

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Department of Health**

**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

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

**7 August 2020**

**PDR Number: IQ20-000457**

**Staff working across multiple aged care facilities in Victoria:**

**Written**

**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

**Question:**

How many staff are still working across multiple aged care facilities in Victoria?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health does not capture this data.

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**PDR Number: IQ20-000467**

**Question Subject:** Extension of retention bonus

**Type of Question:** Written

**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

**Question:**

Are you considering extending the retention bonus to other employees working in aged care facilities who are undertaking additional work due to COVID such as cleaning, kitchen and administration staff?

**Answer:**

There are currently no plans to change the eligibility criteria.

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**PDR Number: IQ20-000476**

**Adequate access to PPE for home care providers.**

**Written**

**Senator:** Rachel Siewert

**Question:**

Have concerns been raised with you about home care providers in Australia having timely and adequate access to PPE?

**Answer:**

The Department has had regular engagement with aged care peak bodies and approved providers on various topics relating to COVID-19, including PPE. Any concerns raised have been addressed via these forums.

The Department has a dedicated mailbox for providers to seek assistance or information regarding PPE: [AgedCareCOVIDPPE@health.gov.au](mailto:AgedCareCOVIDPPE@health.gov.au). The mailbox includes a standard automated response to all emails which provides details about the PPE processes and what enquirers, including those from the home care sector, should do next to request PPE.