



BULLETIN - MAY 2014

Presumptive Legislation:

This matter continues to remain high on the CFSVA's agenda. A summary of the current position is as follows:

Labor Party

The Labor Party has honored its pre-election commitment to review the presumptive legislation. A meeting was recently convened by Deputy Premier Rau and Minister Piccolo which included key stakeholders including the CFSVA, CFS, MFS, UFU, SAFECOM, representatives from Minister Brock's office, and other Government agencies. During the course of the meeting it was agreed that CFS volunteer statistics would be reviewed and an actuary engaged to review costings, with the aim of the review to investigate different options which allows greater inclusions of CFS volunteers under the legislation and provides the best economic outcome for Government.

During the meeting the CFSVA made it clear that this review was not its preferred option, as the presumptive legislation should be one of equity for all firefighters, but appreciates the ability to continue working with Government on this very important matter until the best outcome for CFS volunteers is achieved.

Greens

This week, as Parliament resumes, Tammy Franks will be tabling a Greens Bill before the Legislative Council which seeks equality for all firefighters under the Presumptive Legislation regardless of whether the firefighter is a volunteer or paid. Tammy will be holding a Press Conference on the steps of Parliament on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 11:30am. CFSVA representatives and CFS volunteers (in their yellows) will be attending. All CFS volunteers are welcome to attend.

Liberal Party

Duncan McFeteridge will be tabling a Bill before the Lower House of Parliament this week which also seeks equality for all firefighters under the Presumptive Legislation.

Attached to this Bulletin is a copy of the Media Release by the State Liberals.

Sector Review:

The CFSVA recently attended two meetings convened by Minister Piccolo as part of a sector reform review committee. The Minister explained that the review would be conducted through a series of round table discussion attended by Government and stakeholders to achieve the best outcomes for the sector as a whole.

The Minister outlined the process and invited each sector group to bring forward ideas that have the scope to improve the delivery of services across agencies, and given that Government has made it clear that there is no extra money, savings delivered by sector changes could be redirected to other areas. This collaborative approach is refreshing.

The CFSVA Management Committee will confer by teleconference later this week to establish working groups and identify key areas.

Updates will be provided as matters progress.

Volunteer Day Event:

Monday 9th June 2014 11:00am – 1:00pm - Cabaret performance

Registration essential – seats limited.

Registration link: <mailto:events@dcsi.sa.gov.au>

Registrations close 31st May 2014

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