

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome 5

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Senator Cash asked on 22 October 2009, EEWWR Hansard page 127

Question

Cost of ballot

Is there a document that sets out what the factors are that you would be able to cost a ballot against?

Answer

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) have advised the Department they have developed a costing and pricing template for Protected Action Ballots which sets out the processes to be followed for determining costs. Costs are charged for the following items:

- labour – ongoing, non-ongoing and temporary staff hours;
- overheads;
- travel;
- ballot papers;
- envelopes; and
- printing.