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Please note: copies of the Monthly Employer Updates are also available on the TasBuild webpage at www.tasbuild.com.au

Entitlement Statistics for January 2014:

- Total entitlements paid: 55
- Total value of entitlements paid: \$430,863.12
- Average weekly rate paid for all entitlements: \$1,148.75
- Average weekly rates paid to specific trades:

Boilermaker:	\$1,209.87
Carpenter:	\$1,153.54
Electrician:	\$1,284.33
Glazier:	\$809.02
Labourer:	\$1,143.00
Painter:	\$881.42
Plant operator:	\$1,147.71
Plumber:	\$1,151.32
Refrig Mech:	\$1,356.30
Road Maker:	\$957.41
Sheet Metal Wkr:	\$1,097.59
Other:	\$1,293.20

The weekly rates are an average of the rates actually paid by TasBuild to employees taking an entitlement during the subject month. The weekly rates paid have been calculated in accordance with the requirements of the Act and the Rules of the Fund. In general terms the rates represent the ordinary weekly amount payable to the employee and do not include site specific or other various compensatory allowances.

Happy New Year

Whilst we are well and truly into the new year please accept my belated but sincere wishes for a fantastic 2014.

We have a number of matters we will be progressing this year to ensure we continue to provide the Industry's employees with the maximum benefit of long service at a minimum cost to employers.

An advertising and marketing campaign will be used to increase the awareness of TasBuild and the responsibility of all employers to contribute to the Fund when they employ a person in the Construction Industry.

The Strategic Plan is generating significant activity which will result in improved performance, efficiency and effectiveness in relation to electronic interaction with TasBuild and staff. We are hard at work making things better.

Please note due to a number of matters our Office will be closed during the week after Easter, the actual dates are the 21st to the 25th of April 2014.

Chris Atkins CEO

Legislative Amendments

Despite a number of years of diligent work to amend the Long Service (Construction Industry) Act 1997 to make it simpler, easier to understand and to remove as many ambiguities as possible, the announcement of the State election has stalled the process.

The Lower House supported the amendments and referred them to the Upper House for final approval. Whilst waiting for the 'second reading' the Upper House adjourned for the year and then the election was called.

We will now have to wait until the next Government is installed before we can resume the process. I am hopeful that the motivation for the amendments is accepted by the next Government which will ensure the amendments are finally enacted.

The information contained in this Update is of a general nature and does not constitute legal advice. We encourage you to seek your own professional advice to find out how the Construction Industry (Long Service) Act applies to you.