

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Australian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Written Question received 28 August 2020

PDR Number: IQ20-000589

COVID-19 outbreak at Newmarch House

Written

Senator: Katy Gallagher

Question:

In relation to the recent review into the COVID-19 outbreak at Newmarch House

- a. How much was spent in total on the review?
- b. How much was spent on contracts for the review?
 - i. Please provide all relevant AusTender Contract Notice IDs
- c. When was the final report first received and to whom was it provided
- d. Was a draft of the report provided to the Department? If so on what date?
- e. Please provide dates of all meetings between:
 - i. the Department and the review team
 - ii. Minister Colbeck, the Ministers office and the review teamfrom the commissioning of the report to the final report being received.

Answer:

- a) \$103,924.58 (GST inclusive).
- b) \$98,091.88 (GST inclusive).
 - i. AusTender Contract Notice ID numbers: CN370148 and CN3707149
- c) The final report was provided to the Newmarch Review Secretariat, Department of Health, on 14 August 2020 at 4:58pm.
- d) A preliminary report was provided to the Department on 7 August 2020 at 4:13pm.
- e) Meeting details:
 - i. Department of Health officials:
 - State Manager, NSW/ACT Office, met with the reviewers on 30 June 2020
 - Deputy Secretary, Ageing and Aged Care met with the reviewers on 17 July 2020

- The Secretariat met with the reviewers about once a week over the course of the review to discuss administrative matters; for example contracts, travel arrangements and meeting schedules.
- ii. The reviewers did not meet with Minister Colbeck or his Office.