



THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
TREASURER

Senator Katy Gallagher
Chair
Senate Select Committee on COVID-19
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Chair

I write in response to your letter of 25 May 2020 inviting me to appear before the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19.

As the Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, stated in his letter to you of 28 April 2020, the Government will continue to work with the Committee and accommodate your requests as efficiently as possible, but consistent with long-standing practice and conventions.

In this context, I note that as part of this constructive engagement officials from the Treasury have appeared before the Committee's hearings three times so far, including two attendances by the Secretary of the Treasury Dr Steven Kennedy. Officials from the ATO have also attended hearings at the Committee's request. In addition, both the Treasury and ATO have provided written responses to questions taken on notice during the Committee's hearings.

Senior officials from Treasury and the ATO are available to appear again at further hearings of the Committee as required.

In relation to attendance by Ministers and Assistant Ministers at your Committee hearings, House of Representatives Ministers, if required, would appear through their representative Ministers in the Senate and supported by relevant departmental officials, as takes place during Senate Estimates hearings. As such, if required, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, will be available to attend a hearing of the Committee in his capacity as Minister representing the Treasurer in the Senate along with officers from the Treasury and the ATO.

I have copied this letter to the Leader of the Government in the Senate and Senator James Paterson, Deputy Chair of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19.

Yours sincerely,

THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP

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