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Senator: Senator Zed Seselja

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Question:

Senator SESELJA: How many individual members does this congress have?

Ms Carroll: There are 7,500 individual members and 172 member organisations.

Senator SESELJA: Do we know what the cost of membership is?

Mr Stacey: It is free.

Ms Doherty: Yes, the membership is free.

Senator SESELJA: How many members voted in the last elections of the congress?

Ms Doherty: We understand approximately 800.

Senator SESELJA: What was the cost of conducting those elections?

Ms Doherty: I do not think that is available to us, but I can check and get back to you.

Senator SESELJA: No problem.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not have information about the costs of conducting the elections the last Congress elections. Enquiries were made of the Congress, which indicated that it would be resource intensive to compile the information.