



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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## Bill 29 talks with government resume later this month

The HEU and other health unions in the Facilities Bargaining Association have wrapped up a second week of talks with government and Health Employers Association of B.C. (HEABC) representatives on the implementation of last June's *Bill 29* ruling by the Supreme Court.

The two sides exchanged a series of questions on contracting out and on the legal issues related to the Court ruling.

"HEABC and government continue to insist on far-reaching contracting-out powers for health employers," says HEU secretary-business manager Judy Darcy.

"Even in the face of *Bill 29* tragedies like Beacon Hill Villa, health employers and government are holding to their view that contracting out is necessary to ensure a measure of 'market discipline' in the collective bargaining process."

Darcy said that government and HEABC will respond to a series of requests for the disclosure of documents related to contracting out when talks resume on October 23.

The topic of redress for workers impacted by *Bill 29* has not yet been discussed at the talks.

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