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Dear Senator Gallagher

Fortnightly update on COVID-19 Disaster Payment

Thank you for your letters dated 14 July and 6 September 2021 to Ms Rebecca Skinner, Chief Executive Officer, Services Australia in relation to the provision of additional regular data to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 (the Committee) regarding the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

Services Australia will commence a fortnightly data report for the Committee that will include the total number and value of COVID-19 Disaster Payment claims paid by state or territory.

Regarding your second request for the number of recipients and value of payments of the COVID-19 Disaster Payment broken down by Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2), unfortunately we are unable to provide SA2 level data. We can provide state level data and will commence a fortnightly data report including this information.

Both additional data reports will be added to the fortnightly Victorian Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment report, which has been provided to the Committee since October 2020.

Yours sincerely

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