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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 9:43 AM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22 ; FOI  
**Subject:** s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** s47E(d), 47F

## OFFICIAL

Dear s22

Please see attached a new FOI request received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on 9 August 2021, from s47E(d), 47F to the Office of the Prime Minister for the following:

*Please see the information request made under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 below.*

- 1) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the phrase 'Australian Defence Force'
- 2) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the phrase 'Defence Force'
- 3) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the phrase 'Hotel quarantine'
- 4) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the phrase 'Private security'
- 5) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the phrase 'Security guards'
- 6) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the phrase 'Security guard'
- 7) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the word 'Hotel'
- 8) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the word 'Quarantine'
- 9) All National Cabinet minutes and documents from the National Cabinet meeting on the 27 March 2020 containing the acronym 'ADF'

*For the purposes of this request National Cabinet means the Australian intergovernmental forum composed of but not limited to The Prime Minister, State Premiers and Chief Ministers. For the purposes of this request the National Cabinet also includes any committees or subcommittees regardless of their membership. For the purposes of this request; the phrases, acronyms or words used to identify the documents or minutes requested are to be considered case-insensitive.*

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Kind regards

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The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister Scott Morrison,

As the head of Australia's National Cabinet, I am writing to request National Cabinet meeting minutes under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*. You have rejected an identical Freedom of Information request from me previously, on the grounds of the act exempting Cabinet documents from release. However, you will be aware of a recent ruling that such documents are not exempt from FOI as the National Cabinet is NOT a cabinet.

The previous refusal was made on this basis alone and thus I expect to receive the requested documents in full without delay.

Please see the information request made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* below.

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Regards

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 August 2021 1:16 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22 FOI  
**Subject:** s47E(d), 47F Request for transfer [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Re: FOI request

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Hi s22

s47C, 47E(d), the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) received a FOI request, on 7 August 2021, for the following documents:

*I am seeking all notes, meeting minutes, records of conversations, speeches (draft or otherwise), management plans, modelling, documents, phone messages, text and instant messenger messages (on government platforms or otherwise) created by or between members of the "national cabinet" or their support staff, consultants and associates relating to the coronavirus (SARS COV-2 or COVID-19) response for the period from January 2020 to present. please include all emails, deleted emails and draft emails (including those on gmail or other non-government platforms). This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and is in the public interest.*

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Kind regards

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**From:** s47E(d), 47F  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 August 2021 7:26 PM  
**To:** FOI  
**Subject:** Re: FOI request

Hi, please include all emails, deleted emails and draft emails (including those on gmail or other non-government platforms).

Thanks.

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**From:** s47E(d), 47F  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 7, 2021 8:41:14 AM  
**To:** foi@pmc.gov.au  
**Subject:** FOI request  
Hi

I am seeking all notes, meeting minutes, records of conversations, speeches (draft or otherwise), management plans, modelling, documents, phone messages, text and instant messenger messages (on government platforms or otherwise) created by or between members of the “national cabinet” or their support staff, consultants and associates relating to the coronavirus (SARS COV-2 or COVID-19) response for the period from January 2020 to present.

This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and is in the public interest.

Electronic transmittal of documents and files at suitably high resolution is acceptable.

Regards

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 August 2021 12:10 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22 ; FOI  
**Subject:** s47E(d), 47F - Request for transfer [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** s47E(d), 47F  
Acknowledgement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

s47E(d), 47F

Dear s22

Thank you for accepting transfer of this FOI request.

Please see attached a copy of the original request s47E(d), 47F s47C, 47E(d)

On 9 August 2021, the applicant advised the Department as follows:

*...please include all emails, deleted emails and draft emails (including those on gmail or other non-government platforms).*

On 25 August 2021, the applicant advised the Department as follows:

*Thank you for your confirmation of my FOI request. You state that I "clarified" my request. That is incorrect. I expanded my request to include those materials AS WELL AS the materials originally specified. Please ensure that this FOI request is processed on that basis.*

*You also stated "If you require signatures, the names and contact details of non-SES officers or Ministerial staff below the level of Chief of Staff, or the mobile or direct numbers of SES officers please let us know"*

*I require those details.*

The current due date for notifying a decision to the applicant in relation to this FOI request is **Monday, 6 September 2021.**

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**From:** s22 >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 August 2021 3:41 PM  
**To:** FOI <[FOI@pmc.gov.au](mailto:FOI@pmc.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: s47E(d), 47F - Request for transfer [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s22 ,

The Office of the Prime Minister will accept transfer of this request.

Happy to discuss.

Regards,

s22  
Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP  
s22 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600  
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**Subject:** s47E(d), 47F - Request for transfer [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22

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Please confirm ASAP whether the PMO will accept transfer of this request.

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**From:** s47E(d), 47F  
**To:** [FOI](#)  
**Subject:** FOI request  
**Date:** Saturday, 7 August 2021 10:42:19 AM

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Hi

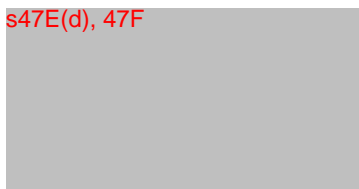
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**From:** s47E(d), 47F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 August 2021 12:26 AM  
**To:** FOI  
**Cc:** FOI  
**Subject:** Re: s47E(d), 47F Acknowledgement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thank you for your confirmation of my FOI request. You state that I “clarified” my request. That is incorrect. I expanded my request to include those materials AS WELL AS the materials originally specified. Please ensure that this FOI request is processed on that basis.

You also stated “If you require signatures, the names and contact details of non-SES officers or Ministerial staff below the level of Chief of Staff, or the mobile or direct numbers of SES officers please let us know”

I require those details.

Thank you

s47E(d), 47F

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 3:12 pm  
**To:** s47E(d), 47F  
**Cc:** FOI  
**Subject:** s47E(d), 47F - Acknowledgement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

s47E(d), 47F

Dear s47E(d),  
47F

Thank you for your email dated 7 August 2021, received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the Department), in which you made a request to the Department under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) in the following terms:

*I am seeking all notes, meeting minutes, records of conversations, speeches (draft or otherwise), management plans, modelling, documents, phone messages, text and instant messenger messages (on government platforms or otherwise) created by or between members of the “national cabinet” or their support staff, consultants and*

*associates relating to the coronavirus (SARS COV-2 or COVID-19) response for the period from January 2020 to present.*

On 9 August 2021, you clarified your request in the following terms:

*... please include all emails, deleted emails and draft emails (including those on gmail or other non-government platforms).*

### **Timeframe for receiving your decision**

We received your request on 7 August 2021 and the 30 day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by 6 September 2021. The period of 30 days may be extended in certain circumstances. We will advise you if there is any extension of time.

### **Charges**

Agencies may decide that an applicant is liable to pay a charge in respect of a request for access to documents. If the Department decides that you are liable to pay a charge, we will send you a preliminary assessment of the charge as soon as possible.

### **Publication of documents**

Please note that information released under the FOI Act may later be published online on our disclosure log at <https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/departmental-foi-disclosure-logs>, subject to certain exceptions. If you think you might wish to raise any objections to the publication of any of the information which may be released to you please contact us by email at [foi@pmc.gov.au](mailto:foi@pmc.gov.au). If you do wish to object to the publication of information, you would need to provide supporting reasons.

### **Exclusion of officers' names and contact details**

For documents that fall within scope of the request, it is the Department's policy to withhold:

- any person's signature;
- the names and contact details of Australian Public Service officers not in the Senior Executive Service (SES);
- the mobile or direct numbers of SES officers;
- the names and contact details of Ministerial staff at a level below Chief of Staff.

The names and other details of SES officers will not be withheld unless there is some reason for that information to be exempt from release. If you require signatures, the names and contact details of non-SES officers or Ministerial staff below the level of Chief of Staff, or the mobile or direct numbers of SES officers please let us know at [foi@pmc.gov.au](mailto:foi@pmc.gov.au) so the decision-maker may consider; otherwise we will take it that you agree to that information being excluded from the scope of your request (that is, the information will be treated as irrelevant and redacted from any documents for release).

We will write again when the Department has more information. Further information on FOI processing can be found at the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner <https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/>.

Yours sincerely

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The Department acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to their Cultures, Country and Elders both past and present.

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**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22 FOI  
**Subject:** s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s22

Please see below a response to the Practical Refusal Consultation Notice (PRCN) provided to s47E(d), 47F on 5 September 2021.

s47E(d), 47F wishes to amend his request as follows:

1. *All communications between members of the National Cabinet and their senior staff (down to Departmental Secretary level) on non-governmental platforms including, without limitation: gmail; Signal; Telegram; Whatsapp and whatever other platforms these people use to evade FOI requests when conducting government business.*
2. *All documents relating to any advice received by the members of the National Cabinet on the economic and social impacts of lockdowns, in-particular, the health impacts of lockdowns (which should broadly include, without limitation, mental health impacts)*
3. *All documents relating to the efficacy of masks on the prevention of transmission of the disease, and any advice received that caused the government's official policy stance to change from one of masks being "dangerous" for members of the public to wear (in the words of the Chief Medical Officer), to being mandatory to the point of people being beaten by the police for not wearing them.*
4. *All documents relating to indemnities granted to manufacturers of SARS-COV2 vaccines.*
5. *All documents relating to known adverse events arising from the administration of the SARS-COV2 vaccines.*
6. *All documents relating to potential long-term impacts of vaccination, including, without limitation, any documents or information relating to the potential for Antibody-Dependent-Enhancement, cardiac health issues and fertility impacts.*

Kind regards

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**From:** s47E(d), 47F  
**Sent:** Sunday, 5 September 2021 11:32 PM  
**To:** FOI

Cc: FOI

Subject: RE: s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s22

I dispute the assertion that my request would place undue strain on the Prime Minister and his “national cabinet” – after all, the Prime Minister and the Premiers have the full resources of the governments of the nation at their disposal, and staffs dedicated to responding to such requests. These documents are a matter of public record and should be readily made available in an open and transparent government. A refusal indicates that the national cabinet has embarrassing secrets to hide.

Nonetheless, I will accept your offer to narrow my request, and my revised request is narrowed as follows:

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Subject: s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s47E(d), 47F

Please see attached correspondence in respect of your FOI request s47E(d), 47F .

Kind regards

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**Attachments:** s47E(d), 47F

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Dear s22

Please see attached a new FOI request received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on 7 September 2021, s47E(d), 47F to the Office of the Prime Minister for the following:

*I am requesting a copy of all minutes held by the National Cabinet from its established date of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 until the last meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.*

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s47E(d), 47F



UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

RE: National Cabinet Document Disclosure

Dear Mr. Morrison,

I am requesting a copy of all minutes held by the National Cabinet from its established date of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 until the last meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.

I draw to your attention to the following as noted by Justice White in the matter of Senator Rex Patrick v Prime Minister Scott Morrison on whether National Cabinet is really a cabinet.

*The judgement delivered by the Federal Court Judge Richard White on Thursday said the National Cabinet had not been established as a committee of the Morrison Cabinet and as such could not be included under the "secrecy exemption" of the FOI Act. Further, Justice Richard White agree, finding the national cabinet was not, as the prime minister had contended, a subcommittee of the federal cabinet*


I expect full disclosure of the documents and relevant material.

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Yours faithfully,

s47E(d), 47F



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**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22, s22, s22; FOI  
**Subject:** s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** National Cabinet FOI .jpg

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Dear s22

Please see attached and below a new FOI request received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on 6 September 2021, from s47E(d), 47F to the Office of the Prime Minister for the following:

*A copy of all minutes of meetings held by the National Cabinet from its establishment date, 13 May 2020 going forward until last meeting held 7 August 2021.*

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**From:** s47E(d), 47F  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 September 2021 2:13 PM  
**To:** FOI  
**Subject:** FOI request

Dear Sir/Madam,  
Please find attached Freedom Of Information request to the National Cabinet addressed to Mr Scott Morrison.  
Regards  
s47E(d), 47F

6 September 2021

s47E(d), 47F



Dear Mr Morrison

Re NATIONAL CABINET DOCUMENT DISCLOSURE

I am requesting a copy of all minutes of meetings held by the National Cabinet from its establishment date, 13 May 2020 going forward until last meeting held 7 August 2021.

I draw your attention to the following as noted by Justice White in the matter Senator **Rex Patrick v Prime Minister Scott Morrison** on whether National Cabinet is really a Cabinet:

*The judgement, delivered by Federal Court judge Richard White on Thursday, said the National Cabinet had not been established as a committee of the Morrison Cabinet and as such could not be included under the "secrecy exemption" of the FOI ACT. Further, Justice Richard White agreed, finding the national cabinet was not, as the prime minister had contended, a subcommittee of the federal cabinet.*

I expect full disclosure of documents and relevant material, to save the need for further steps going forward.

Yours faithfully

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**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s22

Thank you for your email. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet accepts transfer of this FOI request s47E(d), 47F and will notify the applicant accordingly.

Kind regards

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The Department acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and emerging Elders and Traditional Custodians of Country, and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 September 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** FOI, s22  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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s22,

The Office of the Prime Minister would like to transfer this request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet per s 16 of the FOI Act.

Regards,

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Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP  
s22 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600  
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Dear s22

Please see attached a new FOI request received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on 7 September 2021, from s47E(d), 47F to the Office of the Prime Minister for the following:

*I am requesting a copy of all minutes held by the National Cabinet from its established date of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 until the last meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.*

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Kind regards

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**From:** FOI  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 September 2021 2:19 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22 FOI  
**Subject:** RE: s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s22

Thank you for your email. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet accepts transfer of this FOI request (s47E(d), 47F) and will notify the applicant accordingly.

Kind regards

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The Department acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and emerging Elders and Traditional Custodians of Country, and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 September 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** FOI, s22  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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The Office of the Prime Minister would like to transfer this request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet per s 16 of the FOI Act.

Regards,

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Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

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From: FOI <[FOI@pmc.gov.au](mailto:FOI@pmc.gov.au)>

Sent: Thursday, 9 September 2021 8:03 PM

To: s22

Cc: s22

FOI <[FOI@pmc.gov.au](mailto:FOI@pmc.gov.au)>

Subject: s47E(d), 47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Dear s22

Please see attached and below a new FOI request received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on 6 September 2021, s47E(d), 47F to the Office of the Prime Minister for the following:

*A copy of all minutes of meetings held by the National Cabinet from its establishment date, 13 May 2020 going forward until last meeting held 7 August 2021.*

s47C, 47E(d)

Kind regards

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From: s47E(d), 47F

Sent: Monday, 6 September 2021 2:13 PM

To: FOI <[FOI@pmc.gov.au](mailto:FOI@pmc.gov.au)>

Subject: FOI request

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Freedom Of Information request to the National Cabinet addressed to Mr Scott Morrison.

Regards

s47E(d), 47F