

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Siewert asked:

How much has been spent by the Australian Electoral Commission on holding secret ballots for protected industrial action since they were introduced?

Answer:

Up until 25 February 2009, the AEC had conducted 611 Protected Action Ballots (PABs) since their introduction in May 2006. Total cost has been \$1,178,234.