

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2010**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Outcome 2, Program 2.1.5**

**Topic: Cost of Health Services Union ballot**

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**Senator Ryan asked:**

In relation to the ballot for the election of officers to the Health Services Union No. 1 Branch in Victoria that was conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission under Part 2 of Chapter 7 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:

Can you tell me what did it cost for you to run this ballot?

**Answer:**

The ballot for the election of officers to the Health Services Union No. 1 Branch in Victoria is estimated to cost a total of \$64,107.

Permanent staff costs for individual ballots are not recorded. To calculate the cost of this ballot for the Senate Question on Notice, we have estimated the number of ongoing staffing hours and added the costs to actual supplier costs which include external legal costs.