



Australian Government
Registered Organisations Commission

21 March 2018

Mr Gordon Thomson
General Secretary
Union of Christmas Island Workers
uciw@pulau.cx

Dear Mr Thomson,

Declaration and information lodged under subsection 233(1) [Annual Return] for 2018 [AR2018/29]

I acknowledge receipt by the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) on 13 February 2018 of your organisation's Annual Return which provides information under subsection 233(1) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

Thank-you for providing your Annual Return.

The documents lodged provide the required information for the 2018 Annual Return of the Union of Christmas Island Workers. The Annual Return has been filed. Annual returns are publicly available on the website through the [List of Registered Organisations](#).

Notifications of Change

Any changes to these records must be notified to the ROC within 35 days of the change. A template Notification of Change Declaration is available on the [fact-sheets](#) page of our website. Union of Christmas Island Workers is encouraged to use this template if any changes occur.

If you have any queries regarding this correspondence I can be contacted on 1300 341 665 or by email at regorgs@roc.gov.au

Yours faithfully

Andrea O'Halloran
Registered Organisations Commission

Tuesday 13 February 2018

The Commissioner
Registered Organisations Commission
regorgs@roc.gov.au

Dear Commissioner

UCIW – 2018 ANNUAL RETURN OF INFORMATION (organisation with no branches) in accordance with Regulation 147 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009 and Sections 230 and 233 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

I, Gordon Thomson, being the General Secretary, of the Union of Christmas Island Workers

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
2. The register of members has, during the immediately preceding calendar year, been kept and maintained as required by s.230(1)(a) and s.230(2) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the Act).
3. The following is a correct statement of the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the Act:
 - The address of the organisation is 61 Poon Saan Road Christmas Island.¹
 - The organisation has no branches and no branches have ceased or commenced in the previous 12 months.²
 - On 31 December in the previous year the number of members was 312, of which 254 were financial on 31 December 2017.³
 - A list of offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices as at the date of this declaration is attached at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.

¹ s.230(1)(d); reg.147(d)

² s.230(1)(d); reg.147(a), (b), (c) & (d)

³ s.230(1)(d); reg.147(f)



- Under the rules of the organisation, the following elections must be held between 1 January and 31 December of this year:⁴

1. President (1)
2. Vice President (2)
3. Trustees (2)
4. General Secretary (1)
5. Committee Members (6)

The organisation has not entered into an agreement under s.151(1) of the Act with a state union.

Yours faithfully



Gordon Thomson
General Secretary

13 February 2018

⁴ s.230(1)(d); reg.147(e)



ANNEXURE A

Name, Postal Address and Occupation of Members holding Office in the Union of Christmas Island Workers

PRESIDENT

FOO Kee Heng	PO Box 157 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Truck Driver
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VICE PRESIDENTS (2)

Kelvin LEE Kok Bin	PO Box 534 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Maintenance Fitter
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KOH, Nora	PO Box 216 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Paralegal
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GENERAL SECRETARY

Gordon THOMSON	PO Box 564 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Union official
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TRUSTEES (2)

LOW, Jeffery	PO Box 216 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Manager Housing/Courts
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De CRUZ, Ronald Edward	PO Box 327 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Manager/Health Inspector
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS (6)

NG Hooi Hock	PO Box 701 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Chemist
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SU Zhong Xiong	PO Box 239 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Policy Officer
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Vincent SAW Cheng Siew	PO Box 26 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Administrative Worker
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Hafiz Masli	PO Box 329 Christmas Island Indian Ocean 6798	Community worker
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Vacant

Vacant





31 January 2018

Mr Gordon Thompson
General Secretary
Union of Christmas Island Workers

Sent via email: uciw@pulau.cx

Dear Mr Thompson,

**Union of Christmas Island Workers
Annual Return of Information for 2018 [AR2018/29]**

This is a courtesy letter to remind you of the obligation to lodge an Annual Return of Information for 2018 in respect of the Union of Christmas Island Workers by **31 March 2018**.

What must be lodged?

A signed and dated declaration certifying matters prescribed in the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act) must be lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission (the Commission). The matters to be included in the declaration are set out in the attached checklist.

In maintaining the register of members, your attention is drawn to the circumstances where membership ceases to exist (s.230(2)(b) and s.171A of the RO Act).

Once an Annual Return has been lodged, a copy will be posted on our website at [List of Registered Organisations](#). Therefore, to protect the privacy of the relevant office holders listed in the declarations, it is recommended that officers list their official mailing address rather than personal home address.

Who must sign the declaration?

The declaration must be signed by the Secretary, or where applicable, such other elected official who is required under the rules or by resolution of the organisation, to keep the relevant records (other prescribed officer). A declaration signed by a non-elected person does not meet this requirement.

Who lodges the Annual Return of information?

Section 233 places the onus of lodgement on the organisation and not on each individual branch. It is therefore the national body that is obliged to collate and lodge all of the required information. Annual Return templates are available on the Commission website at [Registered Organisations fact sheets](#), one for an [organisation with branches](#) and one for an [organisation without branches](#).

What happens if the information changes?

The Secretary, or other prescribed officer, must notify the Commission within 35 days of any changes to such records that may occur throughout the year.

Failure to comply with these obligations is subject to a civil penalty provision (up to \$63,000 for a body corporate and \$12,600 for an individual per contravention), under s.305 of the RO Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission by phone on 1300 341 665 or by e-mail at regorgs@roc.gov.au if you wish to discuss the requirements outlined in this correspondence.

Yours faithfully,



Sam Gallichio
Adviser
Registered Organisations Commission

Obligation to lodge Annual Return of Information by 31 March

For full details see ss.230-233 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act), and rr.147-151 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009* (the RO Regulations).

A copy of each of the following records must be lodged with the Fair Work Commission (the Commission) between 1 January and 31 March each year. They must be certified by a declaration stating that it is a correct statement of the information contained in that record, signed by the Secretary or such other elected official who is required under the rules, or by resolution of the organisation, to keep the relevant records (**other prescribed officer** see r.150 of the RO Regulations).

Failure to comply with these obligations is subject to a civil penalty provision – see s.305 of the RO Act.

Requirement	Details of requirement
Maintenance of Register of Members	A declaration by the Secretary or other prescribed officer certifying that the register of members has, during the immediately preceding calendar year, been kept and maintained as required by ss.230(1)(a) and (2) [s.233(1)(a)] Note: In maintaining the register of members, your attention is drawn to s.171A of the RO Act that outlines the circumstances where membership ceases to exist.
List of Offices	A list of the offices in the organisation and each branch (note the definition of office and officer in ss.6 and 9) [s.230(1)(b)]
List of Office holders	A list of the names, postal addresses and occupations of the persons holding the offices (note the definition of office and officer in ss.6 and 9) [s.230(1)(c)]
List of Branches	A record of the name of each branch of the organisation [s.230(1)(d) and r.147(a)]
New Branches	A record of the name of each branch that commenced operation in the previous 12 months [s.230(1)(d) and r.147(b)]
Old Branches	A record of the name of each branch that ceased operation in the previous 12 months [s.230(1)(d) and r.147(c)]
Addresses of Organisation and Branches	A record of the address of the office of the organisation and the address of the office of each branch [s.230(1)(d) and r.147(d)]
Elections in Organisation and Branches	A record of each election that must, under the rules of the organisation, be held during the year commencing 1 January of the year in which the return is lodged, for any offices in the organisation and branches of the organisation . [s.230(1)(d) and r.147(e)] Note: this provision does not relieve an organisation or branch from the separate requirement to lodge prescribed information prior to each election, as required by s.189 of the RO Act
Statement concerning number of members	A record of the number of members on 31 December in the previous year; and If the organisation has entered into an agreement relating to members of State unions under s.151(1) of the RO Act,- a record of the number of members of the organisation who were (on 31 December in the previous year) ineligible State members in relation to the organisation within the meaning of s.150 of the RO Act. [s.230(1)(d) and rr.147(f) and (g)]

Obligation to notify of changes within 35 days

If there are any changes during the year to the offices, officeholders, branches (where relevant) or the address of the organisation and/or its branches an organisation must, within 35 days of the change, lodge with the Commission, a notification of such changes certified by declaration signed by the secretary or other prescribed officer of the organisation to be a correct statement of the changes made [RO Act s.233(2) and RO Regulations r.151 refer].