex maintenance of farm equipment; livestock movements; and
(viii) mustering and shearing.

Positions include: Head Stockperson, Senior Plant Operator, Trade Qualified Stockperson/Plant Operator
2.2 Progression within classification level

Progression within each classification level is based upon the acquisition and satisfactory utilisation of skills and competencies required by the Employer. Progression between classification levels is by promotion only, unless otherwise agreed between the Parties.

3. HIGHER DUTIES

An Employee who is required by the Employer to relieve in a higher classification and completes a full day shift is entitled to be paid at the higher rate for that full shift and for any further time spent relieving in that position on that day.

4. HOURS OF WORK

4.1 The ordinary hours may be worked on any five days of the week between 5:00am and 6:00pm (except for meal breaks).

4.2 Subject to the provisions of this clause ordinary hours shall be calculated on annualised hours of 1976 hours per year full-time and pro rata for part-time Employees.

4.3 The ordinary hours of work prescribed herein are not to exceed 12 hours on any day. In any arrangement of ordinary working hours, where the ordinary working hours are to exceed eight on any day, the arrangement of hours will be subject to the agreement of the Employer and the Employee.

4.4 The ordinary hours of duty of rostered Employees shall be set out in a roster which shall be posted in a convenient place where it can be readily seen by the Employees concerned, setting out the time each rostered Employee starts and finishes each day, together with the appropriate consecutive days off duty. Provided that the roster may be altered on account of contingencies which the Employer could not reasonably foresee. Such altered time shall then become the rostered time.

4.5 The Employer will consult with the Employees and the Union on a Rostering Guidelines Policy. Rosters of hours worked will be determined by the Employer in consultation with the Employees.

4.6 The Employer will develop a record of hours system to record annualised hours worked by each Employee.

4.7 A casual Employee is entitled to be paid for a minimum of two hours for each day the Employee is required by the Employer to attend work.

4.8 An Employee is entitled to a paid break of 15 minutes per day and a 30 minute unpaid meal break.
5. ORDINARY HOURS WEEKEND AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS PENALTIES

Employees who work ordinary hours on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays will be paid ordinary hours shift penalties as below:

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6. OVERTIME

Requirement to Work Reasonable Overtime

6.1 The Employer may require any Employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates. Overtime work is not guaranteed by the Employer.

6.2 An officer may refuse to work overtime in circumstances where the working of such overtime would result in the officer working hours which are unreasonable having regard to:

(a) any risk to officer health and safety;
(b) the officer's personal circumstances including any family responsibilities;
(c) the needs of the workplace or enterprise;
(d) the notice, if any, given by the Employer of the overtime and
(e) by the officer of his or her intention to refuse it; and
(f) any other relevant matter.

Payment for Working Overtime

6.3 Overtime applies for all work done outside ordinary hours on normal working days, Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays as below:

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Meal Allowance

6.4 An Employee required to work overtime for more than two hours without being notified on the previous day that they will be so required to work is entitled to either be supplied with a meal or paid meal allowance at the rate contained in clause 25.9 of this General Agreement.

Rest Break

6.5 An Employee required to work more than one and a half hours at the completion of the day's work or shift, is entitled to a rest break of 20 minutes, if the Employee is to continue work after the rest break, and further rest breaks every four hours thereafter until the completion of overtime.

Call Out

6.6 An Employee called out to work after the expiration of their customary working time and after they have left work for the day shall be paid for a minimum of three hours' work at the overtime rate.

Ten Hour Break

6.7 When overtime work is necessary it shall, wherever reasonably practicable, be so arranged that Employees have at least 10 consecutive hours off duty between the work of successive days.

6.8 An Employee who works so much overtime between the termination of their ordinary work on one day and the commencement of their ordinary work on the next day so that they have not had at least 10 consecutive hours off duty between those times shall, subject to this clause, be released after completion of such overtime until they have had 10 consecutive hours off duty without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during such absence. If, on the instructions of the Employer, such an Employee resumes or continues work without having had such 10 consecutive hours off duty they shall be paid at double time rates until they are released from duty for such period and they shall then be entitled to be absent until they have had 10 consecutive hours off duty without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during such absence.

7. MEAL BREAKS

7.1 An Employee must not be required to work for more than five hours without a meal break.

Provided that:
(a) In cases where canteen or other facilities are limited to the extent that meal breaks must be staggered and as a result it is not practicable for all Employees to take a break within five hours an Employee must not be required to work for more than six hours without a break for a meal; and

(b) By agreement between the Employer and the majority of Employees in the plant, work section or sections concerned, an Employee or Employees may be required to work in excess of five hours but not more than six hours at ordinary rates of pay without a meal break.

(c) Where Employees are unable to take the meal break at the customary time the Employee shall receive overtime rates until such time as the break may be taken except as provided for in sub-clause 7.4.

7.2 The time of taking a scheduled meal break or rest break by one or more Employees may be altered by the Employer if it is necessary to do so in order to meet a requirement for continuity of operations.

7.3 The Employer may stagger the time of taking a meal and rest break to meet operational requirements.

7.4 Provided that where Employees are due for a meal break, but will work no more than one hour after the break, the Employer and the Employees may mutually agree that work should continue through the break.
SCHEDULE 8 – ALLOWANCE ADJUSTMENTS

(1) CPI BASED ALLOWANCES – ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

The quantum of the allowances as prescribed in the following clauses will be effective on and from the date of registration and be increased effective 1 July 2017 in accordance with the percentage change in the Perth Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published for the preceding 12 months at the end of the March quarter by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

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(2) WAGE BASED ALLOWANCES – ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

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SCHEDULE 9 - LIST OF RESPONDENTS

Director General, Department of Agriculture and Food
Director General, Department of Parks and Wildlife
Director General, Department of Education
Chief Executive, Western Australian Meat Industry Authority
General Manager, Forest Products Commission
SCHEDULE 10 - LIST OF AGREEMENTS REPLACED BY THIS GENERAL AGREEMENT

The Australian Workers' Union (Western Australian Public Sector) General Agreement 2015 (AG 6 of 2015)