TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1984

T. No. 4014 of 1993

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Health Services Union of Australia, Tasmania No. 1 Branch for the making of the Community and Health Services (Public Sector) Award

COMMISSIONER WATLING HOBART, 13 December 1993

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Unedited

COMMISSIONER WATLING: I'll take appearances please.

MR T. KLEYN: If the commission pleases, appearing on behalf of the Health Services Union of Australia, Tasmania No. 1 Branch, TOM KLEYN.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you.

MR P. AIKEN: If the commission pleases, PETER AIKEN, representing the State Public Services Federation Tasmania.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Thank you.

MR M. WATSON: If the commission pleases, MARK WATSON. I appear on behalf of the Minister administering the Tasmanian State Service Act. And with me is MR MICHAEL STEVENS and MR JAMIE BONE.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Good, thank you.

MR K. O'BRIEN: If the commission pleases, I seek leave to intervene in these proceedings on behalf of the Australian Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right. What's your reason for intervention?

MR O'BRIEN: We have membership covered by the award which is being made in these proceedings, as we understand it, Mr Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: It's actually been made.

MR O'BRIEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right. Is there any objection to the intervention?

MR: No, not at this point.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: No objections. No objections, leave is granted, Mr O'Brien.

Right, Mr Kleyn?

MR KLEYN: If the commission pleases, the purpose of this morning is really just to provide you with a report of the progress made to date, and also to - after I've done that, to seek to go into conference for the duration of the day or morning. And also before I provide you with a report, to request and to apologise in a sense that we won't be requiring

tomorrow. Given that we've had some significant negotiations over the last week, we're not going to - we're not at a point in time just yet to finalise some of the matters, particularly the clauses 7 and 8.

We have had discussion - is it 8, yes, 8, the wages. We have had discussions over the last week particularly about the operational stream, and there's currently - we have put a proposal to the department which they are currently considering and we expect to have a response to that within the next few days, I expect.

And on the other streams there's been discussions with the professional stream and the admin. and clerical stream, and it looks like they're close to finalisation, and the technical stream also look close to finalisation. So we're anticipating over the next few weeks we should be in a position to make some considerable progress.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right. Is there anything else anyone else wants to add? Mr Watson?

MR WATSON: Commissioner, the same from our point of view. We're cognisant of the fact that - of your recommendation that we do clauses 7 and 8 together in toto, as the first task. And therefore we've used the time in the intervening period between last Monday when we were scheduled to be before you to have some further discussions and attempt to reach agreement, particularly in relation to the operational stream which is the major difference between the parties.

We're hopeful that we will reach agreement but unfortunately we're not ready to proceed on that basis formally today. But we do request that we go into conference straightaway.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right. With all parties?

MR WATSON: Yes, we've got no problems with all parties.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right. No further submissions? Mr O'Brien, do you want to say anything?

MR O'BRIEN: No, I understand that we're to be included in those discussions and we're happy with that.

COMMISSIONER WATLING: Right. Well we'll go off the record then, thank you.

OFF THE RECORD

NO FURTHER PROCEEDINGS RECORDED

HEARING CONCLUDED