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Question

Enterprise bargaining meetings

Senator LINES: You indicated to me that you are consulting with staff. Does that mean that bargaining meetings have recommenced?

Ms Leon: We have had an informal meeting with the local delegates in the department since the vote and we will be commencing formal meetings shortly. I might ask Ms Rundle to give you the details.

Senator LINES: Thank you very much, Ms Leon.

Ms Rundle: I will check this fact afterwards, but I think we have a formal meeting set up on 27 February to meet with the union.

Senator LINES: That is this week?

Ms Rundle: Yes.

Senator LINES: So you had an informal meeting and you met with the delegates. Is that union delegates? Who did you meet with?

Ms Rundle: I will check this again in the break, if you like, but I am fairly certain that my people had a meeting with some of our staff who are CPSU delegates to talk about what we are planning to do next before we go into more formal bargaining.

Answer

The Department's bargaining team had a meeting with CPSU and employee bargaining representatives on Monday, 16 February 2015.