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Mr Mark Walker
State Secretary
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Dear Mr ^{Mark} Walker,

Thank you for your letters of the 31st October 2008 and the 6th November 2008 regarding the issue of fair wages and conditions for firefighters.

You can be assured that at no stage did I consider your claim to be "irresponsible" and I can see the fault in a case which seeks to compare the base pay rate plus shiftwork penalty rates for firefighters with other employees' base rates.

I support your claim and I intend to raise this matter, which I understand is now before the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission for determination, with the Minister again.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Lawlor MP
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