
RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Fair Work Amendment (Bargaining Processes) Bill 2014

20 March 2015

Australian Workers' Union

Extract from Proof Hansard, page 17:

Senator LINES: Thinking of the last year, do you know how many protected industrial action ballots you applied for?

Mr Crawford: We will take that on notice.

Extract from Proof Hansard, page 18:

Senator LINES: On notice, you are going to look at the number of EBAs versus applications for protected industrial action?

Mr Crawford: Yes.

Responses, provided by Mr Stephen Crawford:

We have reviewed the AustLII database and identified **33** applications for a protected action ballot order made by the AWU to the Fair Work Commission in 2014.

In terms of the number of agreements we negotiate each year, the AWU is covered by **718** enterprise agreements which are due to expire in 2015. We believe, given the timeframe, this provides a good indication of the average number of enterprise agreements we annually negotiate.