

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

PROTECTED ACTION BALLOT SCHEME - VOLUME

How many protected action ballots have taken place since 1 July? How does this compare for, say, the corresponding period in 2008? Is it higher?

Answer

The Australian Electoral Commission has advised the Department that 608 protected action ballots were held between 1 July 2009 and 31 May 2010. This compares with 213 ballots in the period 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2009.