

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: Quorum for a meeting of the National Cabinet

Senator: Patrick

Question reference number: 0109

Type of question: Written

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Question:

What constitutes quorum for a meeting of the National Cabinet?

Answer:

The Cabinet Handbook provides guidance on the quorum for Cabinet and Cabinet committees.

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Question:

How are decisions of the national Cabinet arrived at (e.g. by majority, consensus etc)

Answer:

The Cabinet Handbook provides guidance on the recording of discussions and decisions of Cabinet and Cabinet committee meetings.

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Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Resolve Strategic contract

Senator: Gallagher

Question reference number: 0129

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Question:

In relation to contract CN3681646 (Resolve Strategic):

- a. Was the use of Resolve Strategic's services proposed by the Prime Minister's Office. If not, who proposed that Resolve Strategic be contracted.
- b. What subject matter does the research canvass. What research methods are used.
- c. Why was the contract entered into on behalf of the National Covid-19 Coordination Commission.
- d. Who receives the research prepared by Resolve Strategic. Do recipients include staff in the Prime Minister's Office. If so, who in the Prime Minister's Office receives the research (position description).
- e. Please provide a copy of the research to the Committee.

Answer:

Please refer to Questions on Notice 0044, 0078, 0080, 0082, 0083.

A copy of the contract has been released under a freedom of information request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, reference FOI/2020/102.

The research is under consideration by the Government and is unable to be provided.