

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001463**

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

**Question**

**FWC - Ballot Period Time**

Senator MARSHALL: I am just trying to work out whether a length of time is required for the ballot period to take place.

Mr Furlong: I will confirm that during this sitting.

**Answer**

The *Fair Work Act 2009* does not specify a length of time for conducting a ballot. Once a majority of employees who cast a valid vote approve a variation of an agreement, an application for the Fair Work Commission to approve the variation must be made within 14 days (or such further period as the Commission allows).