

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: Submission to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 Inquiry

Senator: Gallagher

Question reference number: 0036

Type of question: Written, 22 May 2020

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Question:

On what dates were drafts of the department's whole-of-government submission to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 inquiry transmitted to the Prime Minister's office.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided drafts of the whole-of-Government submission to the Prime Minister's Office between 6 May 2020 and 10 May 2020.

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Establishment, Staffing Profile and Terms of Reference for the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission

Senator: Gallagher

Question reference number: 0043

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Question:

With reference to the National Covid-19 Coordination Commission:

1. On what date was the commission established.
2. Can a current staffing profile be provided.
3. On what date were the commission's terms of reference approved. Who approved them.
4. On what date were they published on the PMC website.

Answer:

1. The Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, announced the establishment of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission (the Commission) on 25 March 2020.
2. As at 26 May 2020, staff supporting the Commission include:
 - 1 x Band 3
 - 6 x SES Band 2
 - 5 x SES Band 1
 - 8 x EL2
 - 8 x EL1
 - 2 x APS6
 - 6 x APS5.

In addition, there are 1 x SESB1, 1 x EL2 and 1 x APS 6 whose sole focus is the support of whole-of-government COVID-19 related communications.

3. The Prime Minister agreed to publicly release the Commission's Terms of Reference on 30 April 2020.
4. 1 May 2020.

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Remuneration for Commissioners and Special Advisers

Senator: Gallagher

Question reference number: 0047

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Question:

With reference to the National Covid-19 Coordination Commission: Can remuneration details for each commissioner and special adviser be provided including, if relevant, related contract notices published on Austender.

Answer:

The Chair is not receiving a salary. Mr Neville Power is receiving \$267,345 plus GST to cover the cost of his flights, accommodation and other incidental travel costs in his role as National COVID-19 Coordination Commission (NCCC) Chair over a period of six months.

The Deputy Chairperson requested no remuneration. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) will reimburse him for any travel, accommodation and incidental costs.

The Commissioners are each paid a daily sitting fee of \$2,000, capped at a maximum of two days per week.

The special adviser to the NCCC, Mr Andrew Liveris, is not receiving a salary. PM&C will reimburse for work-related travel costs associated with performing services for the NCCC.

CN ID	Description	Publish Date	Category	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Value (AUD) incl GST	Supplier Name
CN3683670	Board Member - This arrangement has been established by the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission	22-May-20	Management advisory services	23-Mar-20	22-Sep-20	54,000.00	Catherine Tanna
CN3683665	Board Member - This arrangement has been established by the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission	22-May-20	Management advisory services	23-Mar-20	22-Sep-20	108,000.00	Paul Alexander Little
CN3683664	Board Member - This arrangement has been established by the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission	22-May-20	Management advisory services	23-Mar-20	22-Sep-20	118,800.00	Greg Combet Pty Ltd
CN3683663	Board Member - This arrangement has been established by the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission	22-May-20	Management advisory services	23-Mar-20	22-Sep-20	118,800.00	Halton, Sarah Jane
CN3683672	Board Member - This arrangement has been established by the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission	22-May-20	Management advisory services	23-Mar-20	22-Sep-20	294,079.50	The Trustee for Myube Trust*

* For CN3683672, the Trustee for Myube Trust is the contracting entity for Mr Neville Power.