

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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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
TOTAL	910	511	102	35	676	631	2865

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
TOTAL	214	129	47	22	437	475	1324