

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

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

Outcome 5

DEEWR Question No. EW763_10

Senator Cash asked on 22 October 2009, EEWR Hansard page 128

Question

Cost of ballot

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

Answer

Yes, the average cost per ballot has increased from \$1,557 (representing 80 per cent of the total cost of the ballot) in 2008-09 to \$2,122 (representing the total cost of the ballot) in July to September 2009. The average cost per ballot has also increased since 1 July 2009 due to the Australian Electoral Commission applying a cost increase for their services.