



12 October 2011

Mr Greg Mullins AFSM  
Commissioner  
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Dear Mr Mullins,

**Re: Logistics Support Vehicle**

I write in response to your letter of 4 October wherein you advise of your intention to unilaterally abandon a recently agreed position for the staffing of LSVs.

It appears that the Department is taking the Union's preparedness to discuss alternative arrangements as a green light to walk away from an industrial agreement between the parties struck barely 12 months ago. This is, frankly, an astonishing development.

Discussions between the parties do not constitute grounds for abandoning industrial agreements, so in the interests of clarity I will take this opportunity to state that the Union expects that the agreed position will be respected and observed.

Given the situation as it now stands, the Union also expects that the parties will meet as soon as possible to discuss this matter, and that the matter is sufficiently important to ensure your personal attendance at that meeting. Needless to say, there should be no attempt to depart from the agreed position, nor to act upon or implement any aspect of the Department's alternative LSV plans, prior to that meeting taking place. Please contact me directly to arrange this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Casey  
State Secretary

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