



**Australian Government**  
**Services Australia**

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Senator Katy Gallagher  
Chair  
Senate Select Committee on COVID-19  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Senator Gallagher

### **Fortnightly update on Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment**

I am writing to you in relation to the provision of regular data to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 (the Committee).

Noting the data requests the Committee has placed on notice, for the next fortnightly update (for the weeks of 25/09/2020 to 1/10/2020 and 2/10/2020 to 8/10/2020), Services Australia (the agency) will commence a fortnightly email data report for the Committee.

The agency will provide the Committee with a fortnightly report that includes the number of claims received and granted (approved), as well as the dollars paid in relation to the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment.

The Committee will not need to request this information on notice, rather the agency will provide this directly to the secretariat for distribution to Committee members. I anticipate this will assist the Committee with accessing this data.

Yours sincerely

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