

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-17**

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**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** How long did the final consolidation take?

**Mr Greenslade:** The final consolidation, as you may well recall, is much quicker than the first one. It is at the end of the process. This one took more or less as long as it normally does, which is about four or five hours.

**Senator WONG:** When was the penultimate one?

**Mr Greenslade:** The one before the Thursday?

**Senator WONG:** Yes.

**Mr Greenslade:** I would need to check that, Senator.

**Senator WONG:** Mr Greenslade looked behind and no-one nodded, waved or did anything.

**Mr Greenslade:** My recollection is that it would have been the Wednesday or the Tuesday, but I will check.

**Answer:**

There was a consolidation on Wednesday 27 April.