

**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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**List of contract organisations and their details**

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**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

**Question:**

Senator SIEWERT: .....Can you tell me the total number?

Ms Laffan: In terms of—

Mr Lye: I think it's 36. No, sorry, it's 36 in Victoria.

Ms Laffan: As at 25 September, Mable has supplied 130 contractors and filled 2,644 shifts.

Senator SIEWERT: Is that across New South Wales and Victoria?

Ms Laffan: That figure is nationally.

Mr Lye: I think that we'll get you the exact number, because Ms Laffan's figures may be more up-to-date than mine, but I know they've provided services in residential aged care in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania.

Senator SIEWERT: And the Commonwealth government has made that decision to take them on? It was a Commonwealth decision?

Mr Lye: What we could do is provide you the seven or eight contract organisations that we've got a relationship with who are supplying workforce to outbreak sites. I will name some of them: Aspen, Healthcare Australia, HealthX, Mable, RCSA, Torrens. There are a range of people that we have engaged, and Mable is one of those.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you provide the list and how much each of these contracts is worth—how much the original contract was, whether they've been extended, when they're contracted to and the services they have provided?

Ms Laffan: Yes, we can do that.

Mr Lye: And we can provide the total staff provided, the shifts filled and probably even what type of staff they're providing. We've got all of that detail.

**Answer:**

The below is accurate as at 19 October 2020.

Contract and AUS Tender ref	Services	Workforce usage as at 19 Oct 2020 <sup>1</sup>	Total Contract Value <sup>2</sup> (GST excl) up to
<b>Healthcare Australia (HCA) - Workforce Surge</b> <a href="#">CN3696885</a>	Clinical, Infection and Prevention Control (IPC) expertise, and care workers to COVID-19 affected Aged Care Providers	443 surge workforce staff filled 4,868 shifts	\$789,804.91
<b>Healthcare Australia (HCA)– National Aged Care Emergency Response (NACER) program</b> <a href="#">CN3714047</a>	Host employer of Aged Care staff deployed to the NACER program, manage payroll and entitlements (including direct payment of workers)	76 NACER staff filled 2,295 shifts	\$6,605,949.85
<b>Mable Technologies</b> <a href="#">CN3673048</a>	Nurses and care workers to COVID-19 affected Aged Care providers.	Supplied 130 people filling 133 positions across 2,711 shifts	\$6,578,818.18
<b>Aspen Medical</b> <a href="#">CN3673052</a>	Clinical first response, emergency response services, remote locum services	Supplied staff to fill 627 roles, including Clinical First Responder deployments	\$14,250,708.36
<b>Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association (RCSA)</b> <a href="#">CN3716267</a>	Provide a concierge services to source nurses, care workers and ancillary staff for COVID-19 affected aged care providers	Around 3,481 staff filled 24,670 shifts	\$5,171,527.09
<b>HealthX</b> <a href="#">CN3714937</a>	Nurse workforce of 45 nurses deployed under MOU with ASPEN as part of the Emergency Response Teams	Supplied 37 staff and filled 1000 shifts.	\$6,893,877.32
<b>Torrens</b> <a href="#">CN3717898</a>	Provide clinical, specialist medical and care workers to COVID-19 affected aged care providers	Supplied 65 staff and filled 680 shifts, including RNs, ENs, PCAs and allied health	\$5,743,897.83
<b>Fronitha Care</b> <a href="#">CN3714041</a>	One-off contract for executive and clinical leadership to St Basil's during its COVID-19 outbreak	1 Facility Manager, 1 Director of Nursing	\$20,015.92
<b>Interregnum</b> <a href="#">CN3716265</a>	One-off contract for executive leadership to Kirkbrae Presbyterian Aged Care	One interim CEO	\$75,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$46,129,599.45</b>

Note: a proportion of the workforce surge used to fill shifts in residential aged care facilities will be paid for directly by providers and reimbursed by the Australian Government through the Aged Care Support Grant program.

<sup>2</sup> Note: the total contract value is the total amount that can be expended under the contract. The funds expended will depend on usage of workforce.

<sup>3</sup> HCA – Workforce Surge was not extended as the two HCA contracts were combined into one variation