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By e-mail attachment

Tēnā koe Gareth

Our members at Te Herenga Waka, Victoria University of Wellington work alongside OCS employees and greatly appreciate the work they do cleaning the offices, laboratories, lecture theatres and other workspaces members rely on every day in their work. Our members value the care that OCS employees provide for the work environment – and in return they care for their colleagues in OCS, exemplifying the care that OCS itself professes as a core value.

We are, then, extremely concerned to learn that OCS is not paying cleaners 100% of their wages during the COVID -19 crisis. We believe OCS, as a huge transnational company with over 86,000 employees should have the resources to pay cleaners, who are not receiving the living wage, at 100%. Our members continue to campaign to have cleaners at the university receive the living wage.

Our members are further dismayed to learn that an offer by Victoria University to assist in ensuring cleaners are paid at 100% by topping up their pay has been refused by OCS. We fully support the offer from Te Herenga Waka as reflecting the values of the university community, as well as those articulated by our Prime Minister and national leadership.

Please ensure that your employees are paid their full wages, both retrospectively and as the response to COVID-19 progresses. We will not accept a procurement policy from te Herenga Waka that does not require this from you - and we will vigorously support any effort the university makes toward having cleaners paid in full.

I look forward to your prompt and positive response on this matter.

Nāku noa, nā



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