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Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: Can you tell us how many consolidations were undertaken for the MYEFO?

Ms Blewitt: I do not know that off the top of my head. We will have to take that on notice. We generally run anywhere between four and seven—that actually just depends.

Senator GALLAGHER: How long is that process? When would have been the first and when would have been the last?

Ms Blewitt: I am not sure what the month is, but basically after we do what is called a pre-ERC update we run the first consolidate.

Senator GALLAGHER: A pre-ERC?

Senator Cormann: Pre Expenditure Review Committee.

Ms Blewitt: Yes, so it is actually getting estimates adjustments in the system.

Senator GALLAGHER: So the first consolidation goes to the Expenditure Review Committee and then there is a process of others that would then lead to the final document?

Ms Blewitt: Yes. We just work with Treasury to work out what the timetable is in doing that, and it depends.

Senator GALLAGHER: Are you taking that on notice for me?

Ms Blewitt: I will take it on notice to find out exactly how many.

Answer:

There were six consolidations undertaken for MYEFO 2016-17.