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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts**

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**Division/Agency Name:** Agency - Civil Aviation Safety Authority

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**Topic:** CASA – Search of specific word in medical record system

**Senator Malcolm Roberts asked:**

Senator ROBERTS: [...] I'm assuming you're still refusing to draw the number of times the word myocarditis appears in your medical record system and provide it to the committee, even though you're capable of doing it.

Ms Spence: I think we gave you information in response to your questions on notice explaining the time associated with doing a search for the terms you mention and how long it would take to do that.

Senator ROBERTS: So you are still refusing. You've made your position clear. You can do it. You just think it could be misleading. Now you're saying it might be too much work. I want to ask if you're still maintaining that you will refuse to provide that answer. I'll ask you to take it on notice once again. The proper process is for the minister to raise a public interest immunity claim. Are you aware of that?

Ms Spence: What we can take on notice is whether there have been further references to that term in our system since the last time we gave you that answer and then we can provide you advice on how long it would take us to do any more detailed analysis about the basis on which that term was used.

Senator ROBERTS: Can you say that again, please?

Ms Spence: We can take it on notice to provide you with an update on the number of times, based on a search, that those terms have come up in our system since the last time. We can also provide you with advice on how long it would take us to do individual analysis of each time those words came up.

**Answer:**

The number of times the word “myocarditis” has been entered into the Medical Records System (MRS) in the period from December 2023 to 17 October 2025 is 61.