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# Ref: FR2006/207 [128V-CPTN]

Mr James Metcher Branch Secretary CEPU Communications Division NSW Postal and Telecommunications Branch PO Box 250 PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Dear Mr Metcher

# Financial Return - year ending 31 March 2006

Our records show your organisation's financial year ended recently. This letter outlines some of the things you must do to meet your financial reporting obligations and when you have to do them. For simplicity, we will call the documents you have to lodge with us your *financial return*.

# New legislation

This letter is intended as guide to the law applicable on the date of this letter and should not be used as a substitute for legal or accounting advice. We only summarise some of the reporting requirements in this letter. More detailed information is at the end of this letter.

The legislation has changed since your last return. In May 2003 the Industrial Registrar wrote to all organisations forwarding a number of facts sheets outlining the major changes made by Schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 ('RAO'<sup>1</sup>). While the immediate changes affected the rules and elections in organisations, the changes affecting financial returns involve a longer lead time.

The key differences under the new legislation affecting financial returns are:

- a reduced financial reporting cycle (now maximum periods of 5 or 6 months depending on internal arrangements of organisation)
- a greater emphasis given to Australian Accounting Standards
- the introduction of a new report, known as an Operating Report (broadly similar in concept to a Director's Report under the corporations legislation)
- extensions of time are limited to one month
- restructured penalty provisions involving more extensive use of Civil Penalties
- the introduction of the Industrial Registrar's Reporting Guidelines
- organisations and their branches to report according to their financial structures, known as 'reporting units'.

We recommend you discuss the new requirements with your accountant or auditor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Registration and Accountability of Organisations Schedule (RAO) (Schedule 1B to the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*)

# **Reporting Unit**

One of the new concepts of the RAO legislation is that reporting entities are known as "reporting units". Where an organisation is **not** divided into branches the reporting unit is the whole of the organisation. Where an organisation **is** divided into branches each branch will be a reporting unit unless the Industrial Registrar has determined a division of the organisation into reporting units on an alternative basis. We can discuss this with you if you need more information.

For simplicity, we will refer to your organisation as a reporting unit in this letter.

#### Industrial Registrar's Guidelines

The Industrial Registrar's reporting guidelines set out certain disclosure requirements in addition to those prescribed by Australian Accounting Standards having in mind the nature of organisations registered under the Workplace Relations Act.

The disclosure requirements prescribed by the reporting guidelines are directed towards providing members of the reporting unit with information to enable them to gauge the performance of the committee of management and other holders of office in relation to the financial management of the reporting unit. In addition, the reporting guidelines seek to improve the quality of information available to users of the financial report about the reporting unit's economic support of, or economic dependency on, other reporting units of the organisation.

### Timeline Planner and Checklist

We have attached a <u>Timeline/Planner</u> (*Attachment A*) to help you **plan** your financial return and carry out all the necessary steps. We have also attached a <u>Document Checklist</u> (*Attachment B*) to **check** your documents before lodging them in the Registry. Both documents are abbreviated summaries of the relevant provisions of the RAO Schedule, RAO Regulations and the Industrial Registrar's Reporting Guidelines.

In the following section we describe some of the documents your reporting unit must prepare and the sequence of their preparation and completion.

#### **Three Reports**

Your reporting unit must prepare two reports as soon as practicable after its financial year, which, together with the Auditor's Report, comprise the reporting unit's financial return.

1. **General Purpose Financial Report** - this must comply with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Industrial Registrar's Reporting Guidelines. The GPFR consists of:

Financial Statements containing:

- a profit and loss statement, or other operating statement; and
- a balance sheet; and
- a statement of cash flows; and
- any other statements required by the Australian Accounting Standards; and

Notes to the Financial Statements containing:

- notes required by the Australian Accounting Standards; and
- information required by the Industrial Registrar's *Reporting Guidelines* under section 255); and

Committee of Management Statement as required by the Registrar's Reporting Guidelines (a sample certificate for illustrative purposes is at Attachment C)

2. **Operating Report** - this report includes a review of your <u>reporting unit's</u> principal activities for the year and other specified information.

Your reporting unit must appoint an auditor to audit the GPFR and to provide:

# 3. an Auditor's Report.

### First Meeting (Committee of Management)

For simplicity, we will call the meeting at which the committee of management first considers the GPFR the first meeting. At the first meeting your committee, if satisfied that all is in order, will resolve to express its opinion on the GPFR and complete a Committee of Management Statement.

### The Auditor

After the first meeting, the auditor takes the GPFR and the Committee of Management Statement and prepares a report on the GPFR. In practice, your auditor may have already completed most of his or her examination of your accounts. The auditor may only be waiting on the Committee to pass the required resolution and make the Statement before signing the report the same day.

#### Informing Your Members

Your <u>reporting unit</u> must provide free of charge to the general membership, copies of the GPFR, the Operating Report and the Auditor's Report. RAO calls these the "full report". Under certain circumstances, your <u>reporting unit</u> can provide a more limited *concise report*.

The reporting unit can meet its obligation to provide copies of the full or concise report to members by publishing the report in a journal that is available to the members free of charge.

A reporting unit may meet this obligation in whole or in part by publication of the report in a journal published on a web site on the Internet dependent on:

- a. the extent of the accessibility of the members of the reporting unit to the Internet; and
- b. that the members are notified by the reporting unit in the usual manner in which it communicates with its members that the report has been so published at a specified Internet address.

The report must be provided within 5 or 6 months from the end of the financial year, depending on the internal arrangements of the organisation for the presentation of its financial reports.

# The Second Meeting - if it is a General Meeting of Members

After providing the full report to members it must be presented to a general meeting of members. For simplicity this is referred to as the *second meeting*.

Your reporting unit must always allow a minimum of 21 days for members to receive the full report before presenting it to a general meeting of members (s265(5)). The purpose of the interval and the second meeting is to enable the members to have time to consider the report and, if they wish, to attend the second meeting to discuss it.

If the rules of the organisation permit a general meeting to be a series of meetings held at different locations, the full report may be presented to such a series of meetings. In this case the 'date' of the general meeting is taken to be the date of the last meeting in the series (see s266(2)).

# The Second Meeting - if it is a Committee of Management Meeting

If the rules of your organisation contain a provision that allows up to 5% of members to demand a general meeting to be held consider the report (see s266(3)), it is permissible to present the report directly to a Committee of Management meeting.

### Lodge full report within 14 days of meeting

You must lodge a copy of the full report and any concise report in the Industrial Registry within 14 days of the second meeting. For your convenience you are encouraged to lodge the material electronically (see eFiling Tab at <u>www.airc.gov.au</u>).

The Secretary (or another officer appropriately authorised under the rules of the organisation) must *certify* that the full report is a copy of the one provided to members <u>and</u> presented to the second meeting and provide the date of the meeting (a sample certification for illustrative purposes is at *Attachment D*).

When we receive your return we will check that it includes the information you must provide your members and that you have provided it to them correctly.

#### Complying with time limits

This letter has outlined some of the steps in preparing and lodging your return. Many of the steps must be completed within fixed time limits.

Failure to complete them in time could make your reporting unit or its officers liable to financial or "civil penalties".

### Extensions of Time

We appreciate that sometimes circumstances beyond your reporting unit's control may delay completion of a financial return. If you believe your reporting unit is going to be unable to meet a time limit tell us as soon as you know. We can advise you if the step is one for which you may apply under RAO to the Industrial Registrar for extra time to complete. The maximum extra time allowed can be no more than one month.

# **Reduced Reporting Requirements**

If your reporting unit meets certain conditions, some of these reporting requirements can be reduced. Such conditions might be where the annual income of the reporting unit (where the reporting unit is the whole of the organisation) is less than \$100,000, or where the reporting unit has no financial affairs in the financial year, or where the financial affairs of the reporting unit are encompassed by the financial affairs of its counterpart State industrial association.

#### Contact the Registry

We encourage you to contact the Registry on (02) 8374 6666 as early as possible if you believe preparation or lodgment of your return will be delayed or if you have any queries. We can offer you advice on procedure but we cannot give you legal or accounting advice.

# Information on AIRC Website

We recommend you and your accountant/auditor refer to the following documents on the Commission's website at www.airc.gov.au:

- RAO Schedule and RAO Regulations
- <u>Registrar's Reporting Guidelines</u> All GPFR's must comply with these Guidelines. Please note that the Guidelines set out requirements that are *in addition* to those required by the Australian Accounting Standards.
- <u>RAO Fact Sheets</u> These Fact Sheets explain the new requirements of the RAO Schedule many of them deal with financial reporting matters.

Yours sincerely

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For Deputy Industrial Registrar 4 April 2006

# TIMELINE/ PLANNER

Attachment A

Financial reporting period ending:	1	1	
FIRST MEETING: Prepare General Purpose Financial Report (including Committee of Management Statement in accordance with C of M resolution) and Operating Report - s253(1), s254(1)	/	1	as soon as practicable after end of financial year
Auditor's Report prepared and signed and given to the Reporting Unit - s257	1	1	within a reasonable time of having received the GPFR
<ul> <li>Provide full report free of charge to members.</li> <li>(a) if the report is to be presented before a General Meeting (which must be held within 6 months after the end of the financial year), the report must be provided to members 21 days before the General Meeting, or</li> <li>(b) in any other case including where the report is presented to a Committee of Management meeting, the report must be provided to members within 5 months of end of financial year.</li> <li>(obligation to provide full report may be discharged by provision of a concise report s265(1))</li> </ul>	1	1	
SECOND MEETING: Present full report to: (a) General Meeting of Members - s266 (1),(2), or (b) where rules of organisation allow, a Committee of Management meeting - s266 (3)		1	within 6 months of end of financial year within 6 months of end of financial year
Lodge full report (including any concise report) in the Industrial Registry together with secretary's certificate (or other officer authorised by the rules of the organisation) - s268	1	]	within 14 days of meeting

**Note:** The legislation makes limited provision for extensions of time concerning the provision of the full report to members and the presentation of the full report to a general meeting etc however the maximum extra time allowed can be no more than one month.

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# Attachment B

# **Documents Checklist**

You can use this checklist as soon as possible after the financial year ends to ensure you have all the necessary documents prepared and that those documents contain all information required by RAO.

You can also use this checklist to ensure all documents in your financial return are complete before lodging them in the Registry.

No	Document	$\checkmark$
1	General Purpose Financial Report	
	Does the report contain a Profit and Loss Statement?	
	Does the report contain a Balance Sheet?	┤──
	Does the report contain a Statement of Cash Flows?	
	Does the report contain notes to the financial statements as required by AAS and the	
	reporting guidelines?	[
	Does the report contain all other information required by the reporting guidelines?	
2	Committee of Management Statement	
	Is the statement signed by the officer responsible for undertaking functions necessary to	1-
	enable the reporting unit to comply with RAO?	
	Is the statement dated?	
	Is the statement in accordance with a resolution of the committee?	
	Does the statement specify the date of the resolution?	
	Does the statement contain declarations required by the reporting guidelines?	
3	Auditor's Report	
	Is the Report dated and signed by the auditor?	-
	Is the name of the auditor clear?	+
	Are the qualifications of the auditor on the report?	
	Has the auditor expressed an opinion on all matters required?	
4	Operating Report	
	Is the report signed and dated?	
	Does the report provide the number of members?	
	Does the report provide the number of employees?	
	Does the report contain a review of principal activities?	
	Does the report give details of significant changes?	
	Does the report give details of right of members to resign?	
	Does the report give details of superannuation trustees?	
	Does the report give details of membership of the committee of management?	
5	Concise report*	
	Contificate of Convetory or other Authorized Officer	ł
6	Certificate of Secretary or other Authorised Officer	
6	Is the certificate signed and dated?	+
6	Is the certificate signed and dated? Is the signatory the secretary or another officer authorised to sign the certificate?	
6	Is the certificate signed and dated? Is the signatory the secretary or another officer authorised to sign the certificate? Is the date that the report was provided to members stated?	
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6	Is the certificate signed and dated? Is the signatory the secretary or another officer authorised to sign the certificate? Is the date that the report was provided to members stated?	

\* This is an optional way of providing documents to members (see RAO s265(3) and RAO Reg. 161).

# Attachment C

# Committee Of Management Statement

On *[date of meeting]* the Committee of Management of *[name of reporting unit]* passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the reporting unit for the financial year ended *[date]*:

The Committee of Management declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply\* with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply\* with the reporting guidelines of the Industrial Registrar;
- (c) the financial statements and notes give a true and fair view\* of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the reporting unit for the financial year to which they relate;
- (d) there are reasonable grounds\* to believe that the reporting unit will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (e) during the financial year to which the GPFR relates and since the end of that year:
  - (i) meetings of the committee of management were held\* in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned; and
  - (ii) the financial affairs of the reporting unit have been\* managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned; and
  - (iii) the financial records of the reporting unit have been\* kept and maintained in accordance with the RAO Schedule and the RAO Regulations; and
  - #(iv) where the organisation consists of 2 or more reporting units, the financial records of the reporting unit have been\* kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner to each of the other reporting units of the organisation; and
  - #(v) the information sought in any request of a member of the reporting unit or a Registrar duly made under section 272 of the RAO Schedule has been\* furnished to the member or Registrar; and
  - #(vi) there has been\* compliance with any order for inspection of financial records made by the Commission under section 273 of the RAO Schedule.

For Committee of Management: [name of designated officer per section 243 of the RAO Schedule]

Title of Office held:

Signature:

Date:

- \* Where compliance or full compliance has not been attained set out details of non compliance instead.
- # Where not relevant these may be modified accordingly (e.g. in (vi) "No orders have been made by the Commission under section 273 of the RAO Schedule during the period."

# Certificate of Secretary or other Authorised Officer<sup>1</sup>

s268 of Schedule 1B Workplace Relations Act 1996

I [name] being the [title of office] of the [name of the organisation] certify:

- that the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full report, [and the concise report]<sup>2</sup>, referred to in s268 of the RAO Schedule; and
- that the [full report <u>OR</u> concise report]<sup>3</sup>, was provided to members on [insert date]; and
- that the full report was presented to [a general meeting of members <u>OR</u> the last of a series of general meetings of members <u>OR</u> a meeting of the committee of management]<sup>3</sup> of the reporting unit on [insert date]; in accordance with section 266 of the RAO Schedule.

Signature

Date:

<sup>1</sup>RAO regulation 162 prescribes the designated officer for the purpose of RAO schedule s268 as:

(a) the secretary; or

(b) an officer of the organisation other than the secretary who is authorised by the organisation or by the rules of the organisation to sign the certificate mentioned in that paragraph.

<sup>2</sup>Only applicable where a concise report is provided to members

<sup>3</sup>Insert whichever is applicable

Our ref.: 62/2

Date: 15 September 2006

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

# **Re: CEPU NSW (Postal and Telecommunications) Branch Financial Reports for the year ending 31 March 2006**

I James Metcher being the Branch Secretary of the CEPU NSW Postal and Telecommunications Branch certify:

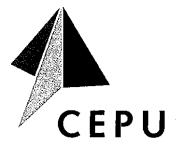
- that the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full Branch financial report and concise report for year ending 31 March 2006, referred to in s268 of the RAO schedule; and
- that the concise report, was provided to members on 19 July 2006; and
- that the full report was presented to a Annual General Meeting of the CEPU NSW Postal and Telecommunications Branch members held on 16 August 2006, in accordance with section 266 of the RAO Schedule.

Should you require further information, please contact Branch Secretary Jim Metcher on (02) 9893 7822

Yours faithfully

JIM METCHER BRANCH SECRETARY





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To: All Workplaces

No.: 06/053

Our ref.: 55/1

Date: 19 July 2006

# Branch

# **Annual General Meeting**

The 2006 Annual General Meeting of the CEPU NSW Postal and Telecommunications Branch will take place as follows:

- DATE: Wednesday 16 August 2006
- TIME: 6pm
- VENUE: CEPU NSW (P&T) Branch Office Level 3, 81 George Street Parramatta

# Order of Business

- (i) Reading and confirmation of Minutes.
- (ii) Correspondence read and dealt with.
- (iii) Appointment of Returning Officer and Auditor.
- (iv) Presentation of the Secretary's Annual Report.
- (v) Motions of which Notice has been given.
- (vi) General Business.

Should members require further information, please contact our office on (02) 9893 7822.

Yours faithfully, MATA JIM METCHER BRANCH SECRETARY MODULE Control Control

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

### **OPERATING REPORT**

Branch Committee of Management report in accordance with section 254 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 for the year ended 31 March 2006.

### Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia, Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW was that of a registered Trade Union.

There have been no significant changes to the way the Union has carried out these activities during the last financial year.

#### **Operating Result**

The operating surplus for the NSW Branch for the year ending 31 March 2006 is \$406,657.

#### Significant Changes

There have been no significant changes to the operating costs of the Branch in the last financial year.

#### **Rights of Members**

Members have the right to resign their membership of the union by giving written notice of resignation to the Branch Secretary. This written notification is accepted subject to the rules of CEPU and in accordance with section 174 of the Workplace Relations Act.

#### Superannuation Office Holders

The ACTU has appointed Jim Metcher (Elected officer) as the members' representative on the board of the Australia Post Superannuation Scheme.

#### Membership Numbers

- (1) Under section 230 of the RAO Schedule the number of persons recorded in the register of members and who under section 244 of the RAO Schedule are taken to be members of the NSW Branch of the Union as at the 31 March 2006 was 12,815.
- (2) The number of persons, both full-time and part time employees measured on a full-time equivalent basis, employed by the NSW Branch of the Union as at 31 March 2006 was 16.5.
- (3) The names of persons who have at any time during the financial year ending 31 March 2006 been members of the CEPU P & T NSW Branch Committee of Management and periods they served on the committee are as follows:

Branch President	Wayne Hewitt	1/8/2005 – 31/3/2006
Branch Vice Presidents	Tom Anderson Peter Jones Cynthia Tałato Rod Baxter	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Secretary	Jim Metcher	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006

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# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# **OPERATING REPORT (cont'd)**

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Branch Assistant Secretary	Laurie Chałker	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Organisers	Lyle Brittain Steve Dodd Shane Murphy Peter Chaloner Gil Enzon Michael Etue Tan Kien Ly	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
Lines & General Postal Sectional Representatives	John Bloomfield Peter O'Connell Leslie Riddle Zoran Ancevski Kingsley Searle Rod Baxter Evan Cartwright Trevor Dowse Grenville Highfield Tom Anderson Max Cantania Joe Di Mento Sepwita Fepuleaui	1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 31/7/2005 1/8/2005 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 31/3/2006
Postal Sectional Representatives	Phillip Brew Stephen Brewer Kathleen Davies Rammon Gammad Wayne Hewitt Geoffrey Johnson Peter Psomas Robyn Steele Maxwell Wiley John Masters Gokman Saticieli Jason Tran	1/4/2005 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 31/3/2006

For and on behalf of the Committee of Management

JIM METCHER BRANCH SECRETARY 21 June 2006

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

#### BRANCH COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S STATEMENT

On the 21st June 2006 the Branch Committee of Management of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the Branch for the year ended 31 March 2006.

The Branch Committee of Management declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial report and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial report and notes comply with the reporting guidelines of the Industrial Registrar;
- (c) the financial report and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the branch for the financial year ended 31 March 2006;
- (d) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Branch will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (e) during the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and since the end of the financial year:
  - (i) meetings of the Branch Committee of Management were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation and the rules of the Branch; and
  - (ii) the financial affairs of the Branch have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation and the rules of the Branch; and
  - (iii) the financial records of the Branch have been kept and maintained in accordance with Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and the Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Regulations 2003; and
  - (iv) the financial records of the Branch have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner to each of the other branches of the organisation; and
  - (v) the information sought in any request of a member of the Branch or a Registrar duly made under section 272 of Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Act 1996 has been furnished to the member or Registrar; and
  - (vi) there has been compliance with any order for inspection of the financial records made by the Commission under section 273 of Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Act 1996

For the Branch Committee of Management:

JIM METCHER

21 June 2006

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	Note	2006	2005
INCOME		\$	\$
Membership Contributions		3,256,066	3,247,669
Interest		4,500	24
Rent		369,510	244,812
Dividend		107	197
Sundry Income		23,325	-
TOTAL INCOME		3,653,508	3,492,702
EXPENDITURE			
Depreciation		73,541	92,005
Employee Benefits Expense			
Salaries and Allowances – Officials.		709,424	833,075
Salaries and Allowances – Staff		441,388	336,702
Payroli Tax		91,158	80,757
Provident Fund and Superannuation		154,091	152,417
Provision for Long Service Leave		39,539	6,263
Provision for Annual Leave		(26,671)	20,769
Provision for Sick Leave		39,780	68,714
		1,448,709	1,498,697
Other Expenses			
Affiliation Fees		73,141	67,341
Bank Charges		17,947	19,903
Capitation Divisional Conference		738,757	733,857
Collection Costs - Membership Contributions		33,481	35,432
Computer Expenses		69,951	69,820
Delegates, Meetings and Organisers Expenses		58,724	57,616
Donations & Grants		500	15,000
Electricity, Gas and Heating		31,737	28,753
Emergency Ambulance Transport Benefit Fund	9	7,965	7,352
Fringe Benefit Tax		2,599	33,417
Honorarium		500	500
ACTU Your Rights At Work Campaign		59,015	-
Insurance		38,677	42,640
Interest & Bank Charges – CBA Bill Facility		99,912	128,487
Leasing Fee		19,040	5,188
Legal and Professional Fees	11	91,043	160,524
Mortality Benefits Paid		2,000	4,500
Motor Vehicle Expenses		90,962	90,488
National Council Fund		6,009	5,088
Other Expenditure		32,717	34,706
Parking Space Levy		7,728	5,805
Postage, Printing and Stationery		56,840	71,775
Publication and Communication		5,102	
Carried Forward		1,544,347	1,618,192

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# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

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	Note	2006	2005
		\$	\$
Other Expenses (cont'd)			
Brought Forward		1,544,347	1,618,192
Rates and Taxes		49,343	42,688
Repairs and Maintenance		32,866	27,371
Sub-Branch Expenses		1,378	1,538
Telecommunication costs		61,178	93,282
Training		18,137	38,234
Workers Compensation		17,352	17,431
-		1,724,601	1,838,736
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		3,246,851	3,429,438
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		406,657	63,264
Accumulated Funds at Beginning of Year	_	6,029,316	5,966,052
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		6,435,973	6,029,316

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2006**

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		6,435,973	6,029,316
Represented by Net Assets as Follows:			
CURRENT ASSETS Accrued Interest Bonds Cash and Cash Equivalents Sundry Debtors and Prepayments Deductions in Transit	5	530 6,795 190,729 59,444 27,080 284,578	13 6,795 158,579 87,417 49,281 302,085
NON CURRENT ASSETS Shares in Listed Company Property, Plant and Equipment	6 7	1,591 9,047,459 9,049,050	1,591 9,120,545 9,122,136
TOTAL ASSETS		9,333,628	9,424,221
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities Branch Education Training Fund Emergency Ambulance Transport Benefit Fund Provision for Long Service Leave Provision for Annual Leave Provision for Sick Leave Sundry Creditors and Accruals Sundry Creditor - Divisional Conference Divisional Executive Loan CBA Bill Facility - Secured	8 9 14	7,768 9,867 254,175 101,996 413,588 255,933 295,733 14,000 258,720 1,611,780	7,768 9,867 214,605 128,667 324,876 247,019 789,595 24,000 258,720 2,005,117
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Provision for Sick Leave CBA Bill Facility – Secured Sundry Creditor – Divisional Conference Divisional Executive Loan	14	40,262 914,480 331,133 0 1,285,875	89,194 1,151,640 132,954 16,000 1,389,788
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,897,655	3,394,905
NET ASSETS		6,435,973	6,029,316

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	Accumulated Funds	
	\$	
Balance at 1 April 2004	5,966,052	
Net Surplus for Year Ended 31 March 2005	63,264	
Balance at 31 March 2005	6,029,316	
Net Surplus for Year Ended 31 March 2006	406,657	
Balance at 31 March 2006	6,435,973	

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Members Payments to Suppliers and Employees Interest Received Interest Paid Rent Received Other Receipts		3,278,267 (3,279,516) 3,983 (99,912) 369,510 23,432	3,243,448 (3,142,428) 24 (128,487) 244,812 5,296
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10(b) _	295,764	222,665
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	-	(454)	(14,582)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	-	(454)	(14,582)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of Borrowings Repayment of Bank Bill Facility	-	(26,000) (237,160)	40,000 (258,720)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-	(263,160)	(218,720)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		32,150	(10,637)
Cash at 1 April 2005		158,579	169,216
CASH AT 31 MARCH 2006	10(a)	190,729	158,579

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations and the Work Place Relations Act, 1996.

Compliance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ensures that the financial report comprising the financial statements and notes thereto, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) except for:

- Segment reporting because AASB 114 "Segment Reporting" does not apply to not-for-profit organisations.
- Impairment of assets under AASB 136 "Impairment of assets"

#### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The financial report is for the entity Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW, as an individual entity. The Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia is an organisation registered under the Workplace Relations Act, 1996. The Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW is a Branch of the registered organisation. In accordance with the Act the Union is a body corporate and has perpetual succession. By virtue of this method of incorporation, the Union and the Branch are not subject to the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected financial assets and liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

This is the first financial report prepared under AIFRS and AASB 1 First-Time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards has been applied in preparing these statements. Comparatives for the year ended 31 March 2005 have been restated accordingly.

Reconciliations of the effect of the introduction of AIFRS on the Union's Accumulated Funds, Reserves, Net Surplus and Liabilities are detailed in Note 4.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Revenue

Contributions and Entrance Fees are accounted for on a cash receipts basis. Otherwise, the concept of accruals accounting has been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements. Interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

### (b) Income Tax

No provision for Income Tax is necessary as the Union is exempt from Income Tax under Section 50 - 15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

### (c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is at cost carried less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value.

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of plant and equipment is depreciated on a diminishing value method over their useful lives to the union commencing from the time the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of asset are:

Office Furniture and Equipment	10% - 33%
Motor Vehicles	22.5%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Gains and losses on disposals are calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the asset's carrying amount and are included in the income statement in the year that the item is derecognised.

Land and Buildings

Land and Buildings are carried at fair value.

#### (d) Impairment

The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised in the income statement for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value and value in use. For the purpose of assessing value in use, this represents depreciated current replacement cost, as the Union is a not-for profit organisation.

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

# (e) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Branch's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on costs.

Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. In the case of Long Service Leave this results in an amount not materially different to that achieved by discounting future cash flows.

Contributions are made by the Branch to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

### (f) Investments

All investments and other financial assets are initially stated at cost, being the fair value of consideration given plus acquisition costs. Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade date, which is the date on which the entity commits to purchase, or sell the asset. Accounting policies for each category of investments and other financial assets subsequent to initial recognition are set out below.

# Available-for-sale financial assets

Investments, which are classified as available for sale, are measured at fair value.

# (g) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables on the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

# (h) Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Effective

There have been no accounting standards issued which will impact the financial report in future periods and which are not yet effective.

#### POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

#### 2. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### (a) Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Branch makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates by definition seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of asset and liabilities.

# (b) Critical judgments in applying the Branch's accounting principles

There are no critical judgements that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities.

## 3. 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 272 of Schedule 1B which read as follows:-

- (1) A member of an organisation, or a Registrar, may apply to the reporting unit for specified prescribed information in relation to the reporting unit to be made available to the person making the application.
- (2) The application must be in writing and must specify the period within which, and the manner in which, the information is to be made available. The period must not be less than 14 days after the application is given to the reporting unit.
- (3) A reporting unit must comply with an application made under subsection (1).

# 4. IMPACT OF ADOPTION OF AIFRS

The impact of adopting AIFRS on the Accumulated Funds, Reserves, Surplus and Liabilities, reported under previous Australian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("AGAAP") are set out below.

	·	\$
(a)	Total Accumulated Funds and Reserves under previous AGAAP at 1 April 2004	5,966,052
	Total Accumulated Funds under AIFRS at 1 April 2004	5,966,052

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

# 4. IMPACT OF ADOPTION OF AIFRS (cont'd)

	(1)			\$
	(b)	Adjustments to Reserves Asset Revaluation Reserve under previous AGAAP at Transfer of Asset Revaluation Reserve to Accumulate		471,707 (471,707)
		Asset Revaluation Reserve under AIFRS at 1 April 20	04	<u> </u>
	(c)	There are no material differences between the Ca presented under AIFRS and the Cash Flow Statema AGAAP.		
			2006	2005
5.	CAS	SH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	\$
	Cas	h on Hand h at Bank h Management Account	800 61,386 128,543 190,729	800 143,220 14,559 158,579
6.	INV	VESTMENTS		
		ailable-For-Sale Financial Assets res (at fair value)	1,591	1,591
7.	PR	OPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
		nd and Buildings George Street, Parramatta		
		fair value	8,625,000	8,625,000
	At C	ice Furniture and Equipment Cost s Accumulated Depreciation	692,982 (366,353)	692,526 (3 <b>2</b> 0,633)
			326,629	371,893
	At (	tor Vehicles Cost s Accumulated Depreciation	389,406 (293,576)	389,406 (265,754)
		• .	95,830	123,652
	то	TAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	9,047,459	9,120,545

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# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3I MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

# 7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (cont'd)

# MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING AMOUNTS

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Land and Buildings	Office Furniture and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Balance at 1 April 2005 Additions	8,625,000	371,893 454	123,652	9,120,545 454
Disposals Depreciation	-	(45,718)	(27,822)	(73,540)
Balance at 31 March 2006	8,625,000	326,629	95,830	9,047,459
			2006 \$	
BRANCH EDUCATION TR	AINING FUND			
Balance brought forward Add Training Fund Levies Rec Less Benefits Paid	ceived		7,768	7,768
Balance carried forward			7,768	7,768
EMERGENCY AMBULAN	CE TRANSPORT	BENEFIT FU	ND	
Balance brought forward Transfer from Income Stateme Less Benefits Paid	nt		9,867 7,965 ( <b>7</b> ,965)	5 7,352
Balance carried forward			9,867	9,867

# 10. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

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(a) For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in at call deposits with banks and financial institutions.

Cash at the end of the year is shown in the statement of financial position as :

Cash on Hand	800	800
Cash at Bank	61,386	143,220
Cash Management Account	128,543	14,559
	190,729	158,579

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

		2006	2005
<b>10.</b> (b)	CASH FLOW INFORMATION (cont'd) Reconciliation of cash flow from Operations with Operating Result	\$	\$
	Net Surplus	406,657	63,264
	Non-Cash Flows in Operating Result		
	Depreciation	73,541	92,005
	Changes in Assets and Liabilities	·	
	(Increase)/Decrease in Accrued Interest (Increase)/Decrease in Sundry Debtors Increase/(Decrease) in Sundry Creditors Increase in Provisions	(517) 50,173 (286,769) 52,679	3 (14,947) 76,624 5,716
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	295,764	222,665
11.	LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES		
	Auditors' Remuneration:		
	Audit Fees Accounting Services	10,035 5,820	22,000 19,000
		15,855	41,000
	Legal Costs	75,188	119,524
		91,043	160,524

# 12. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The following persons were members of the Branch Committee of Management during the financial period.

Branch President	Wayne Hewitt	1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Vice Presidents	Tom Anderson Peter Jones Cynthia Talato Rod Baxter	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Secretary	Jim Metcher	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Assistant Secretary	Laurie Chalker	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

# 12. RELATED PARTIES (cont'd)

Branch Organisers	Lyle Brittain	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Steve Dodd	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Shane Murphy	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Peter Chaloner	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Gil Enzon	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Michael Etue	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Tan Kien Ly	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
Lines & General Postal	John Bloomfield	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
Sectional Representatives	Peter O'Connell	1/4/2005 31/3/2006
	Leslie Riddle	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Zoran Ancevski	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Kingsley Searle	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Rod Baxter	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005
	Evan Cartwright	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005
	Trevor Dowse	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005
	Grenville Highfield	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005
	Tom Anderson	1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Max Cantania	1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Joe Di Mento	1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Sepwita Fepuleaui	1/8/2005 – 31/3/2006
Postal	Phillip Brew	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005
Sectional Representatives	Stephen Brewer	1/4/2005 – 31/3/2006
	Kathleen Davies	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005
	Rammon Gammad	1/4/2005 – 31/3/2006
	Wayne Hewitt	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005
	Geoffrey Johnson	1/4/2005 – 31/3/2006
	Peter Psomas	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	Robyn Steele	1/4/2005 – 31/3/2006
	Maxwell Wiley	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
	John Masters	1/8/2005 31/3/2006
	Gokman Saticieli	1/8/2005 – 31/3/2006
	Jason Tran	1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006

- (b) The aggregate amount of remuneration paid to officers during the financial year is disclosed in the Income Statement under Salaries and allowances Officials
- (c) The aggregate amount paid during the financial year to a superannuation plan in respect of elected full time officials was \$80,691 (2005: \$93,352)
- (d) There have been no other transactions between the officers and the Branch other than those relating to their membership of the Branch and the reimbursement by the Branch in respect of expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Such transactions have been on conditions no more favourable than those which it is reasonable to expect would have been adopted by parties at arm's length.

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

# **13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Branch's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate for each class of financial assets and financial liabilities is set out below:

31 March 2006	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate		Non interest bearing	Total
		l year or less	Over 1 to 5 years	6	
Financial Assets Cash	\$ 61,386	\$	\$ -	<b>\$</b> 800	<b>\$</b> 62,18
Receivables	-	-	-	55,352	55,35
Cash Management Account	128,543	·		<u> </u>	128,54
	189,929			56,152	246,08
Weighted Average Interest Rate Financial Liabilities	4.80%				
Payables	-	-	-	900,434	900,43
Loans		258,720	914,480	14,000	1,187,20
		258,720	914,480	914,434	2,087,63
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities)	189,929	(258,720)	(914,480)	(858,282)	(1,841,553
31 March 2005					
Financial Assets					
Cash Receivables	143,220	-	-	800 96,433	144,02 96,43
Cash Management Account	14,559			90,433	14,55
	157,779	<u> </u>		97,233	255,01
Weighted Average Interest Rate Financial Liabilities	1.05%				
Payables	_	-	_	1,187,203	1,187,20
Loans		258,720	1,151,640	40,000	1,450,36
		258,720	1,151,640	1,227,203	2,637,56
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities)	157,779	(258,720)	(1,151,640)	(1,129,970)	(2,382,55)

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (cont'd)

#### 13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont'd)

#### Credit Risk Exposure

Credit risk is the risk that counterparties to a financial asset will fail to discharge their obligation, causing the Branch to incur financial loss.

The credit risk exposure of the Branch to financial assets which have been recognised in the Statement of Financial Position is generally the carrying amounts, net of any provisions for doubtful debts.

The carrying amounts of cash and non-interest bearing monetary financial assets and liabilities (e.g. receivables and payables) approximate net fair values.

#### 14. CBA BILL FACILITY - SECURED

The CBA Bill Facility is secured by a registered mortgage over the property at 81 George Street, Parramatta.

# **15. SUPERANNUATION**

All employees of the Branch are entitled to benefits from a superannuation plan on retirement, disability or death. The Branch participated in a defined contribution plan. The benefits provided under this plan are based on accumulated contributions and earnings for each employee. The Branch's liability is limited to paying the contributions to the plan.

#### **16. BRANCH MEMBERSHIP**

For the purposes of the National Council Composition and Voting Rights, the actual membership contributions received for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 were \$3,278,267.

### **17. REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office and principal place of business of the Branch is:

Level 3, 81 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150

#### POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

#### Scope

# The Financial Report and the Responsibility of the Branch Committee of Management and Branch Secretary

The financial report comprises the balance sheet, income statement, statement of changes in accumulated funds, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the Branch Committee of Management's statement for the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW, for the year ended 31 March 2006.

The Branch Committee of Management and the Branch Secretary are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Workplace Relations Act 1996. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

#### Audit Approach

We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Branch. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal controls, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Workplace Relations Act 1996, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Branch's financial position and its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Branch Committee of Management and the Branch secretary.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

#### POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# Audit Opinion

In our opinion the general purpose financial report of Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW is in accordance with the Workplace Relations Act 1996, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Branch's financial position as at 31 March 2006 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia; and
- (iii) complying with the requirements of the RAO Schedule.

Mans also

A J Williams & Co Chartered Accountants

D S McLean Registered Company Auditor SYDNEY NSW 2000

7 July 2006

# POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NSW

# CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

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# DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Information on the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia, Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW Concise Financial Report:

The financial statements and disclosures in the concise financial report have been derived from the 2006 financial report of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW.

A copy of the full financial report and auditors report can be sent to any members, free of charge, upon request.

This discussion and analysis is provided to assist members in understanding the concise report. The discussion and analysis is based on Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW 2006 financial report.

#### **Income Statement and Balance Sheet Position:**

The end of year 2006 financial report reflects a positive financial position following key budgetary targets exceeding expectations. Branch investments into representative skills training programmes supported by improved member communication and education services has contributed to membership stability. Increasing alternative income returns arising from the property asset is also a noticeable contributor to the overall balance sheet.

Whilst the end of year financial position exceeded budget expectations, additional funds will be necessary to retire current and new liabilities associated with the collective Union's 'Your Rights at Work' Campaign. This important campaign is targeting the Federal Government's WorkChoice Industrial Relations changes, that are affecting workplaces and Australian working families as from 27 March 2006.

CEPU Communications Division Branches have resolved to introduce a \$1 per week "Your Rights at Work" membership levy to commence as of 1 July 2006 for a term of 2 years. These funds raised from the \$1 membership levy are to specifically finance all aspects of the campaign including the rolling authorized ACTU and Unions NSW television campaign advertisements.

#### **Statement of Cash Flows:**

The cash flow of the Branch has been managed to ensure liabilities are met when they fall due. The Branch has secured long-term rental returns with fixed annual increases within the redeveloped building property, returning immediate and long-term alternative cash income benefits. The financial management plan for servicing and early retirement of the outstanding building redevelopment bank loan remains a targeted objective of the Branch Committee of Management.

JIM METCHER BRANCH SECRETARY

21 June 2006

# **OPERATING REPORT**

Branch Committee of Management report in accordance with section 254 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 for the year ended 31 March 2006.

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia, Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW was that of a registered Trade Union.

There have been no significant changes to the way the Union has carried out these activities during the last financial year.

#### **Operating Result**

The operating surplus for the NSW Branch for the year ending 31 March 2006 is \$406,657.

#### Significant Changes

There have been no significant changes to the operating costs of the Branch in the last financial year.

#### **Rights of Members**

Members have the right to resign their membership of the union by giving written notice of resignation to the Branch Secretary. This written notification is accepted subject to the rules of CEPU and in accordance with section 174 of the Workplace Relations Act.

#### Superannuation Office Holders

The ACTU has appointed Jim Metcher (Elected officer) as the members' representative on the board of the Australia Post Superannuation Scheme.

#### Membership Numbers

- (1) Under section 230 of the RAO Schedule the number of persons recorded in the register of members and who under section 244 of the RAO Schedule are taken to be members of the NSW Branch of the Union as at the 31 March 2006 was 12,815.
- (2) The number of persons, both full-time and part time employees measured on a full-time equivalent basis, employed by the NSW Branch of the Union as at 31 March 2006 was 16.5.
- (3) The names of persons who have at any time during the financial year ending 31 March 2006 been members of the CEPU P & T NSW Branch Committee of Management and periods they served on the committee are as follows:

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# **OPERATING REPORT (cont'd)**

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Branch President	Wayne Hewitt	1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Vice Presidents	Tom Anderson Peter Jones Cynthia Talato Rod Baxter	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Secretary	Jim Metcher	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Assistant Secretary	Laurie Chalker	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
Branch Organisers	Lyle Brittain Steve Dodd Shane Murphy Peter Chaloner Gil Enzon Michael Etue Tan Kien Ly	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006
Lines & General Postal Sectional Representatives	John Bloomfield Peter O'Connell Leslie Riddle Zoran Ancevski Kingsley Searle Rod Baxter Evan Cartwright Trevor Dowse Grenville Highfield Tom Anderson Max Cantania Joe Di Mento Sepwita Fepuleaui	1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
Postal Sectional Representatives	Phillip Brew Stephen Brewer Kathleen Davies Rammon Gammad Wayne Hewitt Geoffrey Johnson Peter Psomas Robyn Steele Maxwell Wiley John Masters Gokman Saticieli Jason Tran	1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/7/2005 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/4/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006 1/8/2005 - 31/3/2006
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JIM METCHER BRANCH SECRETARY

21 June 2006

# BRANCH COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S STATEMENT

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2006 the Branch Committee of Management of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union Of Australia Postal And Telecommunications Branch NSW passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the Branch for the year ended 31 March 2006.

The Branch Committee of Management declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial report and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial report and notes comply with the reporting guidelines of the Industrial Registrar;
- (c) the financial report and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the branch for the financial year ended 31 March 2006;
- (d) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Branch will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (e) during the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and since the end of the financial year:
  - (i) meetings of the Branch Committee of Management were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation and the rules of the Branch; and
  - (ii) the financial affairs of the Branch have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation and the rules of the Branch; and
  - (iii) the financial records of the Branch have been kept and maintained in accordance with Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and the Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Regulations 2003; and
  - (iv) the financial records of the Branch have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner to each of the other branches of the organisation; and
  - (v) the information sought in any request of a member of the Branch or a Registrar duly made under section 272 of Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Act 1996 has been furnished to the member or Registrar; and
  - (vi) there has been compliance with any order for inspection of the financial records made by the Commission under section 273 of Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Act 1996

For the Branch Committee of Management:

JIM METCHER BRANCH SECRETARY

21 June 2006

# INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	2006	2005
INCOME	\$	\$
Membership Contributions	3,256,066	3,247,669
Interest	4,500	24
Rent	369,510	244,812
Dividend	107	197
Sundry Income	23,325	
TOTAL INCOME	3,653,508	3,492,702
EXPENDITURE		
Depreciation	73,541	92,005
Employee Benefits Expense	1,448,709	1,498,697
Other expenses	1,724,601	1,838,736
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,246,851	3,429,438
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	406,657	63,264
Accumulated Funds at Beginning of Year	6,029,316	5,966,052
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	6,435,973	6,029,316

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2006

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AS AT 31 MARCH 2006	2006 \$	2005 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	6,435,973	6,029,316
Represented by Net Assets as Follows:		
CURRENT ASSETS	100 700	159 570
Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables	190,729 93,849	158,579 143,506
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	284,578	302,085
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Shares in Listed Company	1,591	1,591
Fixed Assets	9,047,459	9,120,545
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	9,049,050	9,122,136
TOTAL ASSETS	9,333,628	9,424,221
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	569,301	1,054,249
Provisions	769,759	668,148
Divisional Executive Loan	14,000	24,000
CBA Bill Facility – Secured	258,720	258,720
	1,611,780	2,005,117
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	331,133	132,954
Provisions	40,262	89,194
CBA Bill Facility – Secured	914,480	1,151,640
Divisional Executive Loan		16,000
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,285,875	1,389,788
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,897,655	3,394,905
NET ASSETS	6,435,973	6,029,316

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	Accumulated Funds	
	\$	
Balance at 1 April 2004	5,966,052	
Net Surplus for Year Ended 31 March 2005	63,264	
Balance at 31 March 2005	6,029,316	
Net Surplus for Year Ended 31 March 2006	406,657	
Balance at 31 March 2006	6,435,973	

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Members	3,278,267	3,243,448
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(3,279,516)	(3,142,428)
Interest Received	3,983	24
Interest Paid	(99,912)	(128,487)
Rent Received	369,510	244,812
Other Receipts	23,432	5,296
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING		
ACTIVITIES	295,764	222,665
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	(454)	(14,582)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(454)	(14,582)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from Borrowings	(26,000)	40,000
Repayment of Bank Bill Facility	(237,160)	(258,720)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(263,160)	(218,720)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH	32,150	(10,637)
Cash at 1 April 2005	158,579	169,216
CASH AT 31 MARCH 2006	190,729	158,579

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

# NOTE 1: BASIC PREPARATION OF THE CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT

The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the concise financial report are derived from and are consistent with the full report of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia, Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW. The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide as detailed an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia, Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW as the full financial report.

The full report is the first financial report prepared under AIFRS and AASB 1 First-Time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards has been applied in preparing these statements. Comparatives for the year ended 31 March 2005, have been presented applying AIFRS.

There have been no adjustments required to assets, liabilities or total accumulated funds as a result of the introduction of AIFRS.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the entity and are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

#### NOTE 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 272 of Schedule 1B which read as follows:

- [1] A member of a reporting unit, or a Registrar, may apply to the reporting unit for specified prescribed information in relation to the reporting unit to be made available to the person making the application.
- [2] The application must be in writing and must specify the period within which, and the manner in which, the information is to be made available. The period must not be less than 14 days after the application is given to the reporting unit.
- [3] A reporting unit must comply with an application made under subsection (1).

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

To the members of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW

#### Scope

We have audited the concise financial report of Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia, Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 comprising the Branch Committee of Management's Statement, Income Statement, Balance sheet, Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements. The Branch Committee of Management and the Branch Secretary are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the concise financial report is free of material misstatement. We have also performed an independent audit of the full financial report of Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia, Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW for the year ended 31 March 2006. Our audit report on the full financial report was signed on 7 July 2006, and was not subject to any qualification.

Our procedures in respect of the audit of the concise financial report included testing that the information in the concise financial report is consistent with the full financial report, and examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts, discussion and analysis, and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the full financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

#### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report of Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union of Australia, Postal and Telecommunications Branch NSW complies with Accounting Standards and the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

A J Williams & Co Chartered Accountants

D S McLean Registered Company Auditor SYDNEY NSW 2000

7 July 2006



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Mr Jim Metcher Secretary, NSW Postal & Telecommunications Branch CEPU PO Box 250 PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Dear Mr Metcher

# Re: Lodgement of Financial Statements and Accounts – New South Wales Postal & Telecommunications Branch, CEPU – for year ending 31 March 2006 (FR2006/207)

I refer to the abovementioned financial statements and accounts which were lodged in the Registry on 19 September 2006.

The legislative requirements appear to have been met. I take this opportunity however to mention the following item for future reference.

# **Recovery of Wages Activity Report**

I note the financial report did not contain any Recovery of Wages Activity report. Paragraph 16 of the Industrial Registrar's Guidelines (applying to financial years commencing after 11 November 2004) states:

Where the reporting unit has undertaken recovery of wages activity (and has derived revenues for the financial year in respect of such activity) the reporting unit must cause to be prepared for purposes of paragraph 253(2)(c) of the RAO Schedule a financial report in which is disclosed financial information associated with such activity.

Paragraphs 17-23 describe what such a report must contain, and paragraph 25(f) requires that the Committee of Management Statement contain various declarations in relation to such recovery wages activity.

My purpose in drawing the above provisions to attention is so that if such activity occurs in future years, the Branch is made aware that it should be reported in accordance with these Guidelines.

The documents have now been filed.

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen Kellett Statutory Services Branch

4 October 2006