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Stolen Wages Settlement

Update 19, 30 October 2020

Welcome to our nineteenth Stolen Wages Settlement email update to claimants (workers under the Stolen Wages practices) and registered representatives (for deceased claimants).

Distribution statements are on the way!

Pursuant to the orders of the Federal Court on 8 September 2020, the administrators are required to send a distribution statement to all claimants and registered representatives by 30 October 2020. The distribution statement provides an estimate of how much each claimant and registered representative will receive, details of the bank account that payments will be paid into, and information about how to request a review, whether tax is payable on the payments and whether payments will affect Centrelink payments.

A sample distribution statement is available on our website, www.stolenwages.com.au under the *Updates* tab.

The amount set out in the distribution statements is an estimate only and is subject to change as a result of reviews, taxation and other adjustments. The

final payment may therefore be different to the estimate in your distribution statement.

The first of the distribution statements were posted on 29 October 2020 and all statements will be posted by 30 October 2020. When you receive your distribution statement will depend on Australia Post delivery services in your region.

For reasons of confidentiality and to ensure the accuracy of the information provided, we will not be able to provide estimated payment amounts over the telephone.

We are still expecting to make payments to claimants and registered representatives by 6 December 2020, but this date may be delayed if there are reviews or appeals.

Financial counselling

The administrators of the Stolen Wages Settlement Distribution Scheme have appointed Cape York Partnership to provide financial counselling services, referrals and information to claimants and registered representatives receiving a Stolen Wages payment. More information, including an information flyer is available on our website, www.stolenwages.com.au under the *Updates* and *Documents* tabs.

Financial counsellors help with budgeting, saving and dealing with debts. Financial counsellors can also provide advice about Centrelink payments and basic tax questions. If you have questions about how to save or spend your Stolen Wages payment, a financial counsellor may be able to help you.

For information about debts, saving and money questions call Cape York Partnership on 0497 473 589 or The National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007.

Cape York Partnership are also visiting communities to provide face-to-face financial counselling services. The locations and dates of upcoming financial counselling sessions are set out below. Please call Cape York Partnership on 0497 473 589 about the sessions or making an appointment.

Talk to someone in person

Come and see a financial counsellor in person

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Aurukun	30	1, 2, 15, 16,
Hope Vale	5, 6, 25, 26, 27	7, 8, 9
Mossman Gorge	13, 20	11, 14
Yarrabah	12, 19, 24	
Wujal Wujal	3, 10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15
Palm Island	2, 3, 16, 17	
Thursday Island	9, 10, 11	

Cape York Partnership can be contacted anytime on [0497 473 000](tel:0497473000)

Our website - www.stolenwages.com.au - is the place to go to for accurate and up to date information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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