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Attention: Chief of Staff / News Editor

ADMIN WORKERS LET DOWN BY QUEENSLAND HEALTH OFFER

The union representing clerical and administrative support workers in Queensland hospitals has expressed disappointment with the first offer made today by Queensland Health in enterprise bargaining negotiations.

QHealth has offered a total package of 4% per annum for 3 years based on the acceptance of a raft of concessions which would particularly impact upon admin workers' security and workloads, such as a right to contract out work without agreement, and to remove requirements to fill or replace positions when vacancies arise.

ASU Assistant Branch Secretary Mary-Anne O'Neill said "The ASU put forward an extensive Log of Claims after thoroughly surveying members and it is with great disappointment that we note that our list of issues remains largely unaddressed."

"Admin workers are angry about increasing workloads, and that their contribution to patient care is ignored and seen as a cost. Admin workers are part of the team that cares for Queenslanders and directly contribute to patient care. But when it comes to valuing their contribution, all management is interested in is increasing their workloads and making it easier to contract out their jobs."

The ASU will commence workplace meetings next week to consult with members about the pay offer, but it is most unlikely that members will receive the offer positively.

The QHealth offer has been placed on the ASU Web-site at http://www.qld.asu.net.au/qh_eb7_offer_5_sept_2008.pdf.

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The Australian Services Union (Clerical and Administrative Branch) represents workers in the clerical, administrative and call centre industries across both the public and private sectors throughout central and southern Queensland