

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19
Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic 2020

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Spoken

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Topic: Health Security

Senator Patrick

Question

Mr HILL: Ms Edwards, in a video message to the EU-led coronavirus global response international pledging event on 5 May, the Prime Minister announced \$15 million for the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, CEPI, and the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, FIND. There was \$7.5 million each. From which portfolios and in which financial years is this money being allocated? Ms Edwards: I'd have to take on notice the detail of those fundings. I'm reasonably confident they're out of our portfolio, but I haven't come prepared with the detail of those numbers. I'm happy to take it on notice. The briefing I've got in front of me is that we've done \$256 million in vaccine commitment since March, but I would have to take it on notice to ensure I've got the correct numbers for you. I can provide you a full description of the investment.

Answer

\$7.5 million for the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and \$7.5 million for the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) has been allocated in the 2020-21 financial year from the Foreign Affairs portfolio.