

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

DEEWR Question No.EW0019_11

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

PROTECTED ACTION BALLOT SCHEME - CHARGES

What costs do the AEC, for lack of a better phrase “charge” to the Department to run the ballot?

Answer

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has advised the Department that costs are charged for the following items;

- labour – ongoing, non-ongoing and temporary staff hours;
- travel, meal allowances, accommodation (if applicable)
- postage (if applicable);
- ballot papers and envelopes; and
- printing and distribution of ballot material.