

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Meetings with organisations

Senator: Siewert

Question reference number: 0160

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 10 July 2020

Number of pages: 1

Question:

How many of the 1,000 organisations referred to by Mr Power have been consulted directly, and in what format? For example, which organisations have been directly contacted and invited to make a written submission or otherwise share their views? Which organisations has the Commission met with in person?

Answer:

Refer to the Questions on Notice 0045 and 0159.

All of the organisations referred to have been engaged directly, either through their direct participation in online meetings, roundtables, bilateral meetings, via email, or through written submissions, proposals or queries.

As an advisory body, the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission (the Commission) has sought views through a variety of methods on an ongoing basis as the pandemic evolves. Through its ongoing contact with various stakeholders, the Commission has invited and received views, ideas and proposals in writing and verbally to inform the Commission's advice to Government.

Interested stakeholders have also contacted the Commission directly to raise issues, ask questions, provide offers of assistance or submit ideas or proposals for consideration, through the Commission's publically available mailbox, which is listed on the Commission's website.