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2011 AWARD NEGOTIATIONS

IMPORTANT

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Members,

In one of their announcements, the Government indicated that the 2.5% pay offer was in the State Budget. The Union noted this and, given that our Award has expired, asked that this money be paid to Bus Drivers immediately (back paid to 12th June 2011) with the proviso that we will be able to continue to negotiate further increases by Enterprise Bargaining.

As a result of our representations, the NSW Government has made an offer of 2.5% to the members back dated to the expiry of the last Award, 12th June, 2011.

WITH NO AWARD CONDITIONS BEING TRADED OFF.

The Union Award Negotiating Committee will still have the capacity to bargain over the 2.5%, these negotiations are ongoing, focusing on our Log of Claims.

Having sought legal advice, the RTBU Executive recommends that members accept the offer.

Should RTBU members decline this offer, **the Minister has stressed that there will not be any back pay and the offer will be withdrawn on the 2nd August, 2011.**

As per Government Policy, back pay will not be recognised in any future agreements.

A BALLOT WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 1ST AUGUST, 8.00AM – 4.00PM.

Yours in solidarity,

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