

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

8 MAY 2020

Attorney-General's Department

Question No. 8 (in writing)

Senator Katy Gallagher asked the following question in writing on 8 May 2020 in relation to matters for the hearing on 6 May 2020:

Has the Attorney-General's Department specifically discussed the question of resourcing – in the context of this Bill – with the Privacy Commissioner? If so, on what date?

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The Information Commissioner provided advice to the Department on 10 May 2020 that the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner is reassessing resourcing requirements and that detailed information would be provided. The Department has not received any further information about this matter.

Question No. 9 (in writing)

Senator Katy Gallagher asked the following question in writing on 8 May 2020 in relation to matters for the hearing on 6 May 2020:

Did the Privacy Commissioner tell the Department that the Office of the Australian Commissioner did not require additional resources to enable it to fulfil her new responsibilities under the Privacy Amendment (Public Health Contact Information) Bill 2020? If so, when?

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The Information Commissioner advised the Department on 10 May 2020 that the OAIC is in the process of reassessing resourcing requirements.