

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Written Question on Notice, 7 September 2020

PDR Number: IQ20-000617

National Cabinet Matters

Written

Senator: Katy Gallagher

Question:

In light of the Prime Minister's statement on 4 September 2020 that 'We've decided that this notion of 100%, absolute consensus on any issue is not a way that the National Cabinet can indeed work,' I ask that the Department now answer questions previously asked but not answered on the basis that National Cabinet matters are confidential because it operates according to longstanding conventions of Cabinet government.

These questions include:

1. The date National Cabinet first decided on a suppression strategy (IQ20-000386)
2. AHPPC minutes (IQ20-000382)
3. The Department's medical position on state border closures (IQ20-000356)

Answer:

The statement made by the Prime Minister does not change the status of the classification of documents for National Cabinet.