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On Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th June 2012 the Union met with Pacific National Management Representatives.

Discussions where held around:

- Available Days
- Flying Crews
- Medical Assessments
- Classification Structure
- Additional RDO's for Combination Rosters
- Maximum Shift Lengths (Driver/Driver)
- Intervals between Shifts
- Mandatory Rest Periods
- Lift up / Lay Back
- Rest Detention
- Wage Claim 7,7,7 + 1.25

Available Days: We are still waiting for words surrounding that if you are called out on your Available Day and it is a Barracks Job, which could happen, what is the process if there are 2 sign on's on the same day? Also the Available Day could be used for covering other jobs where someone has gone Sick. For Example if you are in the 1200 to 1600hrs bracket and someone went sick on the earlier bracket, they might lift someone up and you will do their job.

Flying Crews: Pacific National has a clause which will they want included in the Contract of Employment Part A. We have told Pacific National that this cannot be accepted as a form of employment and talks surrounding this issue continue.

Medical Assessments: Pacific National still insist that both the Blood & Medical Test should be in your own time (2 days). We are still trying to work out what is "point of determination" and who should pay for Medical tests.

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Classification Structure: talks are still ongoing in regards level 2 to 3 and level 2 to 4. There is no automatic progression once you have done your Block School until you have been signed off as a Terminal or Mainline Driver.

Additional RDO's for Combination Rosters: if you are on a Combination Roster then it will be Pro Rata as per your combination. Eg. If you have a Combination Roster with 50/50 then you will receive an extra 8 RDO's and 5 Available Days per year on your Blank Lines.

Maximum Shift Lengths (Driver/Driver) 12 hours: Pacific National have come back with a proposal that for Rostered 12hrs, that it must be a Level 4 or above with a Level 4. We are still considering this proposal.

Interval between Shifts: We are still seeking that at home depot that it should be 12hrs off. Barracks Locations – Parkes have insisted that all Rest locations must have a min of 8hrs off. All other Depots are happy with the proposed new time frames.

Mandatory Rest Period: Pacific National still insist that you are only entitled to 7.6hrs credit. We are still seeking the rostered shift/s be credited.

Lift Up / Lay Back: Pacific National will not move on this issue. They still want 2 up and 4 back.

Rest Detention: Pacific National will not move from 12hrs to 11hrs for Rest Detention.

Wage Claim: Our wage claim which as advised in a previous Newsletter is 7+7+7 + (1.25 for the lost PIP payment) over the 3 years term of the new agreement. No agreement has been reached on any final wage outcome.

Duty Cycle: Pacific National has refused to give the RTBU what size Duty Cycle they want after they have said to us that they would give us a reduced cycle with a reduced Overtime Rate

The RTBU is doing an EA Update Tour starting from the 25th June. Check your notice boards or ask you Depot Organiser for Locations and Times.

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