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Stolen Wages Settlement Update 18, 16 October 2020

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

No more IDs

The time to provide identification (ID) closed on 9 October 2020 and no further IDs can be accepted. The Stolen Wages Information Centre visited 24 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, some on a number of occasions, to assist people with their IDs, wrote three times to those people that had not provided their IDs, conducted telephone follow ups and advertised the deadline through radio and print media.

Those claimants and registered representatives that did not provide ID by 9 October 2020 will not be eligible to receive a payment.

Distribution statements

Now that the time to provide IDs has closed, we able to work out who is eligible to receive a payment. Distribution statements are now being prepared and will be mailed to the postal address of all eligible claimants and registered representatives. The distribution statement will set out the amount of the payment for each eligible claim and the bank account it will be paid to.

Please note that mail could take several weeks to be delivered to your address so allow sufficient time for this to occur before calling the Stolen Wages Information Centre to seek an update. For privacy reasons we will not be able to provide details of a payment over the phone. It is therefore important that if you change your postal address, you contact the Stolen Wages Information Centre and provide us with your new address. Payments will be made to eligible claimants and registered representatives before 6 December 2020.

Continuing claims of deceased claimants

For those claimants that:

1. registered a claim before 21 November 2019
2. passed away after 21 November 2019,

the Federal Court has allowed a living spouse (husband or wife), or if there is no living spouse, a living child, to register to continue the claim of the deceased claimant. They must complete a *Continuing registration form - deceased Claimant*, which can be downloaded from the website, www.stolenwages.com.au under the *Documents* tab or obtained by contacting the Stolen Wages Information Centre.

If you are able to continue the claim for a deceased claimant please urgently contact the Stolen Wages Information Centre to confirm that you qualify under the rules approved by the Court.

Registrations closed on 21 November 2019

As we get closer to the date of making payment, we are receiving a lot more calls from people seeking to register. Please note that the Stolen Wages Class Action commenced in 2016 and registrations closed on 21 November 2019. We cannot accept any new registrations.

Claims by Papua New Guineans

The Federal Court has approved claims from a limited number of Papua New Guineans that also received payments under the Queensland Government's reparations scheme. The administrators are working with Papua New Guinean claimants and registered representatives to determine who is eligible.

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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