

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Australian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

7 August 2020

PDR Number: IQ20-000457

Staff working across multiple aged care facilities in Victoria:

Written

Senator: Rachel Siewert

Question:

How many staff are still working across multiple aged care facilities in Victoria?

Answer:

The Department of Health does not capture this data.

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7 August 2020

PDR Number: IQ20-000467

Question Subject: Extension of retention bonus

Type of Question: Written

Senator: Rachel Siewert

Question:

Are you considering extending the retention bonus to other employees working in aged care facilities who are undertaking additional work due to COVID such as cleaning, kitchen and administration staff?

Answer:

There are currently no plans to change the eligibility criteria.

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7 August 2020

PDR Number: IQ20-000476

Adequate access to PPE for home care providers.

Written

Senator: Rachel Siewert

Question:

Have concerns been raised with you about home care providers in Australia having timely and adequate access to PPE?

Answer:

The Department has had regular engagement with aged care peak bodies and approved providers on various topics relating to COVID-19, including PPE. Any concerns raised have been addressed via these forums.

The Department has a dedicated mailbox for providers to seek assistance or information regarding PPE: AgedCareCOVIDPPE@health.gov.au. The mailbox includes a standard automated response to all emails which provides details about the PPE processes and what enquirers, including those from the home care sector, should do next to request PPE.