

Ramsay: status of nurses' claims as at 9 February 2015

Your Claim	Ramsay response
Fair Staffing Levels	
Implementation of key ACORN standards in operating environment	Rejected
Regular discussions about workloads at ward/unit/team meetings	Agreed in principle
Nurse/midwife in charge not to have a clinical workload i.e. no patients	Under discussion
Babies to be included in patient numbers for determining staffing	Under discussion
Improved access to mentoring and support of beginning practitioners	Under discussion
Balancing life and work	
Roster to be displayed in a convenient place for all nurses and midwives	Agreed in principle
No time limit on when employees can arrange a shift swap	Agreed in principle
Changes to rosters to occur only by agreement	Under discussion
Long service leave accrual to increase to two weeks per annum after 10 years service	Rejected
Improved paid parental leave of 26 weeks and two weeks partner leave	Under discussion
Three hour minimum engagement for casuals	Agreed in principle
Overtime payment for casuals	Rejected
Introduction of paid leave for family and community purposes	Rejected
Where overpayment occurs, negotiation of repayment plan should take into account each individual's circumstances	Agreed in principle
Employees to be able to choose to use other leave in compassionate circumstances where required	Agreed in principle
Accrual of leave to match shifts worked e.g. 12 hour shift workers accrue a 12 hour shift when working a public holiday	Under discussion
Permanent part time hours review to ensure contract reflects actual hours worked	Under discussion
Recognise professional education, skills and experience	
Increase of 5% per annum to wages and allowances	Jan '15: 2% downpayment; awaiting further management response
Revise recognition of service requirements in line with industry practice	Under discussion
Incremental pay progression to occur automatically following each 1976 hours of experience	Under discussion
Improved classification structure for CNSs, CNEs and CNCs	Rejected
Access to 5 days paid study and CPD leave per year	Rejected
Guarantee adequate work time to complete mandatory training	Rejected
Nurses and midwives to be offered opportunity to complete mandatory training before being asked to change roster	Rejected
Align Enrolled Nurse classifications with AHPRA registration	Agreed in principle
Ensuring a safe workplace	
Consecutive eight hour break after being recalled to work, or payment for the next shift at double time	Under discussion
Limit number of quick shifts in a seven day period	Agreed in principle
Adequate meal breaks and rest pauses for all time worked, including overtime	Agreed in principle
Modernise on call provisions including increasing the on call rates and additional leave for those regularly required to be on call	Under discussion
Two days off per week to be consecutive and not preceded by a night shift unless 8 hours sleep time is provided	Under discussion
Ten minutes paid change time for those required to change into their uniform at work	Agreed in principle
All employees who regularly work their ordinary hours on Sundays and Public Holidays to be entitled to additional annual leave	Under discussion