

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

Finance Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Electoral Commission

**Outcome/Program:** General

**Topic:** Superannuation Overpayments

**Senator:** Bernadi

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**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

1. Have polling staff, who worked at the 2013 federal election, been overpaid superannuation contributions?
2. How many employees were affected?
3. What is the total cost of the overpayments?
4. What was the largest overpayment?
5. What steps have been taken to recover the overpayments?
6. What steps have been taken to ensure that there is no reoccurrence of this issue?

**Answer:**

1. Yes.
2. 11,162.
3. \$364,540.
4. \$250 for an individual employee.
5. Verifying the amounts of any overpayments, individual employees concerned and the superannuation fund to which the funds had been paid. Preparation of letters to the superannuation funds seeking repayment. These are expected to be sent by 31 March 2014.
6. The operating procedures have been modified.