

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** What sort of time delays? Are you able to give us a sense of how long that might be?

**Ms Moy:** I will just check if any of my colleagues have the details.

**Senator WONG:** I am not asking for names.

**Ms Moy:** No. In terms of the general volume of contracts, we would have to have a look at each of them and see what the delay is; we do not necessarily measure the delay between the date of the commencement and the date we receive it. Senators and members have that certain period of time. I think it is about six weeks for the contract to come to us so that we can actually administer it correctly and ensure that people aren't not paid.

**Senator WONG:** You cannot give me a sense of how many are received within the six-week window—shall we call it that?

**Ms Moy:** Not at the moment.

**Senator WONG:** You may want to take that on notice, and how many are beyond that.

**Ms Moy:** Okay.

**Answer:**

Employment contracts, signed by both the employee and the employing Senator or Member (or authorised person), are processed by Finance as quickly as possible. There is no time limit for this process.