



**THE SENATE**  
**SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**

11 January 2022

Ms Stephanie Foster  
Acting Secretary  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

*Via email:*

Dear Ms Foster

Thank you for your letter of 10 January 2022 replying to the committee's invitation to appear before a public hearing on 14 January 2022 to answer questions about the current Omicron outbreaks.

The committee understands the challenges facing the nation from the impacts of the Omicron outbreaks including the additional demands on Government and departmental officials.

We have been mindful of these obligations when scheduling hearings over the past 20 months and will continue to be so.

If 14 January 2022 is not an acceptable date for officials from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to appear before the committee, could you please nominate dates/times the following week which would be acceptable.

Yours sincerely

Senator Katy Gallagher  
**Committee Chair**