



2009 AEU Schools Enterprise Agreement - Circular 2

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SCHOOLS SECTOR MEMBERS VOTE FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGREEMENT OF TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT PROPOSAL

This Circular contains important information about the current Schools Enterprise Agreement negotiations.

Members will be aware that 16 May Branch Council endorsed the proposed Transfer Entitlement provisions *in principle*, but directed AEU Officers to conduct a vote of members across the Sub-Branches and report the outcome to Branch Executive prior to the AEU finalising its position.

The Branch Executive considered the voting return at its meeting last night, 2 June 2009. Members in Sub-Branches were asked to vote on the following question:

Do you endorse in principle the proposed Section Q – Transfer Entitlement [version dated 20 May 2009] for inclusion in the draft Enterprise Agreement?

A number of reminders about the vote were sent to Sub-Branches during the voting period 20-29 May; voting figures were accepted up until the Executive meeting last night. The voting figures advised to the AEU Office are as follows:

In favour:	754
Against:	173
Abstentions:	9
Total votes recorded:	936 (about 33% of financial members in the Schools Sector)

The voting figures indicate that 81% of those who voted endorsed the proposed Transfer Entitlement proposal for inclusion in the next Enterprise Agreement. Not all 90 Schools Sector Sub-Branches registered a vote, but of the 60 Sub-Branches who provided voting figures:

- 55 Sub-Branches carried the resolution and 5 defeated it; and
- a majority of members in each sector carried the resolution

Following discussion of the voting return, Branch Executive carried the following resolution:

Branch Executive notes the majority endorsement of the Transfer Entitlement proposal for inclusion in the next Enterprise Agreement indicated in the Sub-Branch plebiscite conducted following May Branch Council.

AEU Officers are directed to communicate the outcome of the vote to DET Officers as part of the Enterprise Agreement negotiations.

Along with the voting figures, a number of Sub-Branches provided comments to the AEU Office, or requested that some issues not clear in the proposal be clarified. Where those matters constitute “tidying up” the proposal but do not materially change the proposal endorsed by the membership in the Sub-Branch plebiscite, AEU Officers will seek to raise those matters at the negotiations with DET.

The Transfer Entitlement proposal – with any further amendments agreed as part of negotiations – will form part of any proposed final package for consideration by members.

The AEU will continue to update members on developments in negotiations through Enterprise Agreement Circulars.

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