

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Department of Health**

**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

**Australian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Written Question received 28 August 2020**

**PDR Number: IQ20-000589**

**COVID-19 outbreak at Newmarch House**

**Written**

**Senator:** Katy Gallagher

**Question:**

In relation to the recent review into the COVID-19 outbreak at Newmarch House

- a. How much was spent in total on the review?
- b. How much was spent on contracts for the review?
  - i. Please provide all relevant AusTender Contract Notice IDs
- c. When was the final report first received and to whom was it provided
- d. Was a draft of the report provided to the Department? If so on what date?
- e. Please provide dates of all meetings between:
  - i. the Department and the review team
  - ii. Minister Colbeck, the Ministers office and the review teamfrom the commissioning of the report to the final report being received.

**Answer:**

- a) \$103,924.58 (GST inclusive).
- b) \$98,091.88 (GST inclusive).
  - i. AusTender Contract Notice ID numbers: CN370148 and CN3707149
- c) The final report was provided to the Newmarch Review Secretariat, Department of Health, on 14 August 2020 at 4:58pm.
- d) A preliminary report was provided to the Department on 7 August 2020 at 4:13pm.
- e) Meeting details:
  - i. Department of Health officials:
    - State Manager, NSW/ACT Office, met with the reviewers on 30 June 2020
    - Deputy Secretary, Ageing and Aged Care met with the reviewers on 17 July 2020

- The Secretariat met with the reviewers about once a week over the course of the review to discuss administrative matters; for example contracts, travel arrangements and meeting schedules.
- ii. The reviewers did not meet with Minister Colbeck or his Office.