

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome/Program: Outcome 1

Topic: Automatic Enrolment - Costings

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

Could you take on notice whatever costing analysis you have and can release that is not commercial in confidence or contracts between you and state governments?

Answer:

The AEC has estimated costs for direct enrolment and update as follows:

Cost item	2011-12 ('000)	2012-13 ('000)
Estimated operating costs	\$712	\$211
Estimated capital costs	\$411	\$112

Operating costs includes costs associated with:

- development of business requirements, including business rules and processing
- development of training materials and manuals
- training of AEC staff on how to use the system and provision of business knowledge about changed and new processes and procedures
- acquisition of data from state and territory registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Capital costs include costs associated with:

- IT systems development and tuning
- testing the system before release, including performance testing.