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Dear s47F

Thank you for responding to all our questions in your email earlier today, including relevant topics, etc. Please find below further updates and some new questions.

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- We have one more bilateral meeting recommendation for the Minister Colbeck. As you know, there is no direct equivalent minister in Japan that covers Minister Colbeck's whole portfolio. As well as Minister Tamura Norihisa, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, we were wondering if Minister Colbeck would be interested in meeting with **Mr Sakamoto Tetsushi, Minister for Promoting Dynamic Engagement of all Citizens.**

This portfolio was established to encourage active participation by all citizens in society, so they can make a positive contribution, including those that have traditionally been on the outer such as elderly people, persons with disabilities, and youth. We imagine this would overlap substantially with Minister Colbeck's "Senior Australians" portfolio. This ministry was established in Japan in 2016 in response to declining birth rates and an ageing society. Though Sakamoto's portfolio is broader than just the elderly, given Japan's aging population, they are very active in this area.

This isn't a priority meeting as any meeting with Japanese Govt representatives would focus on COVID-19 responses, but if it fits in the schedule, I am sure it will be fruitful.

- In addition to this, unfortunately **Minister Kono** is extremely busy at the moment and it is very difficult to arrange a meeting. We judge that there is no need to push for a meeting with Minister Kono, as we are already seeking a meeting with Minister TAMURA – whose portfolio covers health and aged care service already, and can speak to Japan's vaccine rollout, especially to seniors.

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Best wishes,



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