

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

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

**Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0020\_11**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

***PROTECTED ACTION BALLOT SCHEME***

Has the cost of per ballot increased since 1 July this year?

**Answer**

Yes. The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has advised the Department the average cost per ballot in 2008-09 was \$1,496. The average cost per ballot in 2009-10 (to 31 May 2010) was \$1,835.