

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QUESTION ON NOTICE / Written

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Topic: Moderna vaccine negotiations

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Question

1. What was the Department's involvement in negotiating the additional 1,000,000 doses of COVID-19 (Moderna) vaccine from the European Union (EU), announced on 12 September?
2. When did negotiations commence?
3. Did the EU or Australia initiate the negotiations?
4. Were any diplomatic or other non-financial commitments made by the Commonwealth to secure COVID-19 vaccines from the EU?

Answer

1. The Department worked closely with the Department of Health to negotiate the purchase and delivery of the vaccines. The Department of Health is the contracting party for the Australian Government.
2. 10 August 2021.
3. Australia.
4. No.