

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001462**

**Senator Marshall asked on 02 March 2017 on proof Hansard page 7**

**Question**

**FWC - Process to vary an Enterprise Agreement**

Senator MARSHALL: If it is a postal vote, are there guidelines set out for how long it takes to put it in the post and to get to people and then for people to fill it out and the return process? Is that stipulated or is that just made up as we go?

Mr Furlong: I will have to confirm that, but the essence is that the access period is still the seven days and the variation needs to be provided before any voters are—

**Answer**

There are no guidelines in the *Fair Work Act 2009* about the appropriate length of time for conducting a vote for a variation of an enterprise agreement.