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Senator: Kristina Keneally

Question:

Senator KENEALLY: Thank you. We will come back to the app later on, but, if I could, I'll also ask about vaccines. The Pfizer candidate is one of the two that have received provisional determination from the TGA. The other, I understand, is Oxford AstraZeneca, for which Australia now has a supply agreement. Do we have a deal or an agreement with Pfizer?

Dr Murphy: Not at this stage. Pfizer are one of the many companies that we are in active discussion with.

Senator KENEALLY: Can the department confirm that at least seven other jurisdictions already have agreements with Pfizer to access this vaccine?

Dr Murphy: I haven't got that. We can look that up, but, off the top of my head, I would imagine that would likely be accurate. We are in active discussion with a significant number of other suppliers of vaccines.

Answer:

On 5 November 2020, the Australian Government announced a supply agreement with Pfizer for 10 million doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID19 vaccine candidate, should it be registered for use in Australia.

As a matter of practice agreements of this type are confidential, however based on publicly available information as of 26 October 2020 Pfizer had announced agreements with 7 other jurisdictions including United States, Japan, United Kingdom, Canada, Europe, and New Zealand.