Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Australian Government Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Topic: Consideration of constitutional recognition – this term of parliament

Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

Has the Agency provided advice to the Government in relation to holding a referendum on constitutional recognition <u>in</u> this term of Parliament, including in relation to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic? When was the advice provided? What was the nature of the advice?

Answer:

The Agency has advised the Government on the constitutional and legal timeframes and requirements for holding a referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in the Constitution in this term of Parliament.