

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Brandis

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**Question:**

Senator BRANDIS: What is the longest period between the advice to the Governor-General and the dissolution of the House of Representatives?

Ms Leon: I will have to take that on notice.

**Answer:** Appendix 12 of the House of Representatives Practice (6<sup>th</sup> Edition) lists significant dates about general elections from the 19<sup>th</sup> Parliament onwards that indicates that 55 days is the longest period between the date an election was announced and the date of dissolution of the House of Representatives.