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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** Right. The computer program is one that has been around for how long now? It must be a standard—

**Mr Pirani:** No, the computer program was originally developed as part of our Industrial Elections Program.

**Mr Rogers:** I might take that part of the question, Mr Pirani. I think you are heading down a particular path, Senator—I hope. That program has been externally certified—it is obviously an important program for us—to make sure that it is accurate and produces an accurate result. As Mr Pirani said earlier on, the program is based on the act so it produces a result accordingly.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Is that written in a particular language?

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**Mr Rogers:** I can honestly tell you that I do not know, but I shall find out.

**Answer:**

Easy Count Senate is written in Microsoft C# (pronounced C sharp).