

Response to EIS Statement

Friday 28 April 2017

A spokesperson for the Colleges Scotland Employers' Association, said:

“We all want to see an end to the unnecessary strikes about proposed changes to terms and conditions. Both sides were tasked with scheduling a further meeting and this task is currently in progress. Contrary to the EIS’s statements, no meeting requests have been declined. At this stage, we have offered meet on Tuesday 2 May 2017 to continue discussions.

“Pay and conditions are inextricably linked and are an intrinsic part of the agreement of March 2016 that the EIS signed up to. We look forward to a change of tack from the EIS and real engagement on harmonisation of pay and conditions in the next round of talks.”

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Notes:

- The Joint Secretaries (i.e. one from the EIS and the other from the Employers' Association) of the National Joint Negotiating Committee were tasked with the scheduling of meetings.
- Employers were amenable to meet this afternoon and arrangements were being put in place by the Management Side. The Employers emailed the EIS at 1437 hours yesterday, the EIS responded to the Employers at 0954 hours today.
- We were surprised to see the EIS press release indicating a meeting had been declined in a press release issued at 1037 hours today.