

20 November 2009

MEETING WITH VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT DISAPPOINTING

On November 17, despite the loud noise members made at the rally, at a meeting called to discuss the union's claims the Industrial Relations Minister Martin Pakula, was unable to report on the Victorian Government's position on funding equal pay! The best they could report was that an "interdepartmental committee" had been set up to examine the issues and impacts in Victoria of a potential flow-on of the Queensland decision. But no promises of increased funding.

And there were no promises on addressing our concerns regarding the delay in portable long service leave either.

ASU representatives, like members, continue to be frustrated by this lack of action and attention, despite the Commonwealth Government's leadership on this issue. Even the Productivity Commission's draft recommendation that *Governments should base funding on market wages of relevant skill set required to perform positions, and funding should be indexed to accommodate market wage growth* is inconsistent with the State Government's approach!

So, we need to keep up the pressure.

Send an email to Premier Brumby here

<http://www.asuvic.asn.au/atlobby.cgi?ID=4>

If 4,000 on the steps of Parliament won't do it, lets crash his email address with 10,000 emails!



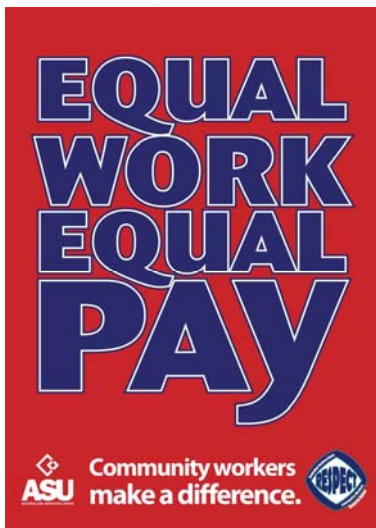
Qld Treasurer says: "We are providing resources to some of our hardest working, and most important Queenslanders. Community sector workers who care and support some of our most vulnerable Queenslanders, have recently had the value

Queensland Industrial Relations Commission. The single biggest allocation of additional resources in this Budget--some \$414 million across four years--is provided to support the community sector to continue their essential work."

Premier Brumby?



Victorian
SACS
workers
are still
waiting....



Have you registered for December 10th Forum yet?

The SACS campaign team, delegates and members are invited to a forum.

Access the full agenda: www.asuvic.asn.au/sacs_dec_10_forum_agenda.pdf

Four main themes to be covered are:

- The ASU pay equity case: what, when and how?
- Bargaining/protecting our rights in the context of Award Modernisation
- Maximising media coverage for future campaign activities
- Continuing to build our strength at the workplace and across the industry, to WIN EQUAL PAY

Register online today! www.asuvic.asn.au/15304_42544.9683.html

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