

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 and correspondence related to the re-opening of gambling venues

Senator: Griff

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Question:

Has any person or body representing the gambling, hotel or club sector met with or written to the Federal Chief Medical Officer or the National Cabinet about the re-opening of gambling venues? If so, who were they, how often did they meet or write and what were the outcomes of the meeting/s or correspondence?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet cannot answer for the Federal Chief Medical Officer.

In regards to the National Cabinet, it is a longstanding practice not to disclose information about the operation and business of the Cabinet and its committees.

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Question:

Two poker machine pubs in NSW have now been linked to COVID-19 cases. What advice has been shared through the national cabinet or directly with Premiers/Chief Ministers and responsible Ministers about managing the conflict between industries seeking to return to profit making and the risks posed to public health from those industries?

Answer:

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