

## **Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

### **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

#### **Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Meetings and correspondence related to the re-opening of gambling venues

**Senator:** Griff

**Question reference number:** 0167

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

Has any person or body representing the gambling, hotel or club sector met with or written to the Federal Chief Medical Officer or the National Cabinet about the re-opening of gambling venues? If so, who were they, how often did they meet or write and what were the outcomes of the meeting/s or correspondence?

#### **Answer:**

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet cannot answer for the Federal Chief Medical Officer.

In regards to the National Cabinet, it is a longstanding practice not to disclose information about the operation and business of the Cabinet and its committees.

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#### **Question:**

Two poker machine pubs in NSW have now been linked to COVID-19 cases. What advice has been shared through the national cabinet or directly with Premiers/Chief Ministers and responsible Ministers about managing the conflict between industries seeking to return to profit making and the risks posed to public health from those industries?

#### **Answer:**

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