

TEU Tuesday Quiz 11 June 2026

1. As of how 15 June 2026, how many times have the employers met with the TEU negotiating team to bargain the Polytech MECA?
 - A) 1
 - B) 2
 - C) 5
 - D) 9

Answer B) The employers have attended two days bargaining, first on 01 May, and recently on 12 June 2026. The TEU has been trying to progress bargaining since early March 2026, we initially posed March dates in early February 2026.

2. The 1951 lock-out between The New Zealand Waterside Workers Union and the wharf owners lasted for how many days?
 - A) 47
 - B) 82
 - C) 109
 - D) 151

Answer D) 151 <https://teara.govt.nz/en/strikes-and-labour-disputes/page-7>

3. Which of the following is not a claim in the current Polytech negotiations?
 - A) An Agreed workload calculator in the collective agreement
 - B) No abatement to market forces allowances
 - C) Regular meetings between union reps and management
 - D) Free dental insurance

Answer D) Dental insurance was not a widely deeply felt claim that was identified by the October 2025 claims survey or the November branch stop work claims meetings.

4. If New Zealand fails to meet its 2030 Paris Agreement climate targets, how much money will the country need to pay to purchase offshore carbon credits?
 - a) 5 million
 - b) 50 million
 - c) 5 billion
 - d) 50 trillion

Answer C) <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/597859/government-facing-up-to-5-billion-bill-over-carbon-credits-treasury-reveals>

5. Does the Minister for Tertiary Education Penny Simmonds support the TEU negotiating a MECA with the Polytechs?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) The Minister does not comment on operational matters
 - d) The Minister stated that is an issue for the polytechs and the TEU members to decide

Answer B) No. When we asked further about this, she said that in her view MECA's provided the "best of everything" and that the 'terms and conditions were too good.'

<https://teu.ac.nz/news/hau-taki-haere-tertiary-update-no-9-2026/>

6. What political party was the only one to not support the Modern Slavery Bill 2026 from being referred to select committee?
- A) ACT
 - B) National
 - C) New Zealand First
 - D) 2009

Answer A) ACT <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/593743/modern-slavery-bill-passes-first-reading-under-new-parliament-rule>

7. Why should members attend their upcoming stop work meetings across June/July 2026?
- A) To know how bargaining is progressing
 - B) To participate in supporting their bargaining
 - C) To chat with my work mates (there might be biscuits)
 - D) All of the above

Answer D) All of the above

8. During a two- hour stop work meeting, what should members be doing?
- A) Marking assessments
 - B) Catching up on their email inbox
 - C) Stopping their work and attending the union meeting
 - D) Working from home to not rock the boat

Answer C) Stopping their work and attending the union meeting

9. Who announced nearly 9,000 job cuts in the public service just prior to the 2026 budget?
- A) Chris Hipkins?
 - B) Chloe Swarbrick
 - C) Christopher Luxon
 - D) Nicola No Boats?

Answer D) Nicola No Boats AKA Nicola Willis.

10. When 33 pay equity claims were cancelled prior on 06 May 2024, how many workers were impacted?

- A) 67,000
- B) 90,000
- C) 130,000
- D) 180,000

Answer D) 180,000 <https://teu.ac.nz/news/teu-to-sue-the-government-over-pay-equity/>