

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

In the hearing on 4 June, Ms Foster told the Committee that she believed PM&C had sought full supplementation to cover the cost of the NCCC budget in both the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years. Given the Department's answers in QoN 0089 and 0094, please confirm that PM&C did not receive full supplementation for the NCCC budget.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet absorbed the costs of the National COVID-19 Commission Advisory Board in the 2019-20 financial year. Funding for the 2020-21 financial year is being considered through the Budget process.