

COVID-19
ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

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Division/Agency: International Aviation Technology & Services

Topic: Department and portfolio agency staff that work at airports vaccination rate

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Senator Kristina Keneally asked:

What percentage of Department employees and employees of the portfolio agencies working in Australian airports are fully vaccinated? Please provide data broken down by state/territory or port.

Answer:

As vaccinations for Departmental or agency staff are not compulsory this data is not collected. As the two main aviation agencies in the Portfolio, separate responses from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Airservices Australia are at **Attachment A and B** respectively.

Attachment A – CASA

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has not required staff to declare their vaccination status to CASA. However, CASA sought assistance from the Department of Health and the Australian Public Service Commission in March 2021 to add a number of our staff that may have to perform safety oversight roles at airports to Category 1a of the COVID-19 vaccine national rollout strategy. Vaccinations were voluntary and we did not require staff to advise CASA of their vaccination status.

Attachment B – Airservices

Airservices Australia's airport based workers were not part of the priority phases of the COVID-19 vaccination rollout. Employees have been subject to the vaccine rollout arrangements of their particular jurisdiction.