

QUEENSLAND NURSES UNION

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Queensland Health payroll system problems – up-date

- 1. After five payroll cycles nurses have had enough*
- 2. Prince Charles Hospital nurses to express their frustration tomorrow at ongoing payroll problems*
- 3. Qld Health director-general, Michael Reid, to address nurses rally*

Queensland Nurses Union (QNU) members at Brisbane's Prince Charles Hospital will protest outside the hospital tomorrow, Thursday 20 May 2010, about Queensland Health's poor handling of the transition to a new payroll system and the fact that significant pay problems are still being experienced by nurses, and other employees, after five payroll cycles.

QNU members have invited the Premier, Anna Bligh, and Queensland Health director-general, Michael Reid, to address the rally. The Premier has apologised, because she says Parliament is sitting, but Mr Reid has agreed, last this afternoon, to attend and address tomorrow's rally.

Tomorrow's Prince Charles Hospital protest follows similar protests by nurses at other Queensland public hospitals and community health facilities in recent weeks.

Prince Charles Hospital payroll protest details

Date: Thursday, 20 May 2010

Time: 12.00noon

Venue: Main entrance, Prince Charles Hospital, Chermside

QNU secretary, Gay Hawksworth, said the QNU office is still receiving calls, in this fifth pay cycle since the introduction of the new payroll system, and the level of anger amongst nurses is rising dramatically.

"That is hardly surprising, given the length of time this debacle is taking to resolve. The QNU has given the State Government and Queensland Health a fair amount of time to resolve the problems, and we look forward to Mr Reid providing nurses with some credible and substantial answers at tomorrow's rally at Prince Charles," Ms Hawksworth said.

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