

QUARANTINE ADVISORY PANEL

233. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Quarantine Advisory Panel.

- (1) Has the QAP now met to provide advice to government on quarantine and associated arrangements?
- (2) If yes to (1), please table the minutes of all meetings held since its inception.
- (3) Can the minister table the schedule of future QAP meeting dates?
- (4) Has or will the panel be asked to provide its expert advice to —
 - (a) Healthcare Australia as the new private manager of hotel quarantine;
 - (b) the Chief Health Officer; or
 - (c) the minister?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The first meeting is expected to take place in the week beginning 14 June 2021. Meetings will be held as determined by the QAP; however, the frequency of meetings will not be less than one meeting every calendar month. The chair will determine whether a meeting on an earlier date is possible in conjunction with the other members.
- (4) (a)–(c) As per the terms of reference, the QAP reports to the chief executive officer of the Department of Health as the hazard management agency for human epidemic, as prescribed in the Emergency Management Regulations 2006. The QAP may, in limited circumstances, and if considered necessary and appropriate, or at the request of the Minister for Health or the Security and Emergency Committee of Cabinet, provide concurrent advice to the CEO of the Department of Health and the Minister for Health.