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Fair Work Act 2009 s.156 - 4 yearly review of modern awards

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AGED CARE AWARD 2010 [MA000018]

COMMISSIONER LEE

MELBOURNE, 23 DECEMBER 2016

4 yearly review of modern awards – Aged Care Award 2010.

- [1] On 16 December 2016 a conference was held to discuss the Summary of Submissions Technical and Drafting (the summary) in relation to the review of the *Aged Care Award* 2010.
- [2] The following items in the summary were discussed at the conference:
 - Item 1: agreed, subject to consistency.
 - Item 2: agreed, remove definitions from clause 4 and insert in clause 2.
 - Item 3: agreed, delete clause 18.2 (a) from Exposure Draft (ED) and leave the definition in clause 2. Consequent renumbering of clause 28.
 - Item 4: agreed, definition of 'casual ordinary hourly rate' will be deleted.
 - Item 5: agreed, insert definition of 'minimum hourly rate' which will read 'minimum hourly rate means the hourly rate for the employees classification specified in clause 17'.
 - Item 6: agreed, no amendment to 'ordinary hourly rate' definition in ED.
 - Item 7: HSU position withdrawn, no amendment to ED required.
 - Item 8: agreement with AIG position that clause 16.2 and clause 22.3 will be included in the facilitative provision.
 - Item 9: general agreement that there is no need to amend the ED. AWU to advise if they seek to press claim.
 - Item 10: agreed, the words "as such" are to be inserted after the words "engaged" in clause 11.1.
 - Item 11: agreed, not necessary to define 'fixed term employee'. No amendment to ED required.
 - Item 12: agreed, no amendment to ED required. AWU to advise if they seek to press
 - Item 13: agreed, AWU proposal not supported. AWU to advise if they seek to press claim.

- Item 14: agreed, clause 11.3 to be amended by deleting all words after the word 'entitlements'.
- Item 15: agreed to HSU proposal, however, including AIG wording in clause 12.2 (b).
- Item 16: general view, there is a lack of clarity as to the need for the change proposed by AWU. AWU to advise if they seek to press claim.
- Item 17: HSU does not press claim, no amendment to ED required.
- Item 18: UV does not press claim, no amendment to ED required.
- Item 19: agreed, delete the words 'subject to clause 30' from clause 14.4(c).
- Item 20: agreed, as per AIG proposal.
- Item 21: HSU do not agree with AIG's interpretation on this matter. Agreed to reconsider after Group 3 Full Bench determinations to consider if they provide guidance on this issue.
- Item 22: agreed, as per HSU proposal.
- Item 23: agreed, at clause 15.5 'a sleepover must be rostered' is to be replaced with 'where a sleepover is rostered'.
- Item 24-25: agreed, as per AIG proposal to correct typographical errors. Agreed, amend 'received' to 'receive', amend 'of duty' to 'off duty' and add the words 'completion of such work' in substitution for the words 'sleepover' in clause 15.7(a)(i).
- Item 26: agreed, as per AIG proposal.
- Item 27: agreed, replace words 'between 30 and 60 minutes' with 'not less than 30 minutes and not more than 60 minutes'.
- Item 28: agreed, as per HSU proposal to include the addition of '(full time employee)' after 'minimum weekly rate' at clause 17.1.
- Item 29: agreed, insert the words 'where clause 17.4(c) applies' at the start of clause 17.4(d).
- Item 30: agreed, delete words 'block release' from heading at clause 17.5 (f). No amendment to clause 17 (i) and (ii). Clause 17.5 (f) (iii) to become clause 17.5 (g).
- Item 31: agreed, as per HSU proposal.
- Item 32: agreed, as per HSU proposal.
- Item 33: agreed, replace clause 17.7 (a)-(b) with clause 27 from existing award.
- Item 34: agreed, as per item 3.
- Item 35: AIG et al. are concerned the word 'denote' will have the effect of expanding the entitlement to leading hand allowance, where the classification does not expressly refer to supervisory responsibilities. Parties agree that this is not the intention; however, more work is required to resolve concern.
- Item 36: AIG proposal withdrawn.
- Item 37: AIG proposal withdrawn, AIG now have the view that re-drafting is not a substantial change within the context of this particular award.
- Item 38: agreed, add the words 'for work performed in any week' at the end of clause 18.2(c) (ii).
- Item 39: agreed, as per UV proposal.
- Item 40: agreed, as per AIG proposal.
- Item 41: AIG proposal withdrawn, basis as per Item 37
- Item 42: AIG 'part shift' to 'part thereof' proposal withdrawn. AIG and employers to consider a possible variation to clause 18.3(a) to resolve their concern in relation to the application of laundry allowance.
- Item 43: agreed, as per HSU proposal.
- Item 44: HSU proposal agreed to subject to agreement with AIG proposal to substitute ED provision with clause 15.7(c) from the existing award.
- Item 45: agreed, insert words 'and 20.2' after words 'with clause 20.1' in clause 20.3.

- Item 46: agreed, delete all of clause 21.2(a) (b) from ED and substitute clause 26.1 in its entirety from existing award.
- Item 47: parties to await Group 3 Full Bench determinations to consider if they provide guidance on this issue.
- Item 48: agreed, as per HSU proposal
- Item 49: agreed, insert the words 'all time worked by a' at the start of clause 22.2 (a) and 22.2(b). Delete the words 'more than' and insert 'in excess of' in clause 22.2(a) and (22.2(b).
- Item 50-52: not resolved, parties to consider further.
- Item 53: HSU and UV do not object to the word 'so' being reinserted after the word 'recalled' in the last line at clause 22.5(a).
- Item 54: not resolved, parties to consider further.
- Item 55: agreed, as per HSU proposal.
- Item 56: not resolved, parties to consider further.
- Item 57: HSU proposal withdrawn.
- Item 58 AIG proposal withdrawn.
- Item 59: not resolved, parties to consider further.
- Item 60: agreed, as part of Item 6.
- Item 61: agreed.
- Item 62: resolved, agreed to replace shift work clause with existing award clause, titles will now match.
- Item 63: agreed.
- Item 64: resolved, basis as per Item 62.
- Item 65: agreed.
- Item 66: agreed.
- Item 67: agreed, as per AIG submissions.
- Item 68: AIG proposal withdrawn.
- Item 69: response to question raised by the Commission.
- [3] This matter will be listed for further conference at 2:00pm on Monday 6 February 2017 in Sydney. Any comments on the accuracy of the draft record are to be filed by no later than 5:00pm on Friday 13 January 2017.

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