

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**Department/Agency:** ABS  
**Question:** AET 2333-2335  
**Topic:** Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)  
**Reference:** Written - 19 February 2016  
**Senator:** Ludwig, Joe

**Question:**

2333. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.

2334. Please list their starting and expiration dates.

2335. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.

**Answer:**

[insert response, referencing relevant question numbers above]

2333. Australian Bureau of Statistics Enterprise Agreement 2011-2014 (ABS EA).  
Australian Bureau of Statistics Interviewer's Enterprise Agreement 2011-2014 (ABS Interviewers EA).

2334. ABS EA commenced on 21 November 2011 and has a nominal expiry date of 30 June 2014. ABS Interviewers EA commenced on 2 August 2011 and has a nominal expiry date of 30 June 2014.

2335. As at 9 March 2016, ABS had held 20 days of bargaining for the next ABS EA. The ABS EA proceeded to a ballot on 14-18 December 2015 with 57% of eligible employees voting against the proposed ABS EA. The next bargaining meeting is being held on 17 March 2016. As at 9 March 2016, ABS had held 21 days of bargaining for the next ABS Interviewers EA. The ABS Interviewers EA proceeded to a ballot on 7-11 March 2016.