

## **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:** Quorum for a meeting of the National Cabinet

**Senator:** Patrick

**Question reference number:** 0109

**Type of question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 19 June 2020

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#### **Question:**

What constitutes quorum for a meeting of the National Cabinet?

#### **Answer:**

The Cabinet Handbook provides guidance on the quorum for Cabinet and Cabinet committees.

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**Question:**

How are decisions of the national Cabinet arrived at (e.g. by majority, consensus etc)

**Answer:**

The Cabinet Handbook provides guidance on the recording of discussions and decisions of Cabinet and Cabinet committee meetings.

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Resolve Strategic contract

**Senator:** Gallagher

**Question reference number:** 0129

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

In relation to contract CN3681646 (Resolve Strategic):

- a. Was the use of Resolve Strategic's services proposed by the Prime Minister's Office. If not, who proposed that Resolve Strategic be contracted.
- b. What subject matter does the research canvass. What research methods are used.
- c. Why was the contract entered into on behalf of the National Covid-19 Coordination Commission.
- d. Who receives the research prepared by Resolve Strategic. Do recipients include staff in the Prime Minister's Office. If so, who in the Prime Minister's Office receives the research (position description).
- e. Please provide a copy of the research to the Committee.

**Answer:**

Please refer to Questions on Notice 0044, 0078, 0080, 0082, 0083.

A copy of the contract has been released under a freedom of information request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, reference FOI/2020/102.

The research is under consideration by the Government and is unable to be provided.