

Question on Notice
No. 570
Asked on 14 July 2015

MR KNUTH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON J MILLER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the nature and current status of each of the current tribunal and court matters between the State of Queensland (Fire and Emergency Services) and the UFUQ or UFUQ members?

ANSWER:

I have been advised that there is currently one matter between the State of Queensland (Fire and Emergency Services) and the United Firefighters Union Queensland (UFUQ) currently before the Industrial Court of Queensland and another matter proceeding with the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC).

This first is an appeal to the Court by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) in relation to a decision by the QIRC to not grant a strike out or stay of the UFUQ application to amend the contract of service to Auxiliary Firefighters. The appeal was heard on 27 April 2015 and the decision has been reserved.

The second is misconduct-related matter proceeding with the QIRC in which a person has identified themselves as a member of the UFUQ. The matter is in relation to a firefighter who was dismissed for misconduct.

The Palaszczuk Government is a listening government and one of consultation.

Unlike the LNP, we are prepared to work with all stakeholders to get good outcomes for Queenslanders.

As Minister, I would rather employ more frontline firefighters and provide with them better equipment than pick fights with some of our state's finest.

The Palaszczuk Government deeply appreciates the hard work and dedication of all of our firefighters. We will always listen, consult and treat them with the respect they deserve.

Our top priority is and always will be the safety and wellbeing of all Queenslanders.