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Subject: RE: AM2014/209 - Pharmacy Industry Award - Substantive Issues

Dear Associate

We act for the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (the Guild).

APESMA have sought a number of extensions in this matter, this is the second extension that APESMA has sought in relation to the filing of this material.

The APESMA material is now six weeks (seven and a half weeks if the request is granted) past the original filing date (13 February), which was set in directions issued on 21 September 2016.

In our view the legislation does not preclude APESMA from pursuing a work value claim after the conclusion of the 4 yearly Award Review. If APESMA does not have the resources or does not have its work value case ready at this time, the Guild would not oppose the claim being withdrawn, or stood over generally until after the conclusion of the Award Review.

The Guild does not accept a further extension to the APESMA timetable if it is combined with a reduction in the employer timetable, as proposed by APESMA. Three and a half weeks for the employer parties to respond, proposed by APESMA, is not appropriate nor reasonable.

APESMA has now had some months to prepare its material and has flagged that the material produced by the PSA that needs to be considered is voluminous.

Based on the above, the Guild respectfully request that if the direction [1] of the directions made on 22 February 2017 are amended so that the APESMA materials are due on 5 April 2017, then direction [2] should also be amended to provide that the employer parties are to file on or before 5 June 2017.

Regards,
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