

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

21 June 2021

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SITAG meeting dates.

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Senator: Katy Gallagher

Question:

CHAIR: And we trust you and have accepted your advice all the way through. But why is it when you have decisions being made around a vaccine portfolio that there isn't any public information about that; that we just have to accept it is what you say it is, that you said this and the government followed it? There is no public information about it; there's not even any list of when you meet. It just says that the group meets on an as-needs basis, determined by you.

Dr Murphy: We could certainly provide on notice the dates of all the meetings of SITAG. That's not a confidential piece of information. Our advice to procure vaccines is formal advice to cabinet and, therefore, is subject to those cabinet confidentiality arrangements.

Answer:

The COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments for Australia – Science and Industry Technical Advisory Group has met on the following dates:

- 16 August 2020
- 24 August 2020
- 9 September 2020
- 17 September 2020
- 2 October 2020
- 7 October 2020
- 25 November 2020
- 8 December 2020
- 12 January 2021
- 26 March 2021
- 21 April 2021
- 27 June 2021 (out of session)
- 1 July 2021
- 22 July 2021 (out of session)
- 3 August 2021