

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Supplementary Estimates Hearing – October 2010**

**Outcome 1, Program 1.2**

**Topic: Relevance of sources of funding of the “entity”**

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**Senator Abetz asked:**

I noted an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* at the end of the recent federal election campaign which revealed the GetUp! had received over \$1m from 6 “progressive” trade unions.

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-election/getup-bankrolled-by-unions-20100820-138yq.html>

Is there any law which prevents either these unions, or GetUp!, publicly disclosing – as a separate exercise to AEC reporting requirements, the identity of the unions or the amounts involved?

**Answer:**

The AEC notes that Getup Limited has an ACN which presumably means that this company is subject to the *Corporations Act 2001*. The registration of unions takes place under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*. AEC is not in a position to comment on legislation that is administered by other Commonwealth agencies.