

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

DEEWR Question No.EW0880_10

Senator Ronaldson provided in writing.

Question

FWA - AEC PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

Will Fair Work Australia be informing the Australian Electoral Commission of the outcome(s) of their preliminary inquiry into the HSU, and if so, when? What is the cost of the inquiry to date? How many officers of Fair Work Australia are currently working (wholly or substantially) on this inquiry? At what APS levels (or equivalent) are these officers?

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

FWA will consider what further action should be taken at the completion of its inquiries.

The cost of the inquiries to date (excluding FWA staff time) is \$162,908.10.

Two officers of FWA are currently working on the inquiries (in addition to their other workload). The Delegate at SES Band 1 level and one Executive Level 2.