

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: Attendance of the National Cabinet

Senator: Gallagher

Question reference number: 0038

Type of question: Written, 22 May 2020

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Question:

Have any political staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 attended a meeting of the National Cabinet.

Answer:

Please refer to Question on Notice 0037.

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Topic: Recommendation of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee

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Question:

Has any recommendation of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee to

a. the Cabinet and/or

b. the National Cabinet not been adopted in full.

Answer:

Revealing information about recommendations of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee would or could reasonably be expected to disclose the deliberations of the Cabinet.

It is a longstanding practice not to disclose information about the operation and business of the Cabinet and its committees, including when a matter went to the Cabinet, who attended, and what form of submission was provided, as to do so could potentially reveal the deliberations of the Cabinet, which are confidential.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Australian Health Protection Principal Committee – Attendance of Cabinet Meetings

Senator: Gallagher

Question reference number: 0041

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Question:

Which members of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee have attended

- a. the Cabinet and/or
- b. the National Cabinet in 2020. On what dates did they attend.

Answer:

Please refer to the Senate Select Committee QoN no. 0039.