

Select Committee on COVID-19
Answers to questions on notice
Agriculture, Water and the Environment Portfolio

Committee: Select Committee on COVID-19
Inquiry: COVID-19
Question No: 1
Division/Agency: Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Topic: Request for relevant briefing dates regarding the international flight cap
Question Date: 29 September 2020
Question Type: Written

Senator Keneally asked:

1. For each of the following, please provide the relevant dates the brief was prepared, the title of the brief, and to whom the brief was provided to:
 - a. Briefs prepared for Ministers on the impact of introducing the international flight cap, before Prime Minister announced the cap on 10 July 2020.
 - b. Briefs prepared internally in your Department for SES members on the impact of introducing the international flight cap, before Prime Minister announced the cap on 10 July 2020.
 - c. Briefs prepared for Ministers on the impact of the international flight cap, from 10 July 2020 to 24 September 2020.
 - d. Briefs prepared internally in your Department for SES members on the impact of international flight cap, 10 July 2020 to 24 September 2020.
 - e. Briefs prepared for Ministers on options for the Commonwealth to provide additional support to the States to manage quarantine for international arrivals other than providing ADF personnel from 10 July 2020 to 24 September 2020.
 - f. Briefs prepared internally in your Department for SES members on options for the Commonwealth to provide additional support to the States to manage quarantine for international arrivals other than providing ADF personnel from 10 July 2020 to 24 September 2020.

Answer:

In response to Senator Keneally's questions outlined above (1a to 1e), the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) has not provided briefs to Ministers, Australian Government Departments, or internally within DAWE in relation to the introduction, impact or options of the international flight cap.

In response to 1f, DAWE has not prepared briefs within our department for SES members on options for the Commonwealth to provide additional support to the States to manage quarantine for international arrivals.