

#### **4. Expenses may be met by the Registrar**

- (1) If a pre-strike ballot is conducted by a nominee of the Commission or the organization of employees whose members will be entitled to vote in the pre-strike ballot, that nominee or organization may —
  - (a) not later than 1 month after the date of the declaration of the results of the pre-strike ballot, cause the accounting records of authorized expenses incurred in conducting the pre-strike ballot to be audited by a person who is for the time being registered as an auditor or taken to be registered as an auditor under Part 9.2 of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth; and
  - (b) not later than one month after the completion of the audit referred to in paragraph (a), apply in writing to the Registrar for payment or reimbursement of the authorized expenses incurred in conducting the ballot.
- (2) An application under subregulation (1) (b) for payment or reimbursement of authorized expenses is to be accompanied by the audited accounting records referred to in subregulation (1) (a).
- (3) The Registrar is to —
  - (a) examine any application made under subregulation (1) (b); and
  - (b) subject to regulation 5, pay or reimburse to the applicant all authorized expenses included in the audited accounting records that, in the opinion of the Registrar, have been reasonably and properly incurred in the conduct of the pre-strike ballot.
- (4) A decision of the Registrar as to whether expenses have been reasonably and properly incurred is final.
- (5) An audit carried out on behalf of an organization under subregulation (1) (a) does not operate in substitution for compliance with the requirements imposed on that organization under sections 63 and 65 of the Act.

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