

25 January 2017 – EA Bargaining Meeting

The first EA bargaining meeting for 2017 was held on Wednesday 25 January after an end-of-year break. This meeting provided an opportunity to recap on the negotiating positions of each party.

Late last year, Curtin provided a summary document to the NTEU outlining our understanding of where the negotiations were at and the issues remaining to be resolved. This document was discussed at the meeting. It was evident during the course of these discussions that, while there is still scope for some differences to be resolved, the parties remain apart on some important issues. The negotiating parties will now further consider their positions and meet again in late February to attempt to further progress discussions.

During the course of the EA negotiations over the past nine or so months, Curtin has provided a number of financial briefings to the NTEU to provide greater insight into our operating environment and the challenges this presents. These briefings cover both our past financial performance and our future financial forecasts. The last of these was based on Curtin's August 2016 financial forecast. Curtin proposes to provide a further financial update to the NTEU at our next meeting on the basis of the actual end-of year-results for 2016.