

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Department of Health**

**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

**Australian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Written Question received 28 August 2020**

**PDR Number: IQ20-000593**

**Request for PPE from aged care facilities:**

**Written**

**Senator:** Katy Gallagher

**Question:**

Please provide the most recent figures for:

- a. How many aged care facilities have requested PPE from the Commonwealth?
- b. How many of these requests have been met?
- c. A breakdown of (a) and (b) by state and territory.

**Answer:**

**A total of approximately 2865 PPE requests** were received from providers of residential and in-home aged care services to access personal protective equipment (PPE) from the National Medical Stockpile (NMS) from March to mid-August 2020 (as at 24 August 2020).

**A total of 1324 of these requests were approved** by the NMS.

The breakdown of total requests, for March, April, May, June, July and August, by state and territory, is provided in **Table 1** overleaf.

A breakdown of the number of requests that have been approved, by state and territory, for the same period, is provided in **Table 2** overleaf.

Note that all requests from providers managing a COVID-19 outbreak have been approved.

**Table 1: All residential and in-home aged care provider PPE requests to access the NMS by month and state/territory, as at 24 August 2020.**

Note: Approximate numbers due to duplicate or combined service requests

State or territory	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total, as at 24 August 2020
ACT	10	3	0	0	0	0	13
NSW	316	178	45	1	37	28	605
NT	9	5	0	0	0	0	14
QLD	182	53	7	0	11	39	292
SA	31	8	2	2	3	3	49
TAS	29	98	2	1	2	2	134
VIC	255	127	40	26	621	559	1628
WA	73	37	6	4	2	0	122
Multi-jurisdiction	5	2	0	1	0	0	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>2865</b>

**Table 2: NMS approved requests from aged care facilities for PPE, by state/territory, as at 24 August 2020.**

State or territory	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total, as at 24 August 2020
ACT	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
NSW	59	50	23	1	37	23	193
NT	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
QLD	42	16	3	0	9	24	94
SA	11	2	0	0	1	1	15
TAS	7	18	0	0	0	0	25
VIC	71	37	19	19	388	428	962
WA	20	5	2	1	2	0	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1324</b>