



Electoral Commissioner

Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
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Dear Ms McDonald

During the hearing of the Committee on 24 February 2009 (at Hansard F&PA 95), Senator Abetz asked the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to provide the amount of revenue to the AEC from trade unions, in respect of protected action ballots, for each financial year since they commenced. The AEC undertook to respond to Senator Abetz as quickly as possible.

The conduct of protected action ballots started in May 2006. However, there was no revenue for the 2005-06 financial year because the AEC did not issue any invoices in 2005-06.

Protected Action Ballots – revenue from unions

All figures are GST exclusive

Year	Revenue
2006-07	\$65,299.61
2007-08	\$105,245.85
2008-09 (as at 25/2/09)	\$65,101.40
Total	\$235,646.86

I would appreciate your assistance in passing this information to the Committee.

Yours sincerely



Ed Killesteyn
Electoral Commissioner

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