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**VAN SALES PERSONS AWARD - NORTHERN AND MACKAY DIVISIONS 2002**

Pursuant to s. 698 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*, the Van Sales Persons Award - Northern and Mackay Divisions 2002 with all amendments as at 10 December 2009, is hereby reprinted.

I hereby certify that the Award contained herein is a true and correct copy of the Van Sales Persons Award - Northern and Mackay Divisions 2002 as at 10 December 2009.

Dated 10 December 2009.

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Industrial Registrar

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This Award is known as the Van Sales Persons Award - Northern and Mackay Divisions 2002.

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### **1.3 Date of operation**

This Award takes effect from 20 January 2003.

### **1.4 Coverage**

1.4.1 This Award applies to Van Sales Persons employed in the areas defined in clause 1.6 of this Award and to the exclusion of any other Award in force and operative in the same locality.

1.4.2 As to the employers named in the Schedule to this Award, the provisions of this Award are modified in accordance with the requirements of the individual orders listed in such Schedule.

### **1.5 Definitions**

1.5.1 The "Act" means the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended or replaced from time to time.

1.5.2 "Commission" means the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

1.5.3 "Country Van Sales Person" means a person who performs the work of a Van Sales Person and in the course of their employment is required to be absent from their home for more than 2 nights in any one week.

1.5.4 "Probationary Van Sales Person" means a person who has not had 6 months' experience as a Van Sales Person.

1.5.5 "Town or Local Van Sales Person" means a person who performs the work of a Van Sales Person and in the course of their employment is not required to be absent from their home for more than 2 nights in any one week.

1.5.6 "Union" means The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland.

- 1.5.7 "Van" means and includes a vehicle with an enclosed body used by the Van Sales Person to carry the merchandise from which they fulfil their sales, but shall not be construed to include a vehicle carrying petrol, kerosene, oil, or any oil fuel, or milk, cream, or aerated water.
- 1.5.8 "Van Sales Person" means any employee in charge of a Van engaged in soliciting wholesale business and fulfilling sales from stocks carried on the Van, but shall not be construed to include drivers of vehicles carrying petrol, kerosene, oil, or any oil fuel, or milk, cream, or aerated water, or any employees already covered by any other Award.

## **1.6 Area of operation**

For the purpose of this Award, the Divisions and Districts are as follows:

### *1.6.1 Divisions*

Mackay Division - That portion of the State within the following boundaries - Commencing at the junction of the sea-coast with the 21st parallel of south latitude; then by that parallel of latitude due west to 147 degrees of east longitude; then by that meridian of longitude due south to 22 degrees of south latitude; then by that parallel of latitude due east to the sea-coast; then by the sea-coast northerly to the point of commencement.

Northern Division - That portion of the State along or north of a line commencing at the junction of the sea-coast with the 21st parallel of south latitude; then by that parallel of latitude due west to 147 degrees of east longitude; then by that meridian of longitude due south to 22 degrees 30 minutes of south latitude; then by that parallel of latitude due west to the western border of the State.

### *1.6.2 Districts*

#### (a) Northern Division:

Eastern District - That portion of the Northern Division along or east of 144 degrees 30 minutes of east longitude.

Western District - The remainder of the Northern Division.

## **1.7 Parties bound**

This Award is legally binding upon the employees as prescribed by clause 1.4 and their employers, and the Union and its members.

## **PART 2 - FLEXIBILITY**

### **2.1 Enterprise flexibility**

- 2.1.1 As part of a process of improvement in productivity and efficiency, discussion should take place at each enterprise to provide more flexible working arrangements, improvement in the quality of working life, enhancement of skills, training and job satisfaction and to encourage consultative mechanisms across the workplace.
- 2.1.2 The consultative processes established in an enterprise in accordance with clause 2.1 may provide an appropriate mechanism for consideration of matters relevant to clause 2.1.1. Union delegates at the place of work may be involved in such discussions.
- 2.1.3 Any proposed genuine agreement reached between an employer and employee/s in an enterprise is contingent upon the agreement being submitted to the Commission in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Act and is to have no force or effect until approval is given.

## **PART 3 - COMMUNICATION, CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE SETTLING PROCEDURE**

### **3.1 Disputes procedure**

- 3.1.1 The parties are committed to a Dispute Procedure with general application to reflect the requirements of the Act.
- 3.1.2 Such following procedure for the avoidance of industrial disputes shall apply in establishments covered by this Award and shall include all industrial matters within the meaning of the Act, and all other matters that the parties agree on.

The objectives of the procedure shall be to promote the resolution of disputes by measures based on consultation, co-operation and discussion, to reduce the level of industrial confrontation; and to avoid interruption to the performance of work and the consequential loss of production and wages.

- 3.1.3 Depending on the issues involved, the size and function of the plant or enterprise and the Union membership of the employees concerned a procedure involving up to 4 stages of discussion shall apply. These are:
- (a) discussion between the employee/s concerned and at the employee/s request the appropriate Union shop steward/delegates and the immediate supervisors;
  - (b) discussion involving the employees, the shop steward/s and more senior management;
  - (c) discussion involving representatives from the State Branch of the Union concerned and the employer organisation branch representatives;
  - (d) discussions involving senior Union officials (State Officials) and the employer organisation (State Officer).

There shall be an opportunity for any party to raise the issue to a higher stage.

- 3.1.4 There shall be a commitment by the parties to achieve adherence to this procedure. This should be facilitated by the earliest possible advice by one party to the other of any issue or problem which may give rise to a grievance or dispute.
- 3.1.5 Throughout all stages of the procedure all relevant facts shall be clearly identified and recorded.
- 3.1.6 Sensible time limits shall be allowed for the completion of the discussions. At least 7 days should be allowed for all stages of the discussions to be finalised.
- 3.1.7 Emphasis shall be placed on a negotiated settlement. However, if the negotiation processes are exhausted without the dispute being resolved, the parties shall jointly or individually refer the matter to Commission for assistance in resolving the dispute.
- 3.1.8 In order to allow for the peaceful resolution of grievances the parties shall be committed to avoid stoppages of work, lockouts or any other bans or limitations on the performance of work when the procedures of negotiations and conciliation are being followed.
- 3.1.9 The employer shall ensure that all practices applied during the operation of the procedure are in accordance with safe working practices and consistent with established custom and practice at the workplace.
- 3.1.10 Until the matter is determined in accordance with the above procedure, work shall continue normally at the instructions of the employer concerned, unless a bona-fide safety issue is involved, in which case work shall not proceed within the specified alleged unsafe area until the alleged safety issue is resolved, or a decision is given on the matter.
- 3.1.11 No party shall be prejudice as to the final settlement by the continuance of work in accordance with this clause.
- 3.1.12 This avoidance of industrial disputes provision shall not affect the operation of the disputes settlement procedure for unfair dismissals, as prescribed under the Act.

## **3.2 Consultative mechanisms and procedures in the workplace**

- 3.2.1 The parties to this Award are committed to co-operating positively to increase the efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of the industries covered by this Award and to enhance the career opportunities and job security of employees in such industries.
- 3.2.2 At each plant or enterprise, an employer, the employees and their relevant Union or Unions commit themselves to establishing a consultative mechanism and procedures appropriate to the size, structure and needs of that plant or enterprise. Measures raised by the employer, employees or Union for consideration consistent with the objectives of 3.2.1 shall be processed through that consultative mechanism and procedures.

## **PART 4 - EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEES' DUTIES, EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS**

### **4.1 Employment categories**

- 4.1.1 Employees, other than casual employees, covered by this Award shall be advised in writing of their employment category upon appointment.

Employment categories are:

- (a) full-time;
- (b) casual (as prescribed in clause 4.2).

## **4.2 Casual employment**

- 4.2.1 For the purpose of this Award, a casual employee shall mean an employee engaged by the hour and who may leave their employer's service or be discharged at any moment without notice.
- 4.2.2 Casual employees, as defined, shall be engaged for less than 30 hours in any one week.
- 4.2.3 Each engagement of a casual employee shall be a minimum of 3 hours.
- 4.2.4 For the purpose of calculating minimum casual rates of pay the appropriate full-time rate of pay shall be divided by 38, with an addition of 23 %.
- 4.2.5 No existing employee's contract of employment shall be changed to that of casual employment other than by mutual consent.

## **4.3 Incidental and peripheral tasks**

- 4.3.1 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties as are reasonably within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training.
- 4.3.2 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties and use such tools and equipment as may be required provided that the employee has been properly trained in the use of such tools and equipment.
- 4.3.3 Any direction issued by an employer pursuant to clauses 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 shall be consistent with the employer's responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy working environment.

## **4.4 Anti-discrimination**

- 4.4.1 It is the intention of the parties to this Award to prevent and eliminate discrimination, as defined by the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* and the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended from time to time, which includes:
  - (a) discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status, family responsibilities, pregnancy, parental status, age, race, impairment, religion, political belief or activity, trade union activity, lawful sexual activity and association with, or relation to, a person identified on the basis of any of the above attributes;
  - (b) sexual harassment; and
  - (c) racial and religious vilification.
- 4.4.2 Accordingly, in fulfilling their obligations under the disputes procedure in clause 3.1, the parties to this Award must take reasonable steps to ensure that neither the Award provisions nor their operation are directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects.
- 4.4.3 Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.
- 4.4.4 Nothing in clause 4.4 is to be taken to affect:
  - (a) any different treatment (or treatment having different outcomes) which is specifically exempted under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*;
  - (b) an employee, employer or registered organization, pursuing matters of discrimination, including by application to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission/Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland.

## **4.5 Termination of employment**

### *4.5.1 Statement of employment*

An employer shall, in the event of termination of employment, provide upon request to the employee who has been terminated a written statement specifying the period of employment and the classification or type of work performed by the employee.

#### 4.5.2 Termination by employer

(a) An employer may dismiss an employee only if the employee has been given the following notice:

Period of Continuous Service	Period of Notice
Not more than 1 year	1 week
More than 1 year but not more than 3 years	2 weeks
More than 3 years but not more than 5 years	3 weeks
More than 5 years	4 weeks

(b) In addition to the notice in (a) above, employees 45 years old or over and who have completed at least two years' continuous service with the employer shall be entitled to an additional week's notice.

(c) Payment in lieu of notice shall be made if the appropriate notice is not given:

Provided that employment may be terminated by part of the period of notice specified and part payment in lieu thereof.

(d) In calculating any payment in lieu of notice the minimum compensation payable to an employee will be at least the total of the amounts the employer would have been liable to pay the employee if the employee's employment had continued until the end of the required notice period. The total must be worked out on the basis of:

- (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and
- (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example allowances, loadings and penalties; and
- (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

(e) The period of notice in this clause shall not apply in the case of dismissal for misconduct or other grounds that justify instant dismissal, or in the case of a casual employee, or an employee engaged by the hour or day, or an employee engaged for a specific period or tasks.

#### 4.5.3 Notice of termination by employee

The notice of termination required to be given by an employee shall be one week. If an employee fails to give notice, the employer shall have the right to withhold monies due to the employee with a maximum amount equal to the amount the employee would have received under clause 4.5.2(d) for a period of notice of one week.

#### 4.5.4 Time off during notice period

During the period of notice of termination given by the employer, an employee shall be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay for the purpose of seeking other employment. This time off shall be taken at times that are convenient to the employee after consultation with the employer.

### 4.6 Introduction of changes

#### 4.6.1 Employer's duty to notify

- (a) Where an employer decides to introduce changes in production, program, organisation, structure or technology, that are likely to have significant effects on employees, the employer shall notify the employees who may be affected by the proposed changes and, where relevant, their Union or Unions.
- (b) 'Significant effects' includes termination of employment, major changes in the composition, operation or size of the employer's workforce or in the skills required; the elimination or diminution of job opportunities or job tenure; the alteration of hours of work; the need for retraining or transfer of employees to other work or locations and the restructuring of jobs:

Provided that where the Award makes provision for alteration of any of the matters referred to herein an alteration shall be deemed not to have significant effect.

#### 4.6.2 Employer's duty to consult over change

- (a) The employer shall consult the employees affected and, where relevant, their Union or Unions about the introduction of the changes, the effects the changes are likely to have on employees (including the number and categories of employees likely to be dismissed, and the time when, or the period over which, the employer intends to carry out the dismissals), and the ways to avoid or minimise the effects of the changes (e.g. by finding alternate employment).

- (b) The consultation must occur as soon as practicable after making the decision referred to in clause 4.6.1.
- (c) For the purpose of such consultation the employer shall provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their Union or Unions, all relevant information about the changes including the nature of the changes proposed, the expected effects of the changes on employees, and any other matters likely to affect employees, provided that any employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.

## **4.7 Redundancy**

### *4.7.1 Consultation before terminations*

- (a) Where an employer decides that the employer no longer wishes the job the employee has been doing to be done by anyone, and this is not due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour, and that decision may lead to termination of employment, the employer shall consult the employee directly affected and where relevant, their Union or Unions.
- (b) The consultation shall take place as soon as it is practicable after the employer has made a decision, which will invoke the provisions of clause 4.7.1(a) and shall cover the reasons for the proposed terminations, measures to avoid or minimise the terminations and/or their adverse affects on the employees concerned.
- (c) For the purpose of the consultation the employer shall, as soon as practicable, provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their Union or Unions, all relevant information about the proposed terminations including the reasons for the proposed terminations, the number and categories of employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are likely to be carried out:

Provided that any employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.

### *4.7.2 Transfer to lower paid duties*

- (a) Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties for reasons set out clause 4.7.1 the employee shall be entitled to the same period of notice of transfer as the employee would have been entitled to if the employee's employment had been terminated under clause 4.5.
- (b) The employer may, at the employer's option, make payment in lieu thereof of an amount equal to the difference between the former amounts the employer would have been liable to pay and the new lower amount the employer is liable to pay the employee for the number of weeks of notice still owing.
- (c) The amounts must be worked out on the basis of:
  - (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and
  - (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example, allowances, loadings and penalties; and
  - (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

### *4.7.3 Transmission of business*

- (a) Where a business is, whether before or after the date of insertion of this clause in the Award transmitted from an employer (transmitter) to another employer (transmittee), and an employee who at the time of such transmission was an employee of the transmitter of the business, becomes an employee of the transmittee:
  - (i) the continuity of the employment of the employee shall be deemed not to have been broken by reason of such transmission; and
  - (ii) the period of employment which the employee has had with the transmitter or any prior transmitter shall be deemed to be service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) In clause 4.7.3, 'business' includes trade, process, business or occupation and includes a part or subsidiary (which means a corporation that would be taken to be a subsidiary under the Corporations Law, whether or not the Corporations Law applies in the particular case) of any such business and 'transmission' includes transfer, conveyance, assignment or succession whether by agreement or by operation of law and 'transmitted' has a corresponding meaning.

### *4.7.4 Time off during notice period*

- (a) Where a decision has been made to terminate an employee in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.7.1, the employee shall be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay during each week of notice for the purpose of seeking other employment.
- (b) If the employee has been allowed paid leave for more than one day during the notice period for the purpose of seeking other employment, the employee shall, at the request of the employer, be required to produce proof of attendance at an interview or the employee shall not receive payment for the time absent. For this purpose a statutory declaration will be sufficient.

#### 4.7.5 *Notice to Centrelink*

Where a decision has been made to terminate employees in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.7.1, the employer shall notify Centrelink as soon as possible giving all relevant information about the proposed terminations, including a written statement of the reasons for the terminations, the number and categories of the employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are intended to be carried out.

#### 4.7.6 *Severance pay*

- (a) In addition to the period of notice prescribed for ordinary termination in clause 4.5.2(a), and subject to further order of the Commission, an employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.7.1(a), shall be entitled to the following amounts of severance pay:

Period of Continuous Service	Severance Pay (weeks' pay)
Less than 1 year	nil
1 year but not more than 2 years	4
More than 2 years but not more than 3 years	6
More than 3 years but not more than 4 years	7
More than 4 years but not more than 5 years	8
More than 5 years but not more than 6 years	9
More than 6 years but not more than 7 years	10
More than 7 years but not more than 8 years	11
More than 8 years but not more than 9 years	12
More than 9 years but not more than 10 years	13
More than 10 years but not more than 11 years	14
More than 11 years but not more than 12 years	15
More than 12 years	16

- (b) 'Weeks' Pay' means the ordinary time rate of pay for the employee concerned:

Provided that the following amounts are excluded from the calculation of the ordinary time rate of pay: overtime, penalty rates, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and any other ancillary payments.

#### 4.7.7 *Superannuation benefits*

An employer may make an application to the Commission for relief from the obligation to make severance payments in circumstances where:

- (a) the employer has contributed to a superannuation scheme which provides a particular benefit to an employee in a redundancy situation; and
- (b) the particular benefit to the employee is over and above any benefit the employee might obtain from any legislative scheme providing for superannuation benefits (currently the federal Superannuation Guarantee levy) or an award based superannuation scheme.

#### 4.7.8 *Employee leaving during notice*

An employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.7.1(a), may terminate such employment during the period of notice, and, if so, shall be entitled to the same benefits and payments under this clause had such employee remained with the employer until the expiry of such notice:

Provided that in such circumstances the employee shall not be entitled to payment in lieu of notice.

#### 4.7.9 *Alternative employment*

An employer, in a particular case, may make application to the Commission to have the general severance pay prescription amended if the employer obtains acceptable alternative employment for an employee.

#### 4.7.10 *Employees with less than one year's service*

Clause 4.7 shall not apply to employees with less than one year's continuous service and the general obligation on employers should be no more than to give relevant employees an indication of the impending redundancy at the first reasonable opportunity, and to take such steps as may be reasonable to facilitate the obtaining by the employees of suitable alternative employment.

#### 4.7.11 *Employees exempted*

Clause 4.7 shall not apply:

- (a) where employment is terminated as a consequence of misconduct on the part of the employee; or
- (b) to employees engaged for a specific period or task(s); or
- (c) to casual employees.

#### 4.7.12 *Employers exempted*

- (a) Subject to an order of the Commission, in a particular redundancy case, clause 4.7 shall not apply to an employer including a company or companies that employ employees working a total of fewer than 550 hours on average per week, excluding overtime, Monday to Sunday. The 550 hours shall be averaged over the previous 12 months.
- (b) A 'company' shall be defined as:
  - (i) a company and the entities it controls; or
  - (ii) a company and its related company or related companies; or
  - (iii) a company where the company or companies has a common Director or common Directors or a common shareholder or common shareholders with another company or companies.

#### 4.7.13 *Exemption where transmission of business*

- (a) The provisions of clause 4.7.6 are not applicable where a business is before or after the date of the insertion of this clause into the Award, transmitted from an employer (transmittor) to another employer (transmittee), in any of the following circumstances:
  - (i) where the employee accepts employment with the transmittee which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmittor, and any prior transmittor, to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee; or
  - (ii) where the employee rejects an offer of employment with the transmittee:
    - (A) in which the terms and conditions are substantially similar and no less favourable, considered on an overall basis, than the terms and conditions applicable to the employee at the time of ceasing employment with the transmittor; and
    - (B) which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmittor and any prior transmittor to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) The Commission may amend clause 4.7.13(a)(ii) if it is satisfied that it would operate unfairly in a particular case, or in the instance of contrived arrangements.

#### 4.7.14 *Incapacity to pay*

An employer in a particular redundancy case may make application to the Commission to have the general severance pay prescription amended on the basis of the employer's incapacity to pay.

### **4.8 Continuity of service - transfer of calling**

In cases where a transfer of calling occurs, continuity of service should be determined in accordance with sections 67-71 of the Act, as amended from time to time.

## **PART 5 - WAGES AND WAGE RELATED MATTERS**

### **5.1 Wage rates**

5.1.1 The minimum remuneration shall be:

	Award Rate Per Week \$
<i>Mackay Division</i>	
Town or Local Van Sales Person	632.00
Country Van Sales Person	657.50
Probationary Van Sales Person	
Town or Local	620.00
Country	642.30
<i>Northern Division - Eastern District</i>	
Town or Local Van Sales Person	632.15
Country Van Sales Person	657.65
Probationary Van Sales Person	
Town or Local	620.15
Country	642.45

NOTE: The rates of pay in this Award are intended to include the arbitrated wage adjustment payable under the 1 September 2009 Declaration of General Ruling and earlier Safety Net Adjustments and arbitrated wage adjustments. This arbitrated wage adjustment may be offset against any equivalent amount in rates of pay received by employees whose wages and conditions of employment are regulated by this Award which are above the wage rates prescribed in the Award. Such payments include wages payable pursuant to certified agreements, currently operating enterprise flexibility agreements, Queensland workplace agreements, award amendments to give effect to enterprise agreements and overaward arrangements. Absorption which is contrary to the terms of an agreement is not required.

Increases made under previous State Wage Cases or under the current Statement of Principles, excepting those resulting from enterprise agreements, are not to be used to offset arbitrated wage adjustments.

#### 5.1.2 *District and district parities*

In addition to the rates prescribed in clause 5.1, an employee covered by this Award permanently residing in the Western District, as defined in clause 1.6, shall be paid a district allowance of \$2.20 per week.

## 5.2 **Payment of wages**

5.2.1 The minimum remuneration shall be paid weekly or fortnightly and commission shall be adjusted by mutual agreement between the employer and the employee.

5.2.2 The above remuneration shall be exclusive of any expenses incurred in the discharge of the employee's duties. All such expenses shall be arranged between the employer and employee.

## 5.3 **Superannuation**

5.3.1 *Application* - In addition to the rates of pay prescribed by this Award, eligible employees, as defined in clause 5.3.3(b), shall be entitled to occupational superannuation benefits, subject to the provisions of clause 5.3.

#### 5.3.2 *Contributions*

- (a) Amount - As from 1 January 2005 every employer shall contribute on behalf of each eligible employee an amount calculated at 9% of the employee's ordinary time earnings, into an approved fund, as defined in this clause. Each such payment of contributions shall be rounded off to the nearest ten (10) cents:

Provided that where an employee is absent and is receiving by way of workers' compensation an amount of money no less than the award rate of pay the contribution shall be calculated at 3%.

- (b) Regular payment - The employer shall pay such contributions to the credit of each such employee at least once each calendar month or in accordance with the requirements of the approved fund trust deed.
- (c) Minimum level of earnings - As from 1 January 2005 no employer shall be required to pay superannuation contributions on behalf of any eligible employee in respect of any month during which the employee's ordinary time earnings, as defined, is less than \$450.00.
- (d) Absences from work - Contributions shall continue to be paid on behalf of an eligible employee during any absence on paid leave such as annual leave, long service leave, public holidays, sick leave and bereavement

leave, but no employer shall be required to pay superannuation contributions on behalf of any eligible employee during any unpaid absences except in the case of absence on workers' compensation.

- (e) Other contributions - Nothing in clause 5.3 shall preclude an employee from making contributions to a fund in accordance with the provisions thereof.
- (f) Cessation of contributions - An employer shall not be required to make any further contributions on behalf of an eligible employee for any period after the end of the ordinary working day upon which the contract of employment ceases to exist.
- (g) No other deductions - No additional amounts shall be paid by the employer for the establishment, administration, management or any other charges in connection with the fund other than the remission of contributions as prescribed in clause 5.3.

### 5.3.3 Definitions

- (a) "Approved fund" means a fund approved for the purposes of this Award by the Commission as one to which occupational superannuation contributions may be made by an employer on behalf of an employee, as required by this clause 5.3. Such approved fund may be individually named or may be identified by naming a particular class or category.
- (b) "Eligible employee" shall mean any employee who has been employed by the employer during 5 consecutive weeks and who has worked a minimum of 50 hours during that period. After completion of the above qualifying period, superannuation contributions shall then be made in accordance with clause 5.3.2 effective from the commencement of that qualifying period.
- (c) "Fund" means a superannuation fund satisfying the Commonwealth legislation or occupational superannuation funds and satisfying the superannuation fund conditions in relation to a year of income, as specified in that Act and complying with the operating standards as prescribed by Regulations made under that Act. In the case of a newly established fund, the term shall include a superannuation fund that has received a notice of preliminary listing from the Insurance and Superannuation Commissioner.
- (d) "Ordinary time earnings" shall mean the actual ordinary rate of pay the employee receives for ordinary hours of work including shift loading and leading hand, in-charge or supervisory allowances where applicable. The term includes any overaward payment as well as casual rates received for ordinary hours of work. Ordinary time earnings shall not include overtime, disability allowances, commission, bonuses, lump sum payments made as a consequence of the termination of employment, annual leave loading, penalty rates for public holiday work, fares and travelling time allowances or any other extraneous payments of a like nature.

### 5.3.4 For the purposes of this Award an approved fund means

- (a) Sunsuper.
- (b) Any named fund as is agreed to between the relevant employer/Union parties to this Award and as recorded in an approved Industrial Agreement.
- (c) In the case of a minority group of employees of a particular employer, any industry, multi-industry or other fund which has been approved in an award of, or an agreement approved by, an Industrial Tribunal, whether State or Federal jurisdiction, and already has practical application to the majority of Award employees of that employer.
- (d) As to employees who belong to the religious fellowship known as the Brethren, who hold a Certificate issued pursuant to section 115 of the Act and are employed by an employer who also belongs to that fellowship any fund nominated by the employer and approved by the Brethren.
- (e) Any fund agreed between an employer and an employee who holds a Certificate issued pursuant to section 115 of the Act where membership of a fund cited in an Award would be in conflict with the conscientious beliefs of that employee in terms of section 115 of the Act.
- (f) In relation to any particular employer, any other established fund to which that employer was already actually making regular and genuine contributions in accordance with clause 5.3.2 on behalf of at least a significant number of that employer's employees covered by this Award as at 29 September 1989 and continues to make such contributions:

Provided that the making of a deposit, an initial or other contributions subsequent to 29 September 1989, but on a retrospective basis, in respect of any period up to and including 29 September 1989, shall not under any circumstances bring a fund within the meaning of this provision. The mere signing and submission of any

nomination for membership documents to trustees of a fund prior to 29 September 1989 does not bring a fund within the meaning of this provision.

#### 5.3.5 *Challenge of a fund*

- (a) An eligible employee being a member or a potential member of a fund, as well as the Union, may by notification of a dispute challenge a fund on the grounds that it does not meet the requirements of clause 5.3.
- (b) Notwithstanding that the Commission determines that a particular fund does not meet the requirements of this clause, the Commission may in its discretion and subject to any recommendation, direction or order it may make, recognise any or all of the contributions previously made to that fund as having met the requirements or part thereof of clause 5.3.2 up to and including the date of that determination.
- (c) In the event of any dispute over whether any fund complies with the requirements of the clause, the onus of proof shall rest upon the employer.

#### 5.3.6 *Fund selection*

- (a) No employer shall be required to make or be prevented from making, at any one time, contributions into more than one approved fund. Such fund, other than a fund referred to in clauses 5.3.4(c), (d), (e) and (f) shall be determined by a majority decision of employees.
- (b) Employees to whom these provisions apply who as at the date of this amendment are members of an established fund covered by clause 5.3.4(f) shall have the right by majority decision to choose to have the contributions specified in clause 5.3.2 paid into a fund as provided for elsewhere in clause 5.3.4 in lieu of the established fund to which clause 5.3.4(f) has application.
- (c) The initial selection of a fund recognised in clause 5.3.4 shall not preclude a subsequent decision by the majority of employees in favour of another fund recognised under that clause where the long term performance of the fund is clearly disappointing.

Where this provision has been utilised and as a result another approved fund is determined, access to a further re-appraisal of the fund for the purpose of favouring yet another fund shall not be available until a period of 3 years has elapsed after that utilisation of this provision:

Provided that the provisions of this clause do not preclude the making at any time of an Industrial Agreement within the terms of clause 5.3.4(b).

#### 5.3.7 *Enrolment*

- (a) Each employer to whom this clause applies shall as soon as practicable as to both current and future eligible employees:
  - (i) notify each employee of their entitlement to occupational superannuation;
  - (ii) consult as may be necessary to facilitate the selection by employees of an appropriate fund within the meaning of clause 5.3.4;
  - (iii) take all reasonable steps to ensure that upon the determination of an appropriate fund each eligible employee, receives, completes, signs and returns the necessary application form/s provided by the employer to enable that employee to become a member of the fund; and
  - (iv) submit all completed application form/s and any other relevant material to the trustees of the fund.
- (b) Each employee upon becoming eligible to become a member of a fund determined in accordance with this clause shall:
  - (i) complete and sign the necessary application form/s to enable that employee to become a member of that fund; and
  - (ii) return such form/s to the employer within 28 days of receipt in order to be entitled to the benefit of the contributions prescribed in clause 5.3.2.
- (c) Where an employer has complied with the requirements of clause 5.3.7(a) and an eligible employee fails to complete, sign and return the application form/s within 28 days of the receipt by them of that form/s, then that employer shall:

- (i) Advise an eligible employee in writing of the non-receipt of the application form/s and further advise the eligible employee that continuing failure to complete, sign and return such form/s within 14 days could jeopardise their entitlement to the occupational superannuation benefit prescribed by this clause.
  - (ii) In the event that an eligible employee fails to complete, sign and return such application form/s within the specified period of 14 days be under no obligation to make any occupational superannuation contributions in respect of such eligible employee excepting as from any subsequent date from which completed and signed application form/s is received by the employer.
  - (iii) In the event that an eligible employee fails to return a completed and signed application form/s within a period of 6 months from the date of the original request by the employer, again advise that eligible employee in writing of the entitlement and that the receipt by the employer of a completed and signed application form/s is a pre-requisite to the payment of any occupational superannuation contributions.
  - (iv) At the same time as advising the eligible employee pursuant to clause 5.3.7(c)(iii) submit both to the Chief Industrial Inspector, Brisbane and to the Secretary of a Union of employees whose registered callings incorporate the classification of the eligible employee a copy of each letter forwarded by them to the eligible employee pursuant to clauses 5.3.7(c)(i) and 5.3.7(c)(iii).
- (d) Where an employer fails to provide an eligible employee with an application forms in accordance with clause 5.3.7(a)(iii) they shall be obliged to make contributions as from the date of operation of this clause or from the date an employee became an "eligible employee" if that occurs thereafter provided that an eligible employee completes, signs and returns to the employer an application form/s within 28 days of being provided with the application form/s by the employer. Where an eligible employee fails to complete, sign and return an application form/s within such period of 28 days the provisions of clause 5.3.7(c) shall apply.

#### 5.3.8 *Unpaid contributions*

Subject to Chapter 11, Part 2, Division 5 of the Act and to clause 5.3.5, where the discretion of the Commission has been exercised, should it be established that the employer has failed to comply with the requirements of clause 5.3.2 in respect of any eligible employee such employer shall be liable to make the appropriate contributions retrospectively to the date of eligibility of the employee, plus an amount equivalent to the rate of return those contributions would have attracted in the relevant approved fund, or as necessary a fund to be determined by the Commission under clause 5.3.5, had they been paid on the due dates.

The making of such contributions satisfies the requirements of clause 5.3 excepting that resort to clause 5.3.8 shall not limit any common law action which may be available in relation to death, disablement or any similar cover existing within the terms of a relevant fund.

#### 5.3.9 *Exemptions*

An employer may apply to the Commission for exemption from all or any of the provisions of this clause in the following circumstances:

- (a) Incapacity to pay the costs associated with its implementation, or
- (b) Any special or compelling circumstances peculiar to the business of the employer.

### **PART 6 - HOURS OF WORK, BREAKS, OVERTIME, SHIFT WORK, WEEKEND WORK**

#### **6.1 Hours of work**

##### 6.1.1 *No fixed hours*

That portion of the wage rates prescribed in clause 5.1 which exceeds the minimum remuneration contains a loading in lieu of provisions restricting the daily and/or full-time hours of work of Van Sales Persons and in consequence no overtime applies.

#### **6.2 Sunday work**

##### 6.2.1 *Sunday and public holiday working*

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Award, it shall not be lawful for any Van Sales Person to take a Van containing goods for sale or delivery out on a road on any Sunday or public holiday without previous permission having been obtained in writing from the Secretary of The Australian Workers' Union of employees, Queensland.

### **PART 7 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

## **7.1 Annual leave**

7.1.1 Every employee (other than a casual employee) covered by this Award shall at the end of each year of their employment be entitled to annual leave on full pay of 4 weeks. The date for the leave shall be mutually arranged between the employer and the employee.

For the purposes of this provision "year of employment" shall mean and include any year of employment completed on or after 3 December 1973.

7.1.2 Such annual leave shall be exclusive of any public holiday which may occur during the period of that annual leave and (subject to clause 7.1.5) shall be paid for by the employer in advance:

- (a) In the case of any and every employee in receipt immediately prior to that leave of ordinary pay at a rate in excess of the ordinary rate payable under this Award, at that excess rate; and
- (b) In every other case, at the ordinary rate payable to the employee concerned immediately prior to that leave under this Award.

7.1.3 If the employment of any employee is terminated at the expiration of a full year of employment, the employer shall be deemed to have given the leave to the employee from the date of the termination of the employment and shall forthwith pay to the employee in addition to all other amounts due the employee's pay, calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.5, for 4 weeks and also the employee's ordinary pay for any public holiday occurring during such period of 4 weeks.

7.1.4 If the employment of any employee is terminated before the expiration of a full year of employment, such employee shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts due, an amount equal to 1/12th of the employee's pay for the period of employment calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.5.

If any such leave shall not have been taken as they fall due from time to time by mutual arrangement, such leave shall be cumulative for a period not exceeding 3 years.

The above leave shall commence and finish at the home town of the employee.

### *7.1.5 Calculation of annual leave pay*

In respect to annual leave entitlements to which clause 7.1 applies, annual leave pay (including any proportionate payments) shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) Leading hands etc - Subject to clause 7.1.5(b), leading hand allowances otherwise payable for ordinary time worked shall be included in the wages to be paid to employees during annual leave.
- (b) All employees - Subject to the provisions of clause 7.1.5(c), in no case shall the payment by an employer to an employee be less than the sum of the following amounts:
  - (i) the employees ordinary wage rate as prescribed in clause 5.2 for the period of the annual leave; and
  - (ii) a further amount calculated at the rate of 17 1/2% of the amount referred to in clauses 7.1.5(b)(i).
- (c) Clause 7.1.5(b) does not apply to:
  - (i) any period or periods of annual leave exceeding 4 weeks; and
  - (ii) employers (and their employees) who are already paying (or receiving) an annual leave bonus, loading or other annual leave payment which is not less favourable to employees.

## **7.2 Sick leave**

### *7.2.1 Entitlement*

- (a) Every employee, except casuals and school-based apprentice and trainees, is entitled to 8 days' sick leave for each completed year of their employment with their employer.
- (b) This entitlement will accrue at the rate of one day's sick leave after each 6 weeks of employment.
- (c) Payment for sick leave will be made based on the ordinary number of hours that would have been worked if the employee were not absent on sick leave.
- (d) Sick leave may be taken for part of a day.

- (e) Sick leave shall be cumulative, but unless the employer and employee otherwise agree, no employee shall be entitled to receive, and no employer shall be bound to make, payment for more than 13 weeks' absence from work through illness in any one year.
- (f) Part-time employees accrue sick leave on a proportional basis.

#### 7.2.2 *Employee must give notice*

The payment of sick leave is subject to the employee promptly advising their employer of their absence and its expected duration.

#### 7.2.3 *Evidence supporting a claim*

When the employee's absence is for more than 2 days the employee is required to give the employer a doctor's certificate, or other reasonably acceptable evidence, about the nature and approximate duration of the illness.

#### 7.2.4 *Accumulated sick leave*

An employee's accumulated sick leave entitlements are preserved when:

- (a) The employee is absent from work on unpaid leave granted by their employer;
- (b) The employer or employee terminates the employee's employment and the employee is re-employed within 3 months; or
- (c) The employee's employment is terminated because of illness or injury and the employee is re-employed by the same employer without having been employed in the interim.

The employee accumulates sick leave entitlements whilst absent from work on paid leave granted by the employer.

#### 7.2.5 *Workers' compensation*

Where an employee is in receipt of workers' compensation, the employee is not entitled to payment of sick leave.

#### 7.2.6 *Absenteeism control measures*

- (a) Sick leave is unlike annual leave or long service leave in that it is conditional upon an employee being ill or injured to the point of being unfit for duty. It is an insurance to protect the employee and their family against hardship should they be unable to continue in their normal occupation and should be only so utilised.
- (b) This procedure is designed to curtail sick leave abuse by employees who are absent from work and who are not genuinely unfit for duty and is to operate notwithstanding the provisions of clause 7.2.
- (c) At the end of each 3 monthly period, the employer may review the sick leave records with a view to establishing a list of employees whose record of attendance gives cause of reasonable concern.
- (d) Any employee with an unsatisfactory record shall be interviewed by the employer in the presence of an official representative of The Australian Workers' Union of employees, Queensland or their nominee if the employee so requests. If the discussion in respect to the absences does not provide satisfactory reason for the absences, then a letter of warning is to be sent to the employee and a copy to the Secretary of The Australian Workers' Union of employees, Queensland at the discretion of the employer.
- (e) If no improvement is observed in the next period, the employee is to be again interviewed (as in clause 7.2.6(d)) and if the interview results in unsatisfactory reasons being given, then a second letter of warning sent to the employee and a copy to the Secretary of The Australian Workers' Union of employees, Queensland at the discretion of the employer, also indicating proof of illness or a certificate may be required for any absence.
- (f) If the above action still results in unsatisfactory attendance at work then a final warning is to be given and if this is disregarded then good grounds will have been established for termination of employment.
- (g) The above procedure does not operate to withdraw the employer's right to take termination action or other disciplinary action against any employee if that employee has been found guilty of filling out a false sick leave application form and claiming leave pay when that person was not genuinely on sick leave. That is a matter relating to fraudulent misrepresentation which may justify "instant dismissal".

### 7.3 **Bereavement leave**

### 7.3.1 *Full-time and part-time employees*

A full-time and part-time employee on the death of a member of their immediate family or household in Australia is entitled to paid bereavement leave up to and including the day of the funeral of such person. Such leave shall be without deduction of pay for a period not exceeding the number of hours worked by the employee in 2 ordinary days of work. Proof of such death is to be furnished by the employee to the satisfaction of the employer.

### 7.3.2 *Long-term casual employees*

(a) A long-term casual employee is entitled to at least 2 days unpaid bereavement leave on the death of a member of the person's immediate family or household in Australia.

(b) A "long-term casual employee" is a casual employee engaged by a particular employer, on a regular and systematic basis, for several periods of employment during a period of at least one year immediately before the employee seeks to access an entitlement under clause 7.3.2.

### 7.3.3 "Immediate family" includes:

(a) A spouse (including a former spouse, a *de facto* spouse and a former *de facto* spouse, spouse of the same sex) of the employee; and

(b) A child or an adult child (including an adopted child, a foster child, an ex-foster child, a stepchild or an ex-nuptial child), parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of the employee or spouse of the employee.

7.3.4 An employee with the consent of the employer, may apply for unpaid leave when a member of the employee's immediate family or household in Australia dies and the period of bereavement leave entitlement provided above is insufficient.

7.3.5 An employee shall be entitled to a maximum of 2 days leave without loss of pay on each occasion and on the production of satisfactory evidence of the death outside of Australia of an employee's husband, wife, father or mother and where such employee travels outside of Australia to attend the funeral.

## **7.4 Long service leave**

All employees covered by this Award are entitled to long service leave on full pay under, subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, sections 42-58 of the Act as amended from time to time.

## **7.5 Family leave**

The provisions of the Family Leave Award apply to and are deemed to form part of this Award.

7.5.1 It is to be noted that:

(a) part-time work can be performed by agreement in the circumstances specified in the Family Leave Award;

(b) a copy of the Family Leave Award is required to be displayed in accordance with section 697 of the Act.

7.5.2 The Family Leave Award also provides for the terms and conditions of leave associated with:

(a) Maternity leave

(b) Parental leave

(c) Adoption leave

(d) Special responsibility leave for the care and support of the employee's immediate family or household.

## **7.6 Public holidays**

7.6.1 Subject to clause 7.6.6 all work done by any employee on:

- the 1st January;
- the 26th January;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Saturday (the day after Good Friday);
- Easter Monday;

- the 25th April (Anzac Day);
- The Birthday of the Sovereign;
- Christmas Day;
- Boxing Day; or
- any day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of any such holiday

will be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

#### 7.6.2 *Labour Day*

All employees covered by this Award shall be entitled to be paid a full day's wage for Labour Day (the first Monday in May or other day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of the holiday) irrespective of the fact that no work may be performed on such day, and if any employee concerned actually works on Labour Day, such employee shall be paid a full day's wage for that day and in addition a payment for the time actually worked by them at one and a-half times the ordinary rate prescribed for such work with a minimum of 4 hours.

#### 7.6.3 *Annual show*

All work done by employees in a district specified from time to time by the Minister by notification published in the *Industrial Gazette* on the day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept as a holiday in relation to the annual agricultural, horticultural and/or industrial show held at the principal city or town, as specified in such notification, of such district shall be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

#### 7.6.4 *Double time and a-half*

For the purposes of this provision, where the rate of wages is a full-time rate, "double time and a-half" shall mean one and one-half day's wages in addition to the prescribed full-time rate, or *pro rata* if there is more or less than a day.

#### 7.6.5 *Stand down*

Any employee, with 2 weeks or more of continuous service, whose employment has been terminated by the employer or who has been stood down by the employer during the month of December, and who is re-employed in January of the following year, shall be entitled to payment at the ordinary rate payable to that employee when they were dismissed or stood down, for any one or more of the following holidays, namely, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and the 1st January (New Year's Day).

#### 7.6.6 *Substitution*

Where there is agreement between an employer and the majority of employees concerned, and subject to statutory limitations, other ordinary working days may be substituted for the public holidays specified.

### 7.7 **Jury service**

- (a) An employee, other than a casual employee, required to attend for jury service during their ordinary working hours shall be reimbursed by the employer an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in respect of their attendance for such jury service and the ordinary pay the employee would have been paid if the employee was not absent on jury service.
- (b) Alternatively, by agreement, fees (other than meal allowance) received by the employee to attend jury service will be paid to the employer and the employer will continue to pay the employee their ordinary pay for the time the employee was absent on jury service.
- (c) Employees shall notify their employer as soon as practicable of the date upon which they are required to attend for jury service and shall provide their employer with proof of such attendance, the duration of such attendance and the amount received in respect thereof.
- (d) If the employee is not required to serve on a jury for a day or part of a day after attending for jury service and the employee would ordinarily be working for all or part of the remaining day, the employee must, if practicable, present for work at the earliest reasonable opportunity.
- (e) "Ordinary pay" means the rate of pay that an employee would normally expect to receive for working ordinary hours on an ordinary day of the week, including any over-award payment. "Ordinary pay" excludes overtime, penalty rates of all types - including those attaching to working ordinary hours (for example) on a Saturday, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and other ancillary payments of a like nature.

## **PART 8 - TRANSFERS, TRAVELLING AND WORKING AWAY FROM USUAL PLACE OF WORK**

## **8.1 Usual place of work**

The employer and the employee shall mutually arrange what town shall be regarded as the employee's home town, and the employer shall not be liable for the cost of accommodation of the employee for the time spent in such home town.

## **PART 9 - TRAINING AND RELATED MATTERS**

### **9.1 Commitment to training**

9.1.1 The parties commit themselves to the development and implementation of training courses as it is regarded by them as appropriate and improving the training in cases where this is required.

9.1.2 It is agreed that the parties will co-operate in ensuring that appropriate training is available for all employees in the industry and the parties agree to co-operate in encouraging both employers and employees to avail themselves of the benefits to both from such training.

## **PART 10 - OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND AMENITIES**

### **10.1 Clothing, equipment and tools**

#### *10.1.1 Dust coats*

When an employer requires a Van Sales Person to wear a dust coat, such dust coat shall be supplied by and remain the property of the employer.

#### *10.1.2 Protective clothing*

As a protection against wet weather, a suitable rain jacket shall be supplied on the request of the employee, free of cost.

The employee may elect to be supplied with a long raincoat or a waist length jacket, and if the latter is elected, the item shall be made of rain resistant material, other than that used in the manufacture of what are commonly known as "plastic raincoats":

A rain jacket shall remain the property of the employer and the Van Sales Person shall be liable for the cost of the replacement of the jacket if it is lost, destroyed, or damaged through negligence, or otherwise depreciated through use for purposes other than those prescribed herein:

Where a rain jacket has already been supplied as a result of a former request by an employee, no further request shall be made by the employee until such time as the previous type of rain jacket is to be replaced.

## **PART 11 - AWARD COMPLIANCE AND UNION RELATED MATTERS**

### **Preamble**

Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 replicate legislative provisions contained within the Act. In order to ensure the currency of existing legal requirements parties are advised to refer to sections 366, 372 and 373 of the Act as amended from time to time.

### **11.1 Right of entry**

#### *11.1.1 Authorised industrial officer*

(a) An "Authorised industrial officer" is any Union official holding a current authority issued by the Industrial Registrar.

(b) Right of entry is limited to workplaces where the work performed falls within the registered coverage of the Union.

#### *11.1.2 Entry procedure*

(a) The authorised industrial officer is entitled to enter the workplace during normal business hours as long as:

(i) the authorised industrial officer alerts the employer or other person in charge of the workplace to their presence; and

(ii) shows their authorisation upon request.

- (b) Clause 11.1.2(a)(i) does not apply if the authorised industrial officer establishes that the employer or other person in charge is absent.
- (c) A person must not obstruct or hinder any authorised industrial officer exercising their right of entry.
- (d) If the authorised industrial officer intentionally disregards a condition of clause 11.1.2 the authorised industrial officer may be treated as a trespasser.

#### 11.1.3 *Inspection of records*

- (a) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect the time and wages record required to be kept under section 366 of the Act.
- (b) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect such time and wages records of any former or current employee except if the employee:
  - (i) is ineligible to become a member of the Union; or
  - (ii) is a party to a QWA or ancillary document, unless the employee has given written consent for the records to be inspected; or
  - (iii) has made a written request to the employer that the employee does not want that employee's record inspected.
- (c) The authorised industrial officer may make a copy of the record, but cannot require any help from the employer.
- (d) A person must not coerce an employee or prospective employee into consenting, or refusing to consent, to the inspection of their records by an authorised industrial officer.

#### 11.1.4 *Discussions with employees*

An authorised industrial officer is entitled to discuss with the employer, or a member or employee eligible to become a member of the Union:

- (a) matters under the Act during working or non-working time; and
- (b) any other matter with a member or employee eligible to become a member of the Union, during non-working time.

#### 11.1.5 *Conduct*

An authorised industrial officer must not unreasonably interfere with the performance of work in exercising a right of entry.

### **11.2 Time and wages record**

11.2.1 An employer must keep, at the place of work in Queensland, a time and wages record that contains the following particulars for each pay period for each employee, including apprentices and trainees:

- (a) the employee's Award classification;
- (b) the employer's full name;
- (c) the name of the Award under which the employee is working;
- (d) the number of hours worked by the employee during each day and week, the times at which the employee started and stopped work, and details of work breaks including meal breaks;
- (e) a weekly, daily or hourly wage rate - details of the wage rate for each week, day, or hour at which the employee is paid;
- (f) the gross and net wages paid to the employee;
- (g) details of any deductions made from the wages; and
- (h) contributions made by the employer to a superannuation fund.

11.2.2 The time and wages record must also contain:

- (a) the employee's full name and address;
- (b) the employee's date of birth;
- (c) details of sick leave credited or approved, and sick leave payments to the employee;
- (d) the date when the employee became an employee of the employer;
- (e) if appropriate, the date when the employee ceased employment with the employer; and
- (f) if a casual employee's entitlement to long service leave is worked out under section 47 of the Act - the total hours, other than overtime, worked by the employee since the start of the period to which the entitlement relates, worked out to and including 30 June in each year.

11.2.3 The employer must keep the record for 6 years.

11.2.4 Such records shall be open to inspection during the employer's business hours by an inspector of the Department of Industrial Relations, in accordance with section 371 of the Act or an authorised industrial officer in accordance with sections 372 and 373 of the Act.

### **11.3 Union encouragement**

Clause 11.3 gives effect to section 110 of the Act in its entirety. Consistent with section 110 a Full Bench of the Commission has issued a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement (reported 165 QGIG 221) that encourages an employee to join and maintain financial membership of the Union.

#### *11.3.1 Documentation to be provided by employer*

At the point of engagement, an employer to whom this Award applies shall provide employees with a document indicating that a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement has been issued by the Commission, a copy of which is to be kept on the premises of the employer in a place readily accessible by each employee.

The document provided by the employer shall also identify the existence of a Union encouragement clause in this Award.

#### *11.3.2 Union delegates*

Union delegates and job representatives have a role to play within a workplace. The existence of accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives is encouraged.

The employer shall not unnecessarily hinder accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives in the reasonable and responsible performance of their duties.

#### *11.3.3 Deduction of union fees*

Where arrangements can be entered into, employers are encouraged to provide facilities for the deduction and remittance of Union fees for employees who signify in writing to their employer, their desire to have such membership fees deducted from their wages.

### **Schedule**

#### *List of employers with 2nd Tier Orders which to Varying Degrees Modify the Provisions of this Award*

Employer	Case No.	Date of Order
The Atherton Tableland Dairy Co-operative Association Limited	B800/88	19.10.88
Australian United Foods (Townsville, Cairns, Mackay and Mt. Isa)	B293/89	15.8.89

Dated 20 November 2002.

By the Commission,  
[L.S.] E. EWALD,  
Industrial Registrar.

Operative Date: 20 January 2003