

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Inquiry into Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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ANU and University of Technology Sydney COVID-19 vaccine contracts

Written

Senator: Kristina Keneally

Question:

The Australian National University and University of Technology Sydney have been given contracts described as "COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy" valued at \$75,000 each for 'data services'. What kind of data is being procured?

Answer:

No data is being procured. The Australian National University and University of Technology Sydney have been engaged to provide technical advice and assist with analysis of COVID-19 vaccination data. This utilises existing deidentified data in the ABS DataLab environment, including the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) dataset. The services will include generating code, validating internal work and producing analysis to better understand vaccine coverage across different groups. The services have been procured on the basis of work orders under existing contracts, and \$75,000 for each provider is the maximum expenditure under these work orders.