

School Holiday Pay for Education Staff

Mrs GREENE question to PREMIER

I ask this question on behalf of Lisa, a teacher assistant who has supported children with complex needs in public schools for over a decade. Every school holiday Lisa is stood down with no pay. She budgets dollar for dollar, she goes without, and she was relying on the pay rise that was due this December just to make ends meet. Bargaining meetings have been postponed, they've been cancelled, they've been pushed back and now she will go into Christmas and the school holidays without the pay rise that she and her colleagues so desperately need. Premier, will you commit to providing back pay to ensure Lisa and thousands of low-paid education staff are not financially punished because this government has dragged out bargaining? If not, can you explain to our public servants how you expect them to survive yet another school holiday with no income, rising household costs and a government that can't even keep to its own bargaining schedule?