

## Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

### INQUIRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

#### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

##### Services Australia

**Topic:** Follow up to QoN IQ20-000153 - Fortnightly Update on Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment

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**Member:** Katy Gallagher

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#### **Question:**

In relation to the answer to QoN IQ20-000118, please provide a fortnightly update, from the week commencing Monday 3rd August, to the Committee of:

- a) how many applications were made for the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment for Victoria (the Payment)
- b) how many applications for the Payment were approved
- c) what was the total value of Payments
  - i. approved and
  - ii. paid during this period

#### **Answer:**

Weekly data for the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is provided below.

	<b>Fortnight</b>	<b>Number of Claims Received</b>	<b>Number of Claims Approved</b>	<b>Total Value of Payments Made</b>
Week 1	5 <sup>1</sup> August – 6 August	1,083	83	\$124,500.00
Week 2	7 August – 13 August	3,899	3,640	\$5,460,000.00
Week 3	14 August – 20 August	2,092	1,959	\$2,938,500.00
Week 4	21 August – 27 August	1,275	1,185	\$1,777,500.00

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<sup>1</sup> Payment commenced on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August following the Prime Minister's announcement on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August.

	<b>Fortnight</b>	<b>Number of Claims Received</b>	<b>Number of Claims Approved</b>	<b>Total Value of Payments Made</b>
Week 5	28 August – 3 September	923	1,034	\$1,551,000.00
Week 6	4 September – 10 September	572	787	1,180,500.00
Week 7	11 September – 17 September	378	424	\$636,000.00
Week 8	18 September – 24 September	490	474	\$711,000.00
24 Sept 2020 Week 8 Cumulative Total		10,712	9,586	\$14,379,000.00