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Mr Bill Shorten National Secretary The Australian Workers' Union 685 Spencer Street WEST MELBOURNE VIC 3003

Dear Mr Shorten

# Re: Lodgement of Financial Statements and Accounts for the National Office for the year ending 30 June 2002 (FR2002/597)

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned financial statements and accounts, which were lodged in the Registry on 28 May 2003.

The documents have been filed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Belinda Penna for Deputy Industrial Registrar

28 May 2003



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BILL SHORTEN National Secretary

## THE AUSTRALIAN WORKER'S UNION NATIONAL OFFICE

## SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Bill Shorten, being the Secretary of The Australian Worker's Union – National Office, do hereby state that the attached documents are copies of reports and audited accounts and financial statement for the year ending on the  $30^{\text{th}}$  of June, 2002, that were:

1. made available to the membership in the week commencing 21 April 2003.

 presented by way of a postal ballot to the National Executives. The ballot was conducted on 9 May 2003, and closed on Friday, 16 May 2003 at 5.00pm. Post ballot was completed with result in favour of Motion to adopt the 2001/2002 National Office Financial Accounts, Statements and Auditor's Report.

Date 26 day of May, 2003

Bill Shorten National Secretary



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## NATIONAL OFFICE

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

#### NATIONAL OFFICE

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S CERTIFICATE

We, **BILL SHORTEN** and **WILLIAM PATRICK LUDWIG** being two members of the Committee of Management of the Australian Workers' Union, National Office, do state on behalf of the Committee, and in accordance with a resolution passed by the Committee that:

- [I] In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the attached accounts show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Union as at 30 June 2002.
- [ii] In the opinion of the Committee of Management, meetings of the Committee were held during the year ended 30 June 2002, in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- [iii] To the knowledge of any member of the Committee, there have been no instances where records of the Union or other documents [not being documents containing information made available to a member of the Union under Sub-Section 274 [2] of the Workplace Relations Act, 1996], or copies of these records or documents, or copies of the rules of the Union, have not been furnished, or made available to members in accordance with the requirements of the Workplace Relations Act, 1996, the Regulations thereto, or the rules of the Union.
- [iv] The Union has complied with Sub-Sections 279 [1] and [6] of the Act in relation to the financial accounts in respect of the year ended 30 June 2001 and the Auditors' Report thereon.

BILL SHORTEN

**W P LUDWIG** 

Dated this 27/ day of February 2003

#### NATIONAL OFFICE

#### ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

I, BILL SHORTEN, being the Officer responsible for keeping the accounting records of the Australian Workers' Union, National Office, certify that as at 30 June 2002, the number of members of the Union was 136,358.

#### In my opinion:

- [I] The attached accounts show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Union as at 30 June 2002.
- [ii] A record has been kept of all moneys paid by, or collected from, members and all moneys so paid or collected have been credited to the bank account to which those moneys are to be credited, in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- [iii] Before any expenditure was incurred by the Union, approval of the incurring of the expenditure was obtained in accordance with the rules of the Union.
- [iv] With regard to funds of the Union raised by compulsory levies or voluntary contributions from members, or funds other than the General Fund operated in accordance with the rules, no payments were made out of any such fund for purposes other than those for which the fund was operated.
- [v] No loans or other financial benefits, other than remuneration in respect of their full time employment with the Union, were made to persons holding office in the Union.
- [vi] The register of members of the Union was maintained in accordance with the Workplace Relations Act, 1996.

BILL SHORTEN

Dated this  $\mathcal{U}_{h}^{\mu}$  day of February 2003

## NATIONAL OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

	NOTE	2002 \$	2001 \$
INCOME		·	Ŧ
Subsidies from Branches Interest Training Subsidies Directors' Fees Sundry Income	8	3,168,210 18,808 0 0 114,146	2,834,121 14,971 0 4,409 94,089
TOTAL INCOME		3,301,164	2,947,590
EXPENDITURE			
<b>Depreciation</b> Buildings Motor Vehicles Office Furniture and Equipment		105,136 29,730 10,492 145,358	120,175 6,647 <u>6,054</u> 132,876
<b>Employee Benefits Expense</b> Salaries Superannuation Superannuation prior year Accrued Annual Leave - Decrease in Provision Long Service Leave - Increase in Provision Fringe Benefits Tax Payroll Tax Workers Compensation	10	824,799 104,241 22,075 (44,012) 293,602 25,911 31,487 10,347 1,268,450	807,168 104,034 0 (2,303) 302,501 18,045 32,461 10,250 1,272,156
Other Expenses			
ACTU Pilbara Advertising and Promotion Affiliation Fees "Australian Worker" Publishing Costs Bank Charges Computer Expenses Delegates' Expenses Donations and Grants Electricity Insurance Carried Forward		47,323 16,617 175,605 94,080 3,083 19,160 10,364 380 5,147 74,855 446,614	0 64,216 160,919 136,403 8,059 20,571 954 800 7,007 76,230 475,159

## NATIONAL OFFICE

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (CONT'D)

	NOTE	2002 \$	2001
Other Expenses (Continued) Bought Forward Interest Paid Motor Vehicle Expenses National Conference National Executive Meetings National Meetings – Other Occupational Health and Safety Office Equipment Expenses Other Expenditure Overnight Expenses Postage and Couriers Printing and Stationery Professional Services	NOTE -	\$ 446,614 17,479 124,336 0 19,041 19,213 17,491 23,897 63,229 50,296 16,219 33,782 403,291	\$ 475,159 4,865 143,063 56,010 5,230 9,327 0 24,391 70,404 43,509 10,069 37,516 751,850
Property Expenses Reference Books and Subscriptions Rent Research Taxi and Parking Telephone and Facsimiles Training Expenses Travelling Expenses Payments from Bereavement Grants Fund Prior Year Adjustments		27,395 8,669 64,751 31,455 19,493 74,784 9,251 167,892 138,000 0 1,776,578 3,190,386	22,537 9,614 0 0 67,379 4,705 160,392 149,800 9,078 2,054,898
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR BEFORE SIGNIFICANT ITEMS		110,778	(512,340)
SIGNIFICANT ITEMS Profit on Sale of Properties Bad Debts Provision for Doubtful Debts Write Off of Branch Balances Discharged Creditors		362,110 (48,921) (20,000) 0 349,330	0 0 (35,000) 0
NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		753,297	(547,340)
Accumulated Funds at beginning of Year		627,485	1,174,825
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		1,380,782	627,485

[The attached notes 1 to 12 form part of these accounts]

## NATIONAL OFFICE

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2002

	NOTE	2002	2001
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		\$ 1,380,782	<del>پ</del> 627,485
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Assets			
Cash on Hand Cash at Bank		1,000 <u>917,137</u> 918,137	1,000 454,178 455,178
<b>Receivables</b> Sundry Debtors Subsidies in Transit Investments	4	374,414 55,048 14,364	119,946 56,581 14,364
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>443,826</u> 1,361,963	<u> </u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables Loans to Branches	5	47,300	47,300
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	7,870,053	8,384,600
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		7,917,353	8,431,900
TOTAL ASSETS		9,279,316	9,077,969
CURRENT LIABILITIES Payables			
Creditors		1,280,118	1,815,385
Interest Bearing Liabilities Loans - Other Hire Purchase Liability		120,000 <u>119,390</u>	420,000
Provisions		239,390	420,000
Provision for Accrued Annual Leave Provision for Long Service Leave		98,563 <u>441,815</u> 540,378	142,575 530,980 673,555
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,059,886	2,908,940
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES Payables			·
Loans from Branches Provisions	6	2,514,439	2,514,439
Provision for Long Service Leave Interest Bearing Liabilities		3,268,870	3,027,105
Hire Purchase Liability TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u> </u>	5 541 544
TOTAL NON CORRENT LIADILITIES		5,838,648	5,541,544
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,898,534	8,450,484
NET ASSETS		1,380,782	627,485

[The attached notes 1 to 12 form part of these accounts]

## NATIONAL OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

	NOTE	2002 \$	2001 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		·	·
Subsidies from Branches Interest Other Income Payments to Suppliers and Employees		2,990,311 18,808 138,374 (3,317,582)	2,850,866 14,971 38,498 (2,659,396)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	12	(170,089)	244,939
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of Fixed Assets Proceeds from Fixed Assets Proceeds from Investments		(252,221) 1,158,249 0	(3,231) 0 125,000
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		906,028	121,769
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from Grants Payments made from Grants Repayment of Branch Loans Repayments of Other Loans		84,545 (57,525) 0 (300,000)	179,745 (167,764) (37,500) (16,068)
NET CASH (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(272,980)	(41,587)
NET INCREASE IN CASH HELD		462,959	325,121
Cash at Beginning of Year		455,178	<u> </u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	11	918,137	455,178

[The attached notes 1 to 12 form part of these accounts]

#### NATIONAL OFFICE

#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

#### 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and the Workplace Relations Act, 1996. The financial report has also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the union in the preparation of the accounts.

- [a] Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated on the straight line basis in order to write the assets off over their useful lives to the union.
- [b] Provision for employee benefits in the form of Long Service Leave and Accrued Annual Leave have been made for the estimated accrued entitlements of all officials of the Union and National Office staff on the basis of their terms of employment.

In the case of Long Service Leave, the accrual has been measured by reference to periods of service and current salary rates as it is considered that this results in an amount not materially different to that achieved by discounting estimated future cash flows.

- [c] No provision for Income Tax is necessary as Industrial Trade Unions are exempt from Income Tax under Section 50-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.
- [d] Land and buildings were revalued at intervals in prior years. Revaluations reflect independent assessments of the fair market value of land and buildings on an existing use basis. Revaluations do not result in the carrying value of land and buildings exceeding the amount expected to be recouped through the cash inflows arising from their continued use and subsequent disposal.

#### 2. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OR REGISTRAR

In accordance with the requirements of the Workplace Relations Act, 1996, the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of Sub-Sections [1], [2] and [3] of Section 274 which read as follows:

- [1] A member of an organisation, or a Registrar, may apply to the organisation for specified prescribed information in relation to the organisation.
- [2] An organisation shall, on application made under Sub-Section [1] by a member of the organisation or a Registrar, make the specified information available to the member or Registrar in such manner, and within such time, as is prescribed.
- [3] A Registrar may only make an application under Sub-Section [1] at the request of a member of the organisation concerned, and the Registrar shall provide to a member information received because of an application made at the request of the member.

## NATIONAL OFFICE

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 [Cont'd]

	2002 \$	2001 \$
FIXED ASSETS		
<b>Properties -</b> Land and Buildings - at Valuation (Note 1(d)) Less Accumulated Depreciation on Buildings	8,389,265 (763,253)	9,337,005 (991,978)
	7,626,012	8,345,027
<b>Motor Vehicles -</b> At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	255,010 (42,383)	33,700 (12,653)
	212,627	21,047
<b>Office Furniture and Equipment -</b> At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	52,458 (21,044)	29,078 (10,552)
	31,414	18,526
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	7,870,053	8,384,600
The properties included in the National Office Balance Sheet are:		
245 Chalmers Street, Redfern 157-161 Maitland Road, Mayfield 325 Crown Street, Woliongong 685 Spencer Street, West Melbourne 8 Forsyth Street, Whyalla 250-270 Murray Street, Hobart 34 Church Street, Dubbo 2 Napier Street, Deakin, ACT 8-10 Creedy Street, Cairns 12 Creedy Street, Cairns 214 Mulgrave Road, Cairns Sturt Street, Townsville Macquarie Street, Taree 9 Murn Crescent, Whyalla Norrie	0 1,577,300 592,200 450,261 0 422,200 681,130 1,503,120 78,219 55,259 1,349,100 557,923 254,300 105,000 7,626,012	611,300 1,609,800 602,200 377,500 195,550 428,825 686,305 1,517,495 78,740 55,695 1,359,075 565,292 257,250 0 8,345,027

## NATIONAL OFFICE

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 [Cont'd]

	·	2002 \$	2001 \$
4.	SUNDRY DEBTORS		
	Long Service Leave Receivable Subsidies Receivable from Branches Other Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	117,175 179,432 97,807 (20,000) 374,414	0 0 119,946 0 119,946
5.	LOANS TO BRANCHES - NON CURRENT		
	AWU - Whyalla-Woomera Branch - Old Less - Provision for Doubtful Debts AWU - Whyalla-Woomera Branch - New AWU - Queensland Branch Less - Provision for Doubtful Debts	38,837 (38,837) 47,300 100,832 (100,832)	38,837 (38,837) 47,300 100,832 (100,832)
6.	LOANS FROM BRANCHES - NON CURRENT	47,300	47,300

AWU - South Australia Branch	66,781	66,781
AWU - West Australia Branch	146,500	146,500
AWU - New South Wales State Union	2,301,158	2,301,158
	2,514,439	2,514,439

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#### NATIONAL OFFICE

#### INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of the Australian Workers' Union, National Office.

#### SCOPE

We have audited the financial report of the Australian Workers' Union, National Office for the year ended 30 June 2002 as set out on pages 1 to 11. The Union's Committee of Management and Accounting Officer are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information it contains. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Union.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with applicable accounting standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Australian Workers' Union, National Office which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### REPORT

We have received all the information and explanations required for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion:

- [1] There were kept by the Union in respect of the year under review, satisfactory records detailing the sources and nature of income of the Union [including income from members] and the nature and purposes of expenditure, and
- [ii] The attached financial report including the Certificates of the Committee of Management and the Accounting Officer are prepared in accordance with Section 273 of the Workplace RelationsAct, 1996. The financial report has been prepared from the accounting records of the Union and is properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of:
  - [a] the financial position of the Union as at 30 June 2002; and
  - [b] the financial performance of the Union for the year ended on that date;

and is in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

BDO Chartered Accountants.

D.S.MCLEAN

Registered Company Auditor.

2 Market Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

27 February 2003

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National/Victorian Secretary Bill Shorten

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BILL SHORTEN National Secretary

April 11, 2003

Mr Belinda Penna Australian Industrial Registry Level 8, Terrace Towers 80 William Street East Sydney NSW 2011

Dear Belinda,

#### **Re: The AWU National Office Outstanding Financial Documents**

Further to our telephone conversation this afternoon, I wish to confirm that the audit for the AWU National Office 2002 Financial accounts has been completed in February 2003. The accounts have also been presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of committee of management.

We will be circulating the copies of auditor's report, accounts and statements to the members by the end of April 2003, and then present the financial documents to the committee of management (or through postal ballot) thereafter.

To my best estimate, we will be able to lodge all the financial documents by 15<sup>th</sup>, May (2003) Should you have any questions please contact me on (03) 8327 0807.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Chen Financial Controller





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Ref: FR2002/597 -[002N]

Mr Bill Shorten National Secretary The Australian Workers' Union 75-79 Chetwynd St NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051

Dear Mr Shorten

### Re: The Australian Workers' Union - National Office Outstanding Financial Documents - *Workplace Relations Act 1996*

There is no record of lodgment in the Industrial Registry of the auditor's report, accounts and statements of the abovenamed body, prepared in accordance with Part IX, Division 11 of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* ('the Act'), for the year ended 30 June 2002.

An organisation registered under the Act or a branch of such an organisation is required after the end of its financial year to prepare accounts and statements, obtain a report from the auditor, provide copies of the auditor's report, accounts and statements to its members, present the auditor's report, accounts and statements to a meeting of members or committee of management, and lodge copies in the Industrial Registry. Having in mind the time-scales allowed by the Act to complete each of these steps, lodgment of the required documents would, in the normal course, be expected before now.

Therefore, I request your written advice by 30 April, 2003 as to when each of the following steps is expected to be completed:-

- 1. preparation of the accounts and statements in compliance with section 273
- 2. making of the audit report in compliance with section 276(4)
- 3. provision of copies of the auditor's report, accounts and statements to the members in compliance with sections 279(1) and (3)
- 4. presentation of the financial documents to a meeting of the members or the committee of management in compliance with sections 279(6) and (7) (following provision of copies to the members as per step 3 above)
- 5. lodgment of copies of the financial documents in the Industrial Registry under cover of a certificate by you in compliance with section 280(1) - such certificate should confirm that the documents so lodged are copies of the documents presented to the meeting referred to in step 4 above - the type of meeting and the date when it was held should be specified

If you wish to discuss this letter you may contact me on (02) 8374 6618. In reply please quote: **FR2002/597.** 

Yours sincerely

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Belinda Penna E-mail: belinda.penna@air.gov.au

9 April 2003



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Mr David McLean BDO Chartered Accountants and Advisers GPO Box 2551 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr McLean

## Re: Extension of time - Audit of Financial Statements, Accounts of Australian Workers' Union, National Office - for the year ended 30 June 2002 (FR2002/597)

I refer to your letter dated 12 December 2002 requesting an extension of time under s276(1) of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.

Pursuant to regulation 113(b) of the Workplace Relations Regulations, I grant an extension of two months until 28 February 2003 for the completion of the audit.

Yours sincerely

Robin Godfrey Deputy Industrial Registrar

16 December 2002



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12 December 2002

Deputy Industrial Registrar Godfrey Australian Industrial Registry Level 8, Terrace Towers 80 William Street, East Sydney, NSW 2011

Dear Sir

### **RE: APPLICATION FOR AN AUDIT EXTENSION TO 8 MONTHS CLIENT: THE AUSTRALIAN WORKERS' UNION NATIONAL OFFICE YEAR ENDED JUNE 2002**

We hereby apply for an extension under Section 276(1) Regulation 113 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996. The application is made because a Committee of Management will not be held prior to 31 December 2002 at which the financial accounts may be presented.

Yours faithfully,

BDO Chartered Accountants and Advisers

David McLean Partner



