

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace Relations Implementation

Output 2.2.3: Workplace Relations Services

Question Number: W720-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Protection Action Ballots Scheme.

Who pays for secret ballots under WorkChoices? What is the Commonwealth's contribution?

Answer:

The cost of secret ballots is split between the applicant for the ballot order and the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth is liable for 80% of the cost of holding the ballot under Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision F of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 2 hours at an estimated cost of \$40 to prepare this answer.