

Fair Work Australia

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cc: Len Palmer President National Tertiary Education Industry Union - Charles Sturt University Branch By email: <u>nteu@csu.edu.au</u>

Dear Ms Savage,

## Financial reports of the National Tertiary Education Industry Union - Charles Sturt University Branch for the financial years ended 30 June 2005 (FR2005/352), 30 June 2006 (FR2006/272), 30 June 2007 (FR2007/322) and 30 June 2008 (FR2008/402)

I acknowledge receipt of the financial reports of the National Tertiary Education Industry Union -Charles Sturt University Branch for the financial years ended 30 June 2005, 30 June 2006, 30 June 2007 and 30 June 2008. In each instance, the documents were lodged in the Fair Work Australia on 10 July 2009.

Each of the financial reports have been filed. You are not required to take any further action in connection with the abovementioned reports.

I appreciate for the financial year ended 30 June 2009 it is anticipated that, in accordance with the scheme of the organisation's rules, all financial affairs will be administered by the organisation (through its national office) and accounted for accordingly. None the less I draw your attention to a number of matters in the present reports which, in the event the Branch was required to again prepare a financial report, should taken into account to achieve full compliance.

## 1. Timescale Requirements

As you are aware, reporting units are required to undertake their financial reporting obligations in accordance with specified timelines. As the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 reports have been completed, the relevant timelines are incapable of being remedied. However it should be noted that the timelines have not changed under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (RO Act) and the preparation and lodgment of any future financial report must occur within these timelines.

In particular, sections 253 and 254 of the RO Act require that a General Purpose Financial Report (GPFR) and an Operating Report be prepared as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year. Further, section 266 requires that the financial report be presented to a general meeting of members or a committee of management meeting within six months after the end of the financial year. In the absence of an extension of time for holding a general meeting [see section 265(5)] the latest possible date of lodgment with Fair Work Australia is six months and 14 days after the end of the financial year. I have attached a document which sets out the timelines in diagrammatical form.

11 Exhibition Street T Melbourne VIC 3000 Inter GPO Box 1994 Melbourne VIC 3001 Emai In future years, any financial report would need to be prepared in sufficient time to enable presentation to a meeting within six months after the end of the financial year and lodgement in Fair Work Australia no later than 14 days after that meeting.

## 2. Operating Report

## Membership of Committee of Management

Each operating report contained a list of office holders as at the end of the financial year. Please note that the operating report is required to contain the name of each person who has been a member of the committee of management of the reporting unit at any time during the reporting period, and the period for which he or she held such a position – refer to regulation 159(c) *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009.* 

## 3. Employee Benefits

The Reporting Guidelines require reporting units to disclose in the income statement, or in the notes, employee benefits to holders of office (item 11(g)) and employee benefits to other employees (item 11(h)).

I note that the income statement does not distinguish between employee benefits for office holders and other employees. Employee benefits for office holders and other employees should be separately disclosed.

The Reporting Guidelines also require either the balance sheet or the notes to disclose any liability for employee benefits in respect of office holders and other employees (items 14(c) and 14 (d)). Nothing on the face of the notes disclose these liabilities.

Finally, AASB119 generally requires the notes to include a policy in relation to recognition of short term employee benefits (annual leave, sick leave), long term employee benefits (long service leave) and post employment benefits (retirement and superannuation). No relevant policy appears in the notes to the accounts filed.

## 4. References to Schedule 1B

Note 11 (2005 and 2006), and Note 9 (2007 and 2008) in the relevant GPFR make reference to Schedule 1B of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. Such references should have been to Schedule 1 of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. Designated Officer's Certificates prepared after 1 July 2009 should to refer to the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.

If you wish to discuss any matters further, I can be contacted on 03 8661 7811 or via email to <u>mark.elliott@fwa.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

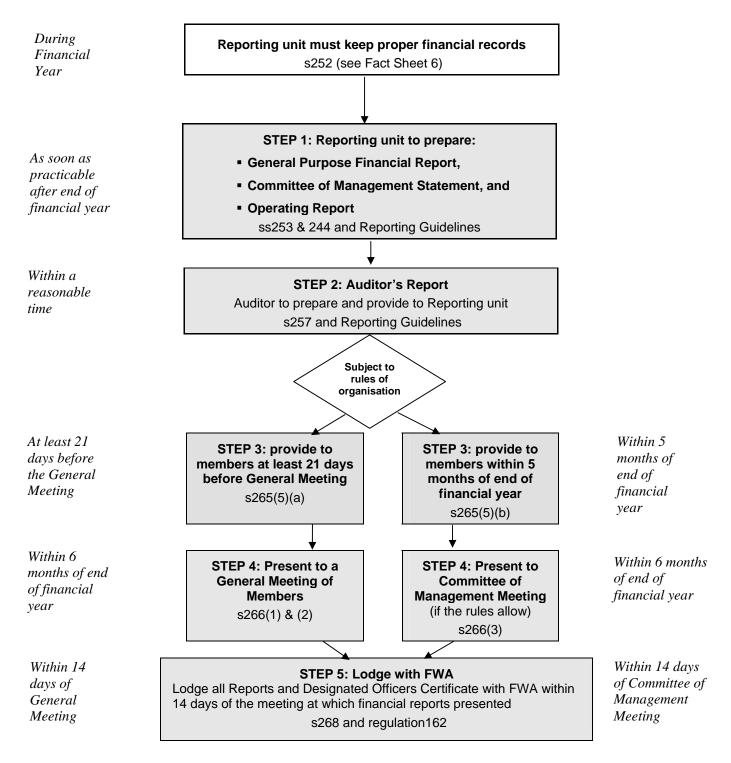
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## RO Fact Sheet No. 09/2009 1 July 2009

# Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 Legislation Fact Sheet

## **Diagrammatic Summary of Financial Reporting Time-lines**

Financial reports are to be lodged with FWA within 6½ months of end of financial year by completing the steps as outlined below. See Fact Sheet 8 for an explanation of each of these steps.



## Certificate of Secretary or other Authorised Officer

S268 of Schedule 1B Workplace Relations Act 1996

I, LEONARD PALMER being PRESIDENT of the CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY BRANCH certify:

- That the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full reports for 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, referred to in s268 of the RAO Schedule ; and
- That the full reports 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, were provided to members on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009; and
- That the full reports 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 were presented to a general meeting of members of the reporting unit on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009; in accordance with section 266 of the RAO Schedule.

Signature

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Len Palmer President, CSU Branch

Date 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009

## NATIONAL TERTIARY

## **EDUCATION INDUSTRY UNION**

## CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

## BRANCH

Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

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#### **OPERATING REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Branch during the financial year were:

- To improve and protect the salaries and conditions of employment of our members;
- To represent our members in approaches to and discussions with their employer;
- To negotiate collective agreements which improve the conditions of employment of our members;
- · To enforce existing industrial agreements on behalf of our members; and
- To promote industrial peace through conciliation and arbitration.

#### **Results of Principal Activities**

The Branch's principal activities resulted in the maintenance and improvement of the salaries and conditions of employment of our members, especially for those members covered by collective agreements negotiated by the Branch.

#### Significant Changes in the Nature of Principal Activities

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Branch's principal activities during the financial year.

#### Significant Changes in the Union's Financial Affairs

No matters or circumstances arose during the reporting year which significantly affected the financial affairs of the Branch.

## Trustee or Director of a Trustee Company of a Superannuation Entity or an Exempt Public Sector Superannuation Scheme

No officer of the Branch was a Trustee or Director of a Trustee Company of a Superannuation Entity or an Exempt Public Sector Superannuation Scheme.

#### Number of members

The number of persons who, at the end of the financial year, were recorded on the Register of Members was 404 (2004 - 456).

## **OPERATING REPORT**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005 (Continued)

#### Number of employees

The number of persons who were, at the end of the financial year, employees of the Branch was 1 employee measured on a full time equivalent basis.

#### Members of the committee of management

The persons who held office as members of the Committee of Management of the Union at 30 June 2008 were:

Branch President	Kevin Poynter
Vice-President (Academic)	Len Palmer
Vice-President (General)	Cherr Kolbe
Branch Secretary	David Tien
Treasurer	Vacant
Executive Member (Academic Staff)	Kevin Wilkins
Executive Member (Indigenous Staff)	Laurie Crawford
Committee Member	Jenni Brackenreg

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#### **OPERATING REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005 (Continued)

#### Manner of resignation - s254(2)(c)

Members may resign from the Branch in accordance with Rule 11 (Resignation from Membership) which reads as follows:

- A member may resign from membership by written notice addressed and delivered to the 11.1 member's Branch Secretary or Branch Secretary provided that:
  - (a) Where a written notice of resignation is received by a Branch Secretary, he or she shall as soon as practicable forward a copy of the notice of resignation to the appropriate Branch Secretary:
  - (b) Where a written notice of resignation is received by a Branch Secretary, he or she shall as soon as practicable forward a copy of the notice of resignation to the relevant Branch Secretary.
- A notice of resignation from membership takes effect: 11.2
  - (a) where the member ceases to be eligible to become a member of the Branch
    - on the day on which the notice is received by the Branch; or (i)
    - on the day specified in the notice, which is a day not earlier than the day when the (ii) member ceases to be eligible to become a member;

whichever is later; or

- (b) in any other case:
  - at the end of two weeks, or if permitted by law three months after the notice is (i) received by the Branch; or
  - (ii) on the day specified in the notice;

whichever is later.

- Any dues payable but not paid by a former member in relation to a period before the member's 11.3 resignation took effect, may be sued for and recovered in the name of the Branch in a court of competent jurisdiction, as a debt due to the Branch.
- A notice delivered to the Branch Secretary or Branch Secretary shall be taken to have been 11.4 received by the Union when it was delivered.
- A notice of resignation that has been received by the Branch is not invalid because it was not 11.5 addressed and delivered in accordance with sub-rule 1 of this rule.
- 11.6 A resignation from membership is valid even if it is not affected in accordance with this rule if the member is informed in writing by or on behalf of the Branch that the resignation has been accepted.
- Cessation of payment of any dues, levies and other amounts by a member does not, of itself, 11.7 terminate membership of the Branch.

Name: Kevin Poynter

Title: President NTEU Charles Sturt University Branch

Signature:

216/09 Date:

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#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

On  $\frac{1}{6}$ /2009 the Committee of Management of the National Tertiary Education Industry Union Charles Sturt University Branch passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the reporting unit for the financial year ended 30 June 2005:

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 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 the 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 two 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.
- (f) during the financial year, the Branch did not partake in any recovery of wages activity.

For Committee of Management: Kevin Poynter

Title: President NTEU Charles Sturt University Branch

Signature: Date:

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## INCOME STATEMENT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	NOTE	2005 \$	2004 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities: Subscriptions Interest	-	57,877 968	43,688 2,721
Total revenue from ordinary activities	~	58,845	46,409
Expenses from ordinary activities: Accounting & audit fees Bank charges Depreciation Salaries & entitlements Travel costs Other	-	5,000 86 1,045 16,162 2,446 2,735	4,100 56 405 2,546 18,127 2,113
Total expenses from ordinary activities		27,474	27,347
Net operating surplus	<del></del>	31,371	19,062

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## **BALANCE SHEET**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	NOTE	2005 \$	2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		Φ	Φ
Cash assets Investments Other assets	2 3 4	135,386 38,040 5,076	86,914 46,763 5,810
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		178,502	139,487
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment Other assets	5 4	1,722	1,045 1,722
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		1,722	2,767
TOTAL ASSETS		180,224	142,254
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables & accruals	6	20,866	14,267
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		20,866	14,267
TOTAL LIABILITIES		20,866	14,267
NET ASSETS		159,358	127,987
EQUITY Accumulated surplus	7	159,358	127,987
TOTAL SURPLUS		159,358	127,987

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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#### STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	NOTE	2005 \$	2004 \$
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Balance at start of the period Surplus for the period		127,987 31,371	10 <b>8,92</b> 5 19,062
Balance at end of period	7	159,358	127,987

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	NOTE	2005	2004 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		4	Ψ
Receipts			
Capitation fees Interest received		57,877 968	48,057 2,349
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Payments			
Cash payments in the course of operations		(19,096)	(34,724)
Net cash flows from operating activities	8	39,749	15,682
Cash flows from financing activities			
Payments for property, plant & equipment		w	(541)
Principle reduction on solidarity loan			4,944
Net cash flows from operating activities		* 	4,403
Net increase in cash held		39,749	20,085
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		133,677	113,592
Cash at the end of the financial year		173,426	133,677

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards including Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs. It does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Branch in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Revenue Recognition

#### (i) Membership Capitation Fee

The membership capitation fee revenue represents 0.23% of members' salary. The dues are collected by the Branches and remitted to the Branch by the middle of the month after they fall due and at this point recognised in the Branch's accounts.

#### (ii) Other Revenue

Other revenue comprises revenue earned from the provision of products or services and interest on monies deposited. These revenues are recognised when the goods or services are provided, or when the fee in respect of services provided is receivable.

#### (b) Income Tax

No provision for Income Tax is necessary as "Trade Unions" are exempt from income tax under Section 50-15 of the Income tax Assessment Act.

#### (c) Cash Flows

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and held at call with banks, net of bank overdrafts.

#### (d) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable form the Australian Tax Office (ATO). 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.

Payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Allocation of Current and Non-Current (e)

An Asset or a Liability shall be classified as current when it satisfies any of the following criteria:

(a) it is expected to be settled in the entity's normal operating cycle;

(b) it is held primarily for the purpose of being traded;(c) it is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting date; or

(d) the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

All other assets and liabilities shall be classified as non current.

2.	CASH ASSETS	2005 \$	2004 \$
	Cash on hand Cash at bank- NAB Cash at bank- St George	30 124,943 10,413 135,386	30 74,407 12,477 86,914
3.	INVESTMENTS		
	Term Deposit- NAB Term Deposit- St George Term Deposit- Barrie O'Keefe memorial prize	25,167 12,873 	23,476 12,873 10,141 46,763
4,	OTHER ASSETS		
	Current Assets		
	Accrued interest Loan- Solidarity fund	5,076 5,076	734 5,076 5,810
	Non Current Assets		
	Loan- Solidarity fund	<u> </u>	1,722
	Total Other Assets	6,798	7,532
5.	PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
	Office Equipment at cost Less accumulated depreclation Total property plant and equipment	1,045 (1,045)	2,504 (1,459) 1,045

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

6.	PAYABLES & ACCRUALS	2005 \$	2004 \$
	Other trade payables and accruals GST Payable	18,457 2,399	14,267
		20,866	14,267
7,	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
	Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year	127,987	108,925
	Net operating (deficit) for the year	31,371	19,062
Accumulated (deficit)/surplus at the end of the financial year		159,358	127,987
8.	CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
	Reconciliation of net operating deficit to net cash flows from operating activities:		
	Net operating surplus	31,371	•
	Non-cash flows in operating activities: Depreciation	1,045	
	Changes in assets and liabilities:	70.4	
	(Increase) / decrease in other assets Increase / (decrease) in payables & accruals	734 6,599	
	Net cash flows from operating activities	39,749	CONTRACTOR OF THE OWNER

A cashflow statement information note was not prepared for the financials for the year ended 30 June 2004. Therefore no competitive is available for the year ended 30 June 2005.

#### 9. RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

Income received or due and receivable by key management personnel of the Branch

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

#### 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### 10.1 Terms, conditions and accounting policy

#### 10.1.1 Financial Assets

Recognised Financial Instruments	Note	Accounting Policy	Terms and Conditions
Cheque Account	2	Valued at cost. Interest recognised as it accrues.	The rate at balance date was 0.5%,
Payables	6	Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods received and services provided to the branch as at balance date whether or not invoices have been received	General creditors are unsecured, not subject to interest charges and are normally settled within 30 days on invoice

#### 10.2 Interest Rate Risk

The Branch's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective interest rates of financial assets and financial liabilities at balance date are as follows;

	Note	Fixed Interest Rate \$	2005 Floating Interest Rate \$	Non Interest Bearing \$	Carrying Amount \$	Weighted Average Interest Rate %
<b>Financial assets</b> Cash assets Inve <b>s</b> tments	2 3	10,413 38,040	124,943	30	135,386 38,040	0.23 3.63
Total	-	48,453	124,943	30	165,426	
<b>Financial Liabilities</b> Payables	6		-	20,866	20,866	-
Total		÷		20,866	20,866	

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

#### 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 10.2 Interest Rate Risk (continued)

	Note	Fixed Interest Rate \$	2004 Floating Interest Rate \$	Non Interøst Bearing \$	Carrying Amount \$	Weighted Average Interest Rate %
Financial assets						
Cash assets	2	-	86,884	30	86,914	2,13
Investments	3	46,763	٠	+	46,763	3.21
Total		46,763	86,884	30	133,677	
Financial Liabilities Payables	6	-	-	14,267	14,267	
Total	-	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	-	14,267	14,267	

#### 10.3 Net Fair Value

The aggregate fair values of financial assets and liabilities as at balance date are as follows:

2005

	Note	Total Carrying Amount as per Balance sheet \$	Aggregate Net Fair Value \$
Financial Assets			
Cash assets	2	135,386	135,386
investments	3	38,040	38,040
Total Financial Acasta			007.400
Total Financial Assets		307,103	307,103
Financial Liabilities			
Payables	6	20,866	20,866
Total Financial Liabilities		20,866	20.866

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

#### 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 10.3 Net Fair Value (continued)

	2004		
	Note	Total Carrying Amount as per Balance sheet \$	Aggregate Net Fair Value \$
Financial Assets			
Cash assets Investments	2 3	86,914 46,763	86,914 46,763
Total Financial Assets		133,677	133,677
Financial Liabilities Payables	6	14,267	14,267
Total Financial Liabilities		14,267	14,267

#### 11. 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 provision of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section 272 of Schedule 1B – Registration of accountability of Organisations which reads 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 matter 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)."



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

#### NATIONAL TERTIARY EDUCATION INDUSTRY UNION CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY BRANCH

Scope

#### The general purpose financial report and Executive Committee's responsibility

The general purpose financial report comprises the income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement, statement of changes in equity, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the Executive Committee's statement of the National Tertiary Education Industry Union- Charles Sturt University Branch for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The Executive Committee of the Union is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Workplace Relation Act 1996. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect frauds and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

#### Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the Union. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatements. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitation of internal control, 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 Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia and the Workplace Relations Act 1996, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Union's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and the cash flows.

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

- 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 executive Committee.

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

#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

#### Audit Opinion

In our opinion the general purpose financial report is presented fairly in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the requirements imposed by Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the RAO Schedule of the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

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DFK Collins Chartered Accountants

Simon Bragg, A.C.A

Partner Registered Company Auditor, Registration Number: 291536

Melbourne Date:

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Dear lain

Please find attached:

NTEU Charles Sturt University Branch Financial reports for 2004-2005, 2005-2006,2006-2007 and 2007-2008

Certificate of Secretary or other Authorised Officer covering 2004-2005,2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Following lodgement please email the FR lodgement advice to me.

Enquiries should be directed to me.

regards

Jennifer Savage National Finance Coordinator

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Australian Government Australian Industrial Registry

16 February 2009

Mr David Tien Branch Secretary National Tertiary Education Industry Union Charles Sturt University Branch

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Dear Mr Tien

# Lodgement of Financial Documents - Schedule 1 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 (RAO Schedule)

The RAO Schedule requires the National Tertiary Education Industry Union, Charles Sturt University Branch to lodge audited financial accounts and statements with the Registry within 6 months and 14 days of the end of its financial year.

The Registry has no record of lodgement of financial documents for year ended **30 June 2008**, which should have been lodged with the Registry by **14 January 2009**. Further, the Registry has no record of lodgement of financial documents for years ended **30 June 2007**, **2006 and 2005**.

In order to avoid exposure to a civil (pecuniary) penalty, you are required to lodge the following documents without further delay:

- A general purpose financial report (see section 253(2)(a) of the RAO Schedule);
- A Committee of Management statement (see the Registrar's Guidelines);
- An operating report (see section 254(2));
- An auditor's report (see sections 257(5) to 257(11)); and
- A certificate of the secretary or other authorised officer (see section 268)).

I note for your information, that the general purpose financial report must be prepared in accordance with not only the applicable Australian Accounting Standards but also the Registrar's Reporting Guidelines. A copy of the Guidelines is available on our website (details of which are provided below).

The RAO Schedule sets out a particular chronological order in which these documents and statements must be prepared, made available to members and presented to a meeting. All of these events must occur within timeframes that are also specified in the RAO Schedule. Detailed information can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.airc.gov.au/registered/FR/information.htm">http://www.airc.gov.au/registered/FR/information.htm</a>, including:

- Fact sheets the following fact sheets provide information regarding financial reporting:
  - Sheet 6 Accounting, Auditing and Reporting Obligations;
  - Sheet 7 Information Needs of Members;
  - Sheet 8 Financial Reporting Process and Time Limits;
  - Sheet 9 Diagrammatic Summary of Financial Reporting Process and Time Limits; and
  - Sheet 10 Auditors.
- Sample Documents a sample Committee of Management Statement and Designated Officer's Certificate is available;
- RAO Schedule and RAO Regulations;

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- Registrar's Reporting Guidelines the Guidelines set out requirements that must be met *in addition to* those required by Australian Accounting Standards; and
- Document Checklist and Timeline Planner to assist with meeting timeframes.

In the absence of lodgement of the outstanding documents, I request that you state in writing by **9** March 2009:

- whether a Committee of Management statement and Operating Report have been prepared;
- whether the auditor has audited the general purpose financial report and, if so, the date upon which the auditor signed the audit report;
- whether (and, if so, when) members have been provided with the full report. The 'full report' is made up of the general purpose financial report (including the Committee of Management statement), the auditor's report and the operating report;
- if it has been provided to members, whether the full report has also been presented to a general meeting or committee of management meeting and, if so, when; and
- when a copy of the full report will be lodged with the Industrial Registry.

I draw your attention to the civil penalty provisions of the RAO Schedule [see section 305(2)(ze)] which allow the Federal Court to impose a pecuniary penalty upon a person or organisation where the requirements of section 268 have not been met. You should also be aware of the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 9 of the RAO Schedule which set out general duties of officers and employees of organisations and their branches in relation to financial management.

The Registry strongly encourages you to lodge documents electronically by sending an email with the documents attached to <u>orgs@airc.gov.au</u>. Alternatively, you can send the documents by fax to (03) 9655 0410.

Yours sincerely,

Larry Powell Statutory Services Branch

From: Chris Game [Chris.Game@nsw.nteu.org.au]
Sent: Thursday, 3 May 2007 12:01 PM
To: POWELL, Larry
Cc: kpoynter@csu.edu.au
Subject: RE: Charles Sturt University Branch Financial Reports
Dear Larry,

I have just now spoken with Kevin and he is in the process of providing a detailed written response of exactly where the documents are at and the signing process. This will come to me, with a "cc" to you, buy COB today.

Regards,

Chris

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From: POWELL, Larry [mailto:Larry.POWELL@air.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 May 2007 3:57 PM
To: Chris Game
Subject: Charles Sturt University Branch Financial Reports

Hi Chris,

Sorry to pester you again, I was wondering if you have been able to contact or had a response from the CSU Branch President yet.

Regards,

Larry Powell Statutory Services Officer, Team 3

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## (03) 8661 7993 larry.powell@air.gov.au

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From: Poynter, Kevin [KPoynter@csu.edu.au]
Sent: Thursday, 3 May 2007 3:05 PM
To: Chris Game
Cc: POWELL, Larry
Subject: RE: Charles Sturt University Branch Financial Reports

## Dear Chris

Below is an outline of where we are up to in finalising the audit and reportage requirements for CSU Branch.

## 2002

There are 3 outstanding documents required to finalise our 2002 reportage: the Secretary's certificate, the Committee of Management's certificate and the Accounting Officer's certificate. These documents have been prepared I have signed the committee of Management's certificate and as we have no person elected to the treasurer position at the moment I have signed the Accounting Officer's certificate. Our Branch Secretary, David Tien, is in Sydney at the moment on Study leave so I will forward these documents to you by express post tomorrow. When they arrive could you please let David know on 0405 212 291 and he will come in to the Division office to sign the Secretary's certificate and co-sign the Committee of Management's Certificate. Once this is done the documents can be forwarded to the Australian Industrial Registry.

## 2003 & 2004

The Audits for 2003 & 2004 has been finalised and I have called a Branch executive meeting for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of May to endorse the documents and move that they be provided to members and arrange a general meeting to have them formally accepted. At this meeting I will recommend that the members receive the documents and meeting notification immediately via e-mail and that a general meeting be called in the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> June for the Audit documents to be approved by the membership. I do not anticipate that there will be any difficulty with this time frame but if there are any changes to this as a result of the executive meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May I will let you know.

Following this the documents will need to be signed returned to the auditor for the addition of their signed audit report and then forwarded to the Industrial Register. The process of getting the documents signed by branch official will be complicated by us being based on separated campuses in different towns and additionally complicated by a number of the executive being away form the University on study leave at the moment. I suggest that we employ the same method to get the documents signed as for the 2002 documents. That is I will sign the documents and forward them to you so that David can come in to the Division office and sign them. David is due to travel to China for two weeks early in June (dates to be finalised) so once the General Meeting approves the audit we will need to see if this is the most efficient way to expedite the signing process. I have asked David to keep me informed of his travel arrangements as they become more clearly defined.

## 2005 & 2006

The documents required for the 2005 and 2006 audits are currently being prepared for submission to the Auditors.

**Yours Sincerely** 

**Kevin Poynter** 

From: Chris Game [Chris.Game@nsw.nteu.org.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 March 2007 11:02 PM
To: STEWART, Iain
Cc: POWELL, Larry; Poynter, Kevin; Kerrie Barathy; Jenny Savage; Ken McAlpine; Grahame McCulloch; Stuart Rosewarne
Subject: RE: Audited Accounts - NTEU Branch, Charles Sturt Uni
Hi lain,

Thank you for your advice. This may mean that my timeframe of 13 April may need to be extended for putting the 2003 and 2004 audited accounts to the members, but it still should not necessarily blow out beyond the end of April. As far as the outstanding information for the completed audit of the 2002 accounts, I will still attempt to have this lodged with AIR by 13 April.

Regards,

Chris

(Ms) Chris Game State Secretary NTEU (NSW Division)

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From: STEWART, Iain [mailto:Iain.Stewart@air.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 March 2007 4:25 PM
To: Chris Game
Cc: POWELL, Larry
Subject: RE: Audited Accounts - NTEU Branch, Charles Sturt Uni

Chris

Thank you for that information. As you know a crucial aspect of the financial reporting regimes past and present is the provision to members of the full financial report to members prior to the relevant meeting at which those documents are presented. So, it is important that the documents for the fye ended 30 June 2003 and 30 June 2004 are circulated to members prior to the relevant meetings, preferably 21 days prior to those meetings.

Iain Stewart Manager, Team 3 Statutory Services Branch Australian Industrial Registry

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From: Chris Game [mailto:Chris.Game@nsw.nteu.org.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 March 2007 10:46 AM
To: STEWART, Iain
Cc: kpoynter@csu.edu.au; kmcalpine@nteu.org.au; Grahame McCulloch; Jenny Savage; Kerrie Barathy
Subject: Audited Accounts - NTEU Branch, Charles Sturt Uni
Importance: High

Dear Iain,

I now have in my possession copies of the following:

• Draft 2002-2003 audited accounts from KPMG, Albury

- Draft 2003-2004 audited accounts from KPMG, Albury
- Copy of the 2001-2002 audited accounts attached to copies of letters from AIR identifying information that was either incorrect or missing in that audit.

My understanding from my discussions with Kevin Poynter, Branch President, is that the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 audits are now ready to be put to a General Meeting of members for the purpose of accepting and approving these. Given the multi-campus nature of the CSU Branch, these should be lodged with AIR no later than 13 April 2007. By that date we will also lodge the information requested by AIR regarding the 2001-2002 completed audit.

As regards 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 - the Branch has now engaged an accountant for the sole purpose of compiling both documents for audits, by KPMG in Albury. I would expect that these audits and the associated member meetings should be completed in time for lodgement no later 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007.

I trust that this information assists and meets with your approval.

Regards,

Chris

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From: POWELL, Larry Sent: Tuesday, 24 October 2006 11:10 AM To: 'KPoynter@csu.edu.au' Subject: Outstanding documents for y/e 30 June 2002

Attachments: NTEU-CSU Br - letter - 02.DOC Kevin,

Please find attached letter as discussed.

Also, further to our discussion would you please forward a letter, rather than an e-mail, advising what stage the 03, 04, 05 & 06 financial reports and the outstanding documents for 02 are at, how you are addressing the non-lodgment of such and when lodgment of the financial documents can be expected.

As advised the Industrial Registrar requires reporting unit's to fully comply with their financial reporting obligation. Non-compliance of such could result in civil penalties.

Should you wish to discuss these matters further don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Larry

Larry Powell Statutory Services Officer, Team 3 Statutory Services Branch

(03) 8661 7993 larry.powell@air.gov.au From:POWELL, LarrySent:Wednesday, 14 June 2006 1:57 PMTo:'nteu@csu.edu.au'Cc:'jsavage@nteu.org.au'Subject:Outstanding financial documentsBranch Secretary,

An examination of the records of this office shows that the financial documents of the Charles Sturt University Branch of the National Tertiary Education Industry Union for the years ended 30 June 2003, 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2005 have not been lodged with the office.

Also, outstanding information being the Secretary's Certificate, Accounting Officer's Certificate and Committee of Management Certificate for the year ended 30 June 2002 is also outstanding.

It is a matter of major concern that the outstanding financial documents have not been filed. You are requested to advise this office urgently as to when lodgement of the outstanding documents can be expected

It should be noted that civil penalty provisions could apply for non-observance of the financial reporting requirements – refer s305 of Schedule 1 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

Should you wish to discuss this matter I may be contacted on (03) 8661 7993.

Yours sincerely,

Larry Powell



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## Ref: FR2005/352 - [283V-CSU]

Mr Bill Robbins Branch Secretary National Tertiary Education Industry Union Charles Sturt University Branch NTEU Branch Office School of Business, Thurgoona Campus Charles Sturt University Old Sydney Road Thurgoona NSW 2640

Dear Mr Robbins

## Re: National Tertiary Education Industry Union-Charles Sturt University Branch Outstanding Financial Documents - *Workplace Relations Act 1996*

The Accounts and Audit Part of Schedule 1B of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* requires, as a general rule, that the audited financial statements of a reporting unit of a registered organisation, be lodged in the Industrial Registry within 6 months and 14 days from the end of its financial year.

To date, the Registry has no record of lodgement of the financial reports of the above named reporting unit for the year ended 30 June, 2005. For details of these provisions and organisations' financial reporting obligations please refer to the Registry's earlier correspondence.

In particular there is no record of lodgement of copies of:

- the general purpose financial report;
- the auditor's report; or
- the operating report.

These three reports are referred to as the "full report".

Section 268 of the RAO Schedule<sup>1</sup> requires that a copy of the full report be lodged in the Registry within 14 days (or such longer period a Registrar allows) after the full report is presented to a general meeting of members (or to a committee of management meeting if the rules make provision consistent with s266(3)).

Section 266 (1) requires that the full report be presented to the meeting within 6 months of the end of the financial year. Therefore, lodgement of the documents in the Registry was required by **14 January**, **2006**.

Section 305(2)(ze) of the RAO Schedule is a civil penalty provision. It provides that a failure to meet the requirements of s268 is a contravention of that civil penalty provision. The Federal Court may on application of the Industrial Registrar impose a pecuniary penalty on the person or organisation whose conduct contravened the civil penalty provision.

I also draw your attention to the provisions of Part 1 of Chapter 9 of the RAO Schedule which set out the general duties of officers and employees of organisations and their branches in relation to financial management.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996

In the absence of lodgement of a copy of the full report, I request you state in writing by **24 February**, **2006**:

- whether the auditor has audited the general purpose financial report and if so, the date on which the auditor signed the audit report
- whether the committee of management has prepared the operating report
- whether the full report has been provided to members, and if so, when
- whether the full report provided to the members has been presented to a general or committee of management meeting, and if so, when
- when a copy of the full report will be lodged in the Industrial Registry.

The full report when lodged must be accompanied by a certificate of the secretary or other authorised officer that the documents lodged are copies of the documents provided to members and presented to the general or committee of management meeting in accordance with s266.

If you wish to discuss this letter, please contact me on (03) 8661 7993. In reply please quote: FR2005/352.

Yours sincerely

Larry Powell E-mail: larry.powell@air.gov.au 3 February, 2006



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Mr Bill Robbins Branch Secretary National Tertiary Education Industry Union-Charles Sturt University Branch NTEU Branch Office School of Business, Thurgoona Campus Charles Sturt University Old Sydney Road Thurgoona NSW 2640

Dear Mr Robbins

## Re: Financial Return - year ending 30 June, 2005

I remind you that your branch is required to lodge relevant financial documents in the Registry by 14 January 2006. This date may seem a long way off, as you know the financial reporting process involves a number of steps before the branch can present the documents to a general meeting and subsequently lodge the documents in the Registry. If you have not already commenced the process I suggest you give consideration to doing so.

The Industrial Registrar attaches importance to reporting units both fully satisfying the obligations under Schedule 1B and to those obligations being discharged within the requisite timeframes. In the absence of full compliance with your obligations, I advise the financial report will not be filed. Further, as you are probably aware, the legislation provides for civil penalties where various requirements of the Schedule are not met. I advise future non-compliance with relevant provisions may attract a penalty(s) as appropriate.

The Industrial Registrar is therefore keen to assist organisations fully satisfy the requirements of Schedule 1B. If you have any concerns regarding your obligations under the Act and how you can ensure full compliance with the current legislative requirements, I encourage you to contact me by telephone on (03) 8661 7993 or email me at larry.powell@air.gov.au.

Finally, to assist you in the preparation of your financial documents I remind you that you may access the Act, Regulations and Reporting Guidelines via the Commission's website at <u>www.airc.gov.au</u>. You will also find a number of fact sheets which provide information on various aspects of your financial reporting guidelines. In particular you will find a diagrammatic summary of the financial reporting

process at <u>http://www.airc.gov.au\_fact\_sheets/factssheets.html</u> which you may wish to refer to for guidance.

## Outstanding financial returns

It is noted that there is no record of the receipt in this office of the financial documents of the branch in respect of the years ended 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2003. Also, certain documents in relation to the year ended 30 June 2002 are also still outstanding.

The comments in your letter of 19 August 2005 concerning the above has been noted.

As lodgement of these matters is well overdue, your urgent written advice is requested as to when lodgement may be expected.

Yours sincerely

Larry Powell

31 August 2005