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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: And can you tell me when budget preparations for this year's budget began?  
Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice, but it would have been sometime last year, consistent with the normal process.

**Answer:**

Consistent with usual budget processes, preparations for the 2015-16 Budget commenced in mid to late 2014.