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Attention: Chief of Staff / News Editor

QLD HEALTH ADMIN WORKERS START INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Thousands of administrative support staff employed in hospitals across Queensland have started industrial action today in response to QHealth's inadequate pay offer.

Australian Services Union Secretary, Julie Bignell, said "Our Workplace Delegates have reported to us that there has been significant across-the-board adherence to the industrial action. Key actions being taken from today include bans on working unpaid overtime, phone diversions, dressing down, bans on processing particular financial information and reporting, and the taking of group tea breaks and lunch times."

"As of today, a range of bans will be in place until Queensland Health come to the table. So there'll be no more unpaid overtime, no more working through lunch and skipping breaks, no more above and beyond the call of duty, until Queensland Health stop putting their front-line staff last."

Julie also said "Our members are struggling to make ends meet. They're not valued, they're ignored, and they're sick of being the last priority for Queensland Health".

Ms Bignell said several on-site meetings had been well attended at Bundaberg and Rockhampton, with more planned for this week. Tomorrow admin staff will stop work together for lunch at various hospitals on the Southside of Brisbane, including Gold Coast Hospital and the Princess Alexandra. Media comment will be available at Gold Coast Hospital and Princess Alexandra tomorrow.

Sites undertaking coordinated lunch times this week:

Wednesday 24 September – 12.30pm

Logan Hospital
Robina Hospital
Southport Hospital
QEI Hospital
Bayside Hospital
Princess Alexandra Hospital

Thursday 25 September – 12.30pm

Nambour Hospital
Caloundra Hospital
Redcliffe Hospital

Friday 26 September – 12.00pm

Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
Royal Children's Hospital

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