

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Inquiry into Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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State breakdown of the NDIS participants in disability accommodation who have had 1st and 2nd doses

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Senator: Rachel Siewert

Question:

Senator SIEWERT: I've got that information. How many disabled people in congregate care have had their first and second doses?

Mr Mulhall: For NDIS participants in disability accommodation, we have 22,285 we're talking of—

Senator SIEWERT: What percentage is that?

Mr Mulhall: We've had 53.8 per cent at first dose and 27.1 per cent fully vaccinated, two doses.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take it on notice to provide a state breakdown for those figures?

Mr Mulhall: I am able to do that, yes.

Answer:

Attached tables provide information as at 25 July 2021 on the total vaccines reported for NDIS participants living in disability accommodation and total vaccines reported for NDIS participants living in residential aged care.

Table 1: Total vaccines reported for NDIS participants living in disability accommodation*

| NDIS Participants living in disability accommodation | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---------------|---|--|
| Jurisdiction | Total NDIS participants that have received 1 dose | Total NDIS participants that have received dose 2 | Total people who have received at least one dose | Total Doses | Total NDIS participants aged 16+ and over | Percentage who have received at least one dose |
| NSW | 2,691 | 1,475 | 4,166 | 5,641 | 8,205 | 50.8% |
| Vic. | 1,106 | 2,256 | 3,362 | 5,618 | 4,669 | 72.0% |
| QLD | 821 | 826 | 1,647 | 2,473 | 3,910 | 42.1% |
| WA | 376 | 776 | 1,152 | 1,928 | 1,875 | 61.4% |
| SA | 411 | 776 | 1,187 | 1,963 | 2,042 | 58.1% |
| Tas. | 184 | 294 | 478 | 772 | 796 | 60.1% |
| ACT | 47 | 256 | 303 | 559 | 450 | 67.3% |
| NT | 48 | 127 | 175 | 302 | 338 | 51.8% |
| National | 5,684 | 6,786 | 12,470 | 19,256 | 22,285 | 56.0% |

* Disability accommodation means two or more people with disability living in shared residential accommodation, as per the eligibility criteria of Phase 1a.

Table 2: Total vaccines reported for NDIS participants living in residential aged care

| NDIS Participants living in residential aged care | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--------------|---|--|
| Jurisdiction | Total NDIS participants that have received 1 dose | Total NDIS participants that have received dose 2 | Total people who have received at least one dose | Total Doses | Total NDIS participants aged 16+ and over | Percentage who have received at least one dose |
| NSW | 120 | 1,206 | 1,326 | 2,532 | 1,737 | 76.3% |
| Vic. | 76 | 1,029 | 1,105 | 2,134 | 1,400 | 78.9% |
| QLD | 76 | 584 | 660 | 1,244 | 948 | 69.6% |
| WA | 16 | 257 | 273 | 530 | 367 | 74.4% |
| SA | 32 | 207 | 239 | 446 | 304 | 78.6% |
| Tas. | 3 | 76 | 79 | 155 | 109 | 72.5% |
| ACT | 2 | 33 | 35 | 68 | 40 | 87.5% |
| NT | 6 | 25 | 31 | 56 | 46 | 67.4% |
| National | 331 | 3,417 | 3,748 | 7,165 | 4,951 | 75.7% |

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Vaccination rates for people with disabilities that don't have a funding source

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Senator: Rachel Siewert

Question:

Senator SIEWERT: Following that thread of conversations, you've just mentioned the number of people that are on other schemes. There are a number of disabled Australians who don't have that source of funding. They don't have funding. How are you identifying them and getting an idea of the picture of those vulnerable Australians who have been vaccinated?

CHAIR: You can take that on notice, Mr Mulhall.

Answer:

Due to the priority criteria within the National Vaccine Strategy, not all people with disability are currently eligible for the vaccine or at increased risk from COVID-19. Of those that are eligible, overwhelmingly they will receive a form of support from the Commonwealth such as the Disability Support Pension, through an NDIS plan, by being a recognised carer of someone who receives a Carer Payment or through participation in a program such as Job Access. As a result, the Department is examining the potential to produce aggregated, de-identified reporting on a data linkage between the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) and Services Australia administrative data sets to help identify vaccine coverage of people with disability.