

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

INQUIRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Services Australia

Topic: Follow up to QoN IQ20-000118 - Fortnightly Update on Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment

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Question:

In relation to the answer to QoN IQ20-000118, please provide a fortnightly update, from the week commencing Monday 3rd August, to the Committee of:

- how many applications were made for the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment for Victoria (the Payment)
- how many applications for the Payment were approved
- what was the total value of Payments (i) approved and (ii) paid during this period

Answer:

Weekly data for the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is provided below.

	Fortnight	Number of Claims Received	Number of Claims Approved	Total Value of Payments Made
Week 1	5 ¹ – 6 August 2020	1,083	83	\$124,500.00
Week 2	7 – 13 August 2020	3,899	3,640	\$5,460,000.00
Week 3	14 – 20 August 2020	2,092	1,959	\$2,938,500.00
Week 4	21 – 27 August 2020	1,275	1,185	\$1,777,500.00
27 August 2020 Week 4 Cumulative Total		8,349	6,867	\$10,300,500.00

¹ Payment commenced on the 5th of August following the Prime Minister's announcement on the 3rd of August.