

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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Senator: Jacqui Lambie

Question:

Has the Department of Health or the Minister allocated funds for a specific mask wearing education campaign during the pandemic?

a. If so, are there provisions for the distribution of masks to low income households?

Answer:

Neither the Department of Health nor the Minister have allocated funds for a specific mask wearing education campaign during the pandemic. However, communications have been developed to provide information on the use of masks to the general public including a factsheet outlining guidance from the Infection Control Expert Group on when masks should be worn in the community and a video on how to wear a mask, voiced by Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, Alison McMillan.

These materials are available on the department's website:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/should-i-wear-a-face-mask-in-public>