

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**Department of Health and Aged Care**  
**Senate Community Affairs References Committee**  
**Inquiry into Excess Mortality**  
**13 June 2024**

**PDR Number:** IQ24-000056

**Temporal trends when analysing mortality data**

**Written**

**Senator:** Ralph Babet

**Question:**

1. Dr Gould, you mentioned the need to be cautious about temporal trends when analysing mortality data. For example: with an expected upturn in April. Dr Andrew Madry performed an independent analysis of Queensland Data. Have you seen this?

2.1. Does a cause have to precede an effect?

**Answer:**

1. The Department of Health and Aged Care is aware of this work.

2.1 This question is unclear.