

## POLICE CONSENT AGREEMENT BULLETIN 1/2008

### Negotiations commence

Negotiations for a new consent agreement for Police officers to replace the Northern Territory Police Force Consent Agreement 2005 (which is due to expire on 29 June 2008), have commenced.

The negotiations are being conducted under the Government's [NTPS Wages Policy 2006](#) and this Office and Police, Fire and Emergency Services (PFES) will be working collaboratively to reach a new agreement with the NT Police Association (NTPA).

In accordance with the Wages Policy, the quantum of salary increases is to be based on the consideration of five factors:

- Productivity improvements
- Market forces
- CPI
- Government's fiscal position
- Government policy as determined from time to time.

Increases in salary are to be of a magnitude that results in NT being a competitive employer, amongst the best paid. Measure of competitiveness is of the employment 'package', and takes into account the full range of entitlements and allowances.

### Negotiation process

The NTPA presented its log of claims for the new consent agreement on 1 February. The next meeting between the parties has been scheduled for 19 February with further negotiations to occur in the weeks following. OCPE/PFES will brief Government on the claims and an OCPE/PFES offer will then be developed for presentation to the NTPA.

### Stay informed through our new website

To keep you informed the OCPE has a website dedicated to workplace agreement negotiations at [www.workplaceagreements.nt.gov.au](http://www.workplaceagreements.nt.gov.au).

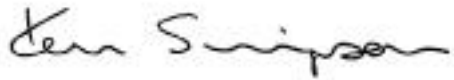
The website will be updated regularly with the latest information on negotiations, including bulletins, fact sheets and other material. You can also provide feedback on this site.

Email alerts will be sent advising you of new information when posted and you will soon be able to visit the website from the [PFES HRM intranet page](#). Hard copies of bulletins and other material will be distributed to employees who do not have email access.

Further information on the negotiations can be obtained by phoning my Office on 8999 4282, or email the NTPFES Employee Relations Unit via [PFES, HRM Certified Agreements](#)

You may also wish to contact the NTPA on 8981 8840.

The new Consent Agreement affects your salary and conditions so please stay informed of developments.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Simpson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

KEN SIMPSON  
Commissioner for Public Employment  
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