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Senator CORMANN-Sure, and the budget was announced on 12 May. Presumably all of the decisions were not taken in one hit, they would have been taken over a period of time. I guess the question is when was a final decision made. If you cannot answer it, either tell me you are taking it on notice or tell me you are not prepared to answer it.

Senator Faulkner-It is not a question of being not prepared to answer it. As many of your colleagues would know, obviously the processes themselves of the cabinet committee, the budget processes, are subject to a final endorsement by the cabinet. I do not have it available to me here, but if you would like to know the date of the final budget cabinet I am happy to provide it to you. I do not have it in front of me.

Answer: The final budget cabinet was held on 28 April 2009.