

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: Personal Interest of National COVID-19 Coordination Commission Members

Senator: Siewert

Question reference number: 0050

Type of question: Written, 15 May 2020

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 27 May 2020

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Question:

Is the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet satisfied that all members that have a personal interest, or that work for companies or unions that stand to be affected, have recused themselves from relevant discussions? Can the Department provide the Senate Select Committee with meeting notes that confirm this?

Answer:

The arrangements for managing the potential for conflicts of interest relating to members of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission (the Commission) are detailed in the answer to Question on Notice 0003.

The details of Commission members' interests and recusals relate to sensitive personal information about themselves and members of their immediate families, the disclosure of which may unreasonably infringe the privacy of the individuals concerned.

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Mr Neville Power remuneration – breakdown of cost

Senator: Siewert

Question reference number: 0051

Type of question: Written, 15 May 2020

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Question:

Why did the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet initially advise that Neville Power is being paid \$500,000 in expenses for six months work with the NCCC?

Answer:

Please refer to the letter of clarification of evidence from the Associate Secretary, Ms Stephanie Foster PSM, received by the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 on 14 May 2020.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Measures regarding disclosure and management of conflict of interest

Senator: Siewert

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Question:

What measures are in place to ensure the disclosure and management of conflict of interests, or perceptions of conflicts of interest, by members of the NCCC or associated working groups? Will these interests and processes be made public?

Answer:

See answer to Question on Notice 0020.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Government financial support to projects

Senator: Siewert

Question reference number: 0024

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Question:

Will the government rule out providing financial support for projects involving companies that are incorporated in tax havens?

Answer:

COVID-19 financial support measures announced by the Government will be provided to businesses that meet the relevant eligibility criteria.