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Subject: RE: ACTU & affiliates RE: Applications to vary 28 modern awards (vehicle allowances) - AM2026/10 and AM2026/11 - update

Dear Associates,

We refer to the correspondence below and confirm that we have engaged in discussions with the Australian Council of Trade Unions (**ACTU**) regarding the timetable for the matter.

As we submitted during proceedings yesterday, we are concerned that the timetable proposed by the ACTU may not afford us a sufficient period of time to prepare our materials. We note in this regard that there will likely be some award-specific issues that we seek to ventilate (such as those that pertain to the Government funding arrangements that apply in certain sectors covered by the relevant awards). The conduct of this matter will also overlap with various other major matters in which we are involved, including the Annual Wage Review.

To the extent that the Commission considers listing the matter during the week of 18 May; we respectfully submit that, subject to the Commission's availability, the matter not be listed on 18 or 19 May. This would result in our organisation appearing in some 8 consecutive days of hearings in relation to three proceedings (MS2024/3, the Annual Wage Review and this matter), which would in turn give rise to obvious challenges associated with preparing for the various matters.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Associate,

I refer to the above matters and wish to provide a brief update. After yesterday's directions, the ACTU had conversations with some employer groups to see if a consent position could be reached on the timetable. Unfortunately, we have been unable to reach a consent position. The position of the ACTU and the union parties remains that the applications are urgent and that the hearing should be listed as soon as possible. If at all possible, the ACTU and union parties would request a minimum of two business days between responsive material being filed, and the first day of the hearing. We note

that Wednesday 20 May is the day of the Annual Wage Review Consultations, which we understand would be a clash for many of the parties involved in this matter, including the ACTU.

Interested parties for whom I have the contact details are copied into this correspondence.

Kind regards,

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