



It's that time again !!!!

As you should be aware, our Agreement expires on the 30th of June this year. We will be initiating bargaining for a new Collective Employment Agreement on the 30th of April.

It is hoped that all claims meetings will be held and claims sent to me by that date, or shortly afterwards so that we can get the negotiations underway with plenty of time available.

I want the membership to endorse our negotiating team of myself (Advocate), Wayne McLaughlin (who will be taking over from me as the DOC National Organiser), Elwyn Wilson, and Morrie Whareaitu.

There are a couple of givens in the claims.

- We want the REM System which we were denied last time because of the crappy deal the PSA and the Department did to exclude us; and
- We want a two year term to keep us out of phase with the PSA Agreement.



seeking a decent increase in our salaries.

If you don't hear from your local organiser in the next week or two to arrange a claims meeting get in touch your self.

If you are in an isolated place and won't be able to get to a meeting you are welcome to send the claims directly to me.

There is no guarantee that they will go forward to the negotiations but it is an opportunity for you to have your say.

The Wanganui local area fiasco is still alive at this time. The Department is making soothing noises and the PSA has apparently agreed to the Departments terms.

The Department has yet to confirm to me the terms which will make our members happy and allow me to sign off on the deal.

We will no doubt run into the problem that the Department currently has on being some \$8 million short in the budget, but that will not stop us

Might make it to Court yet !!