

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Inquiry into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
– 18 August 2020

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Q11 - 18 August 2020 - Disease control training - Siewert

Question reference number: 11

Senator/Member: Rachel Siewert

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 04 September 2020

Question:

Are you providing infectious disease control training in any other state or territory besides Victoria?

Answer:

No.

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Topic: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Q12 - 18 August 2020 - Aged care facility involvement - Siewert

Question reference number: 12

Senator/Member: Rachel Siewert

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 04 September 2020

Question:

1. Have you had any involvement in any other aged care facilities in Victoria that have residents or staff with COVID-19, besides the four facilities that were mentioned at the hearing on August 18?
 - a. If so please outline the nature of that involvement?

Answer:

1. No.

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Topic: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Q13 - 18 August 2020 – Disability residential facilities - Siewert

Question reference number: 13

Senator/Member: Rachel Siewert

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 04 September 2020

Question:

Has the ADF had any involvement in disability residential facilities or group homes in Victoria? If so, how many and please outline the nature of that involvement? When did you first start providing such support?

Answer:

No.

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Topic: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Q14 - 18 August 2020 - ADF involvement in hotel quarantine - Paterson

Question reference number: 14

Senator/Member: James Paterson

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 04 September 2020

Question:

1. How many ADF personnel have supported hotel quarantine in each state or territory?
2. How did each state's hotel quarantine system work in terms of command and control?
3. What was the role of each state and territory's respective police in hotel quarantine?
4. What roles have the ADF performed in each state and territory's hotel quarantine system?

Answer:

1. ADF personnel have supported quarantine assistance for hotels in the following states:
 - a. New South Wales (up to 300 personnel for support to both airports and hotels);
 - b. Queensland (up to 270 personnel for support to both airports and hotels); and
 - c. Western Australia (up to 70 personnel for support to both airports and hotels).
2. The ADF are a supporting agency for quarantine assistance measures. The lead agencies for the respective states are as follows:
 - a. New South Wales – New South Wales Police Force;
 - b. Queensland – Queensland Police Service; and
 - c. Western Australia – Department of Health Western Australia.

3. In New South Wales and Queensland, state police are the lead agency for the provision of hotel quarantine services. The Western Australia Police Force are a supporting agency to Department of Health Western Australia for hotel quarantine in Western Australia.
4. The ADF has performed the following roles to support state and territory hotel quarantine systems;
 - a. In support of the New South Wales Police Force:
 - i. airport flight arrival reception (including ushering returning personnel to buses and loading luggage);
 - ii. provision of mobile hotel reception teams (assisting with luggage unloading and check in);
 - iii. hotel repatriation tasks (13 day quarantine compliance checklist);
 - iv. providing static security at hotels;
 - v. assistance to New South Wales police (no enforcement role); and
 - vi. logistic support to ADF members assisting in quarantine assistance (delivering meals, laundry, delivering stores).
 - b. In support of the Queensland Police Service (QPS):
 - i. support to QPS at airport reception (redirection for processing, ushering to transport to hotel quarantine);
 - ii. support at hotel reception, including debussing of personnel and luggage unloading and escorting to hotel rooms;
 - iii. support to Queensland Health to conduct periodic in-room testing (presence and observation);
 - iv. providing static security at hotels;
 - v. assistance to QPS (no enforcement role); and
 - vi. logistic support to ADF members assisting in quarantine assistance (delivering meals, laundry, delivering stores).
 - c. In support of the Department of Health Western Australia:
 - i. airport flight arrival reception (including ushering returning personnel to buses and loading luggage);
 - ii. hotel quarantine assistance (small teams of general duties for personnel/staff monitoring);
 - iii. hotel quarantine reception for arrivals and departures; and
 - iv. logistic and movements support to ADF members assisting in quarantine assistance (delivering meals, laundry, delivering stores).