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### **DAYLIGHT SAVING**

The *Daylight Saving Act (No. 2) 2006* ("Act") provides that at 2 a.m. on 3 December 2006 clocks will be advanced by one hour, to 3 a.m. The opposite will apply on 25 March 2007 when clocks are put back from 3 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Shift workers working an ordinary time shift at either change will observe the new "clock time". Under section 7 of the Act the performance of work at the time of change is to be referenced to clock time. Accordingly, staff are to be paid "by the clock" and not by actual hours worked.

For shift workers working at 2 a.m. on 3 December 2006 this will result in them working one less hour, but being paid for the full shift. For shift workers working at 3 a.m. on 25 March 2007 this will result in them working an additional hour, for which they will not be paid.

Agencies are encouraged to schedule shift rosters so that employees engaged in shift work at the commencement of daylight saving are also engaged in shift work at the conclusion of daylight saving. This practice is encouraged to minimise the potential for inequity, as far as is possible, subject to operational needs.

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