

Question on notice no. 3

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Economics Committee, Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Portfolio

Senator Jess Walsh: asked the Department of Industry, Science and Resources on 1 April 2022—

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Answer —

Please see attachment.

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ANSWER

It is estimated that when operating at full capacity (producing 100m doses per annum) approximately 150 individuals will work at the manufacturing facility. Moderna advise these individuals will be directly engaged in manufacturing or supporting the manufacturing operations in ensuring regulatory compliance, quality control, logistics and administration.