

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

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Senator/Member: Rachel Siewert

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Question:

1. What is the Australian Defence Force's role in aged care around Australia?
2. Are you actively involved in providing aged care support in any other states or territories and what is the nature of that support?

Answer:

1. The ADF is currently providing up to 175 personnel under Defence Aid to the Civil Community (DACC) arrangements to support the Commonwealth Department of Health led Victorian Aged Care Response Centre (VACRC). This support is as follows:
 - a. Provision of up to 35 ADF personnel to provide planning, operational and logistic support to the VACRC headquarters element.
 - b. Provision of up to 40 ADF personnel (AHPRA Registered Nurses or Enrolled Nurses) to provide emergency medical response to Aged Care facilities in the Melbourne metropolitan and Regional Victorian, as prioritised by VACRC.
 - c. Provision of up to 100 ADF personnel to support Residential Aged Care Engagement Teams. These teams are supporting VCARC preventative efforts, attending facilities that are COVID-19 free, and not suspected of infection.
2. No.