

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: Consolidation and reset of the Ministerial Forums announced on 29 May 2020

Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

With reference to the “consolidation and reset of the Ministerial Forums” the Prime Minister announced on 29 May 2020, will the following Ministerial Fora continue:

- a. Attorney-Generals’ Ministerial Forum;
- b. Data and Digital Ministerial Forum;
- c. Ministerial Forum on the Environment;
- d. Ministerial Forum on Police and Emergency Management;
- e. Building Ministers’ Forum;
- f. Ministerial Forum on Northern Development;
- g. Regional Ministerial Forum;
- h. Ministerial Forum on Tourism;
- i. Ministerial Forum on Trade and Investment;
- j. Ministerial Forum on Consumer Affairs;
- k. Ministerial Forum on Sport and Recreation;
- l. Agriculture Ministers’ Forum;
- m. Australia-New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee;
- n. Joint Council on Closing the Gap;
- o. Skills Council;
- p. Ministerial Forum on Vehicle Emissions;
- q. Ministerial Forum on Planning;
- r. Ministerial Forum on Fisheries;
- s. Ministerial Forum on Forestry; and
- t. Ministerial Forum on the Great Barrier Reef.

Answer:

The Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, announced on 29 May 2020 National Cabinet's agreement that former COAG Councils and Ministerial Forums will be rationalised and reset and that further details will come in time.

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Question:

With reference to the “consolidation and reset” of Ministerial Regulatory Councils the Prime Minister announced on 29 May 2020, will the following Ministerial Regulatory Councils continue:

- a. Regulatory Council on Disability;
- b. Regulatory Council on Infrastructure and Transport;
- c. Regulatory Council on Energy;
- d. Regulatory Council on Education;
- e. Regulatory Council on Health;
- f. Regulatory Council for the Murray-Darling Basin;
- g. Regulatory Council for Consumer Affairs;
- h. Australian and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation; and
- i. Regulatory Council on Gene Technology.

Answer:

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