



Vital Services ***Decent Pay***

The campaign to ensure government will fund the wage outcomes that may flow from the pay equity case

CAMPAIGN UPDATE **Winter (June -July) 2011**

Campaign goal

SACOSS seeks the provision of new and full funding (for all contracts-for-services and grant funding) of any wage increases awarded by Fair Work Australia in the application for an Equal Remuneration Order for social and community service workers

Commonwealth Commitment

The Commonwealth has confirmed its responsibility for the services it supports by committing to fair and appropriate supplementation for higher wage costs (6 July 2011).

In joining the various state governments that have already made clear their commitment to fund their share of pay equity—including South Australia—there is an emerging consensus that the effectiveness and viability of our vital community services depends on adequate funding for those services and their workforce.

Only the NSW and Victorian Coalition governments have yet to come to the party.

Read the Commonwealth media release at

www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Evans/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_110706_122404.aspx

SA Win!

Treasurer Snelling commits to full funding of pay equity outcomes!

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Snelling confirms to SACOSS members SA's pay equity commitment

On 28 June 2011 at the inaugural SACOSS post-Budget Breakfast, the South Australian Treasurer The Hon Jack Snelling MP reiterated the government's commitment to South Australia's obligations in funding pay equity.

First announced by Snelling on the steps of Parliament House on 8 June, the South Australian government's commitment to pay equity was confirmed to the audience of 100 SACOSS members, when the Treasurer stated that provision was in this year's State Budget for paying the state's share in funding pay equity for the SACS sector.

This announcement was met with warm applause, at which the Treasurer continued, "We also expect the Commonwealth to come to the table, but certainly that money has been made available to make sure that the community sector is paid appropriately".

SACOSS, in conjunction with Jobs Australia, has released a new fact sheet on Pay Equity Implementation

Download the fact sheet from www.sacoss.org.au/campaigns.htm



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**Names in red have pledged since our last update!*

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