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Subject: Re: Industrial Relations (Transparency and Accountability of Industrial Organisations) and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2013 (the bill)

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Mr Wellington,

I refer to your question that was raised at the Legal and Community Safety Parliamentary Committee on 20 May 2013. You specifically asked on how many occasions unions might have had to ballot their membership had the provisions of the Industrial Relations (Transparency and Accountability of Industrial Organisations) and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2013 (the Bill) been law since the election of the Newman Government.

We have been able to find a definitive answer to this question but the estimates from four random QCU affiliates is 60 occasions. According to the 2012 Annual Report of the President of the Queensland Industrial Court these unions have an aggregate membership of 104,795.

The same Annual Report states the membership of all unions registered with the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission as being 402,860. To extrapolate the data from the survey of four unions on the basis of membership that would give a figure of about 230 occasions upon which unions would have had to undertake ballots of their members in accordance with the provisions proposed in the Bill.

We accept that this is not a perfect answer to you question but it does demonstrates the onerous nature of the provisions of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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