PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Australian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Number of COVID-19 cases and deaths reported in Australia each day

Written

Senator: Katy Gallagher

Question:
Could you please provide the following data in a spreadsheet, with the data broken down by jurisdiction (state or territory):
(a) the number of COVID-19 cases in Australia reported each day, starting from the date of the first case in Australia; and
(b) the number of COVID-19 deaths in Australia reported each day, starting from the date of the first death in Australia.
I note that these data are already partially presented in graphs or tables at:
https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers.

Answer:

The number of COVID-19 cases is available on the Department of Health website at: (https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-current-situation-and-case-numbers) which provides a breakdown of cases from January to the current date.

There is no publicly available tabular data for the number of cases or deaths reported by day on the Department's website, however there is analysis of this data in the CDI reports published fortnightly available at:
https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/novel_coronavirus_2019_ncov_weekly_epidemiology_reports_australia_2020.htm.

The data in the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (NNDSS) is owned by each respective jurisdiction and overseen by the Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA). The Department is unable to provide the data requested without the approval of jurisdictions. More granular data, as well as information on how to request data from the NNDSS is available at http://www9.health.gov.au/cda/source/cda-index.cfm.