

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace Relations Implementation

Output 2.2.3: Workplace Relations Services

Question Number: W719-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Protection Action Ballots Scheme.

Has the AEC or AIRC provided DEWR with information in relation to the costs of secret ballots conducted to date?

Answer:

As at 31 October 2006, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) had certified costs for 47 invoices and the Australian Industrial Registrar had certified costs for one ballot conducted by a non-AEC ballot agent.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 3 hours at an estimated cost of \$60 to prepare this answer.