

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health and Aged Care

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

Inquiry into Excess Mortality

13 June 2024

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COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in 2021, 2022 and 2023

Spoken

Chair: Penny Allman-Payne

Question:

CHAIR: Before I pass the call to Senator Askew, can you tell us how many COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered in 2021, 2022 and 2023, and for that same period how many vaccine injuries and deaths were recorded?

Dr Gould: We can certainly provide that on notice. I do not have it in front of me at the moment.

CHAIR: That would be helpful, thank you.

Answer:

Total COVID-19 vaccinations administered for the following calendar years, as reported to the Australian Immunisation Register (as at 20 June 2024):

- 2021: 43,357,292
- 2022: 21,364,211
- 2023: 5,066,689

The Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA) publishes adverse event information in the Database of Adverse Event Notifications (DAEN) – medicines, available at daen.tga.gov.au/medicines-search/.

Please note that inclusion in the DAEN – medicines does not mean that the details of the event have been confirmed, or that the event has been determined to be related to a medicine or a vaccine. The TGA encourages people to report adverse events, even when it is not clear that a medicine or vaccine was the cause.

There might be no relationship between the adverse event and the vaccine – the symptom may be related to the vaccine, or an underlying illness or to other factors. It may be a coincidence that the adverse event occurred when the vaccine was administered.

The TGA closely reviews all deaths reported in the days and weeks after COVID-19 vaccination. Through this review the TGA has identified 14 reports where the cause of death was linked to vaccination from 1012 reports reviewed.

As of 21 June 2024, the DAEN – medicines includes the following adverse event reports for COVID-19 vaccines:

2021: 102,842 adverse event reports for COVID-19 vaccines, with 746 reported as having a fatal outcome, of which 13 were assessed as linked to vaccination

2022: 34,470 adverse event reports for COVID-19 vaccines, 220 reported as having a fatal outcome, of which 1 was assessed as linked to vaccination

2023: 2,511 adverse event reports for COVID-19 vaccines, 46 reported as having a fatal outcome, of which none have been identified as linked to vaccination