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Australian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Senator: Katy Gallagher

Question:

CHAIR: Are any of those reviews going to be public, Minister? I know Dorothy Henderson Lodge has been completed. I understand Newmarch House is due to be completed this week. Are they going to be released for the public?

Senator Colbeck: The commitment to Newmarch has already been to release it. The DHL, Dorothy Henderson Lodge, went to national cabinet and has been provided to the aged care royal commission, which means it will be publicly released. But I'm happy to provide that to the committee.

CHAIR: That would be excellent. When will the Newmarch House review be released?

Senator Colbeck: The reviewers have asked for an additional week to finalise the review, so it won't be finalised this week. It will be finalised next week. Obviously we'll consider it, but we will publicly release it.

Answer:

The independent review of the COVID-19 outbreak at Newmarch House was published on the Department of Health website on 24 August 2020.