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## The government has failed to respond to nurses and midwives

The ANMF (SA Branch) has not received a response from the state government regarding the ongoing public sector Enterprise Agreement negotiations for nurses and midwives.

Despite granting an extension in good faith — confirmed in correspondence dated December 10 and 23, 2025 — the government has failed to meet the revised deadline.

South Australian nurses and midwives remain among the lowest paid in the country and repeated calls for a respectful offer that improves pay and working conditions continue to be ignored.

Nurses and midwives will stop work on February 5 at 1pm to participate in the March for Respect, moving from the steps of State Parliament House to SA Health in Hindmarsh Square.

ANMF (SA Branch) CEO/Secretary Adj Assoc Professor Elizabeth Dabars AM said the government must urgently address the retention and attraction of public sector staff and prioritise the state's health system.

"The lack of a revised offer is disappointing, disrespectful and unacceptable," Ms Dabars said.

"Silence will only worsen workforce shortages and place further strain on our health system."

"We made history last time and we are prepared to do it again in 2026."

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