



Delegates please ensure that all workers on your site or branch get a copy of this update
All Better Banks sites
10 February 2009

Better Banks in difficult times – survey & meetings to kick off 09

KEY POINTS:

- A survey has been sent to each site for Finsec members to complete to inform our **Better Banks** campaign in 2009. The survey covers the key issues for the year including what would be realistic pay increases, job security, targets and rights for our union.
- A meeting schedule has also been distributed with dates and venues for our industry wide paid union meetings around the country in March.

ACTION:

Delegates – please make sure that surveys are distributed to all staff and that they are completed and returned to Finsec by Friday 20 February. Please ensure that all members are aware of the date and time of your **Better Banks** meeting, and make plans to attend.

Members – please complete a survey and return it to your delegate as soon as possible. Please diary in your **Better Banks** meeting.

Better Banks in difficult times

This year's **Better Banks** campaign takes place at a difficult time, with the economy and recession and global financial systems in disarray.

Therefore we are starting our year off differently and undertaking a stocktake of what the issues and priorities are for Finsec members given the current economic climate and concerns about financial institutions overseas.

A survey has been sent to all Better Banks worksites and is attached to this Update, to assess whether or how our expectations and goals have changed as a result of recent events.

All members asked to fill in survey

All members need to complete this survey and return it to delegates as soon as possible.

Details for returning survey to Finsec

Delegates need to post completed surveys to Finsec at PO Box 27-355, Wellington 6141,

by Friday 20 February at the latest.

Better Banks meetings set for March

The results of the survey will help set the agenda for a national round of industry-wide paid union meetings scheduled to take place in March.

You can read the schedule on the Finsec website at the following link:

<http://www.finsec.org.nz/betterbanks/March%20Better%20Bank%20Meetings%20National%20Final%20Jan%202009.pdf>

Please take note of your meeting and make arrangements to attend it.

Better Banks is your chance to influence our industry

It is really important that we all take this opportunity to get together across our industry so that employers in our industry see how serious we are about making **Better Banks** for ourselves and our communities in 2009.