



**THE SENATE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**

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Dear Dr Murphy

Thank you for accepting an invitation to appear before the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 on Tuesday, 28 September 2021.

The committee notes that on Friday 17 September 2021 you provided National Cabinet with an update on work being undertaken by the Commonwealth and all states and territories in relation to health system capacity for managing COVID-19 cases during Phases B and C of the National Plan. The committee requests that a copy of the modelling that underpins this work be provided to the committee ahead of next Tuesday's public hearing.

The committee also requests that the department ensure that outstanding answers to questions on notice are provided in advance of the public hearing. The committee is aware that a number of questions on notice directed to the department remain outstanding and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the committee's expectation that responses to questions on notice are provided within ten business days.

I thank you for your cooperation in these matters and look forward to seeing you at the hearing.

Yours sincerely

Senator Katy Gallagher
Chair