

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

The Department has previously provided information regarding the number of ballots that occurred in July, August, September and October 2009. Please provide an update for November and December 2009 and January 2010.

Answer

Advice provided to the Department by the Australian Electoral Commission is that the following number of protected action ballots were declared during the period:

November 2009	67 ballots
December 2009	48 ballots
January 2010	16 ballots

Question

Is there expected to be an increase in the number of protected action ballots?

Answer

The Department is unable to predict the number of protected action ballots that are likely to occur in the future.