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Representation of Rural Senior Officers

In Newsletter No. 21 dated 26 November 2008, the previous State Secretary of the SOU, Ron James outlined (in part):

“Without limiting the interests of other industrial organisations, the SOU Executive also advised the Deputy Commissioner that members of the SOU expect their duly elected office bearers to represent their industrial interests. Accordingly, all industrial issues that may impact upon individual members, groups of members or the entire membership of the SOU will require consultation and negotiation (in accordance with accepted industrial arrangements) with the appropriate elected representative(s) of the SOU.”

To substantiate this position, the SOU wrote to the QFRS requesting confirmation that the SOU can represent all eligible members. I can now advise that the QFRS has formally responded that the SOU will be consulted with respect to any industrial issue relating to Urban, Rural and Scientific Senior Officers.

In summary, the eligibility rule of the SOU allows membership from a broad range of QFRS employees, including Urban, Rural and Scientific, and (in accordance with the parameters of this rule and the provisions of the IR Act) the SOU intends to accept applications as received. Naturally, the SOU intends to duly represent members as required. Accordingly, the QFRS has acknowledged the situation as described in the correspondence as forwarded and agrees to work with the SOU to ensure all members are duly represented as appropriate.

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