

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Security passes**  
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**Senator WONG:** These passes now entitle someone to enter the parliament without having any security screening whatsoever. So, how long does it take the Department of Finance to issue the automated email? That is the first question.

**Mr Skill:** I would have to take that on notice.

**Senator WONG:** You do not know?

**Mr Skill:** No. I understood it was an automated system, so they do not have to actually do any manual intervention. When they make the change—the cessation—that comes through to us.

**Senator WONG:** Is it before their employment actually ends? Is it within 24 hours? Is it within two weeks? Or is it within three months? Do you know?

**Mr Skill:** No.

**Senator WONG:** How come this was not checked at the time the risk assessment was being considered—how long someone would have an active pass out there?

**Mr Skill:** I do not know the answer to that.

**Answer**

The timing of processes within the Department of Finance is appropriately directed to them.

The risk assessment considered a range factors and determined appropriate risk treatments and recommendations for any potential risks resulting from the trial.