

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Patrick

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Question:

Senator PATRICK: Maybe—to be a bit more specific—you'd be aware that you can only claim cabinet-in-confidence if a document, at the time of its birth, is intended for cabinet. Can you, on notice, take a list of all of the reports that the NCCC is preparing and which ones have been tasked by cabinet?

Mr Gaetjens: I can take that on notice.

Answer:

As an advisory body, the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission (NCCC) is providing advice to Government on a regular and as needed basis.

The NCCC's Chair reports regularly to the Prime Minister on the NCCC's key activities and areas of focus. Reports tasked by Cabinet are, through longstanding conventions, not able to be identified as they would reveal matters considered by Cabinet.