

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Department of Health**

**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

**Inquiry into Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

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**After hours and weekend access to vaccination hubs**

**Written**

**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

**Question:**

How will the Government ensure after hours and weekend access to vaccination hubs?

**Answer:**

The funding mechanism to remunerate primary care providers who deliver COVID-19 vaccinations provides a premium for after hours and weekend access. Many general practices and Commonwealth Vaccination Clinics (previously known as General Practitioner led Respiratory Clinics (GPRCs)) are providing after-hours and weekend vaccination clinics.

The Commonwealth has in place digital and non-digital solutions to support the 6 million Australians now eligible under Phase 1b, including the Vaccine Clinic Finder.

The Vaccine Clinic Finder shows eligible people in Australian where to find vaccine clinics near them and is linked to existing booking systems so consumers can view a clinic's operating hours and make appointments online.