

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

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Written Question received 28 August 2020

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COVID-19 outbreak at Dorothy Henderson Lodge

Written

Senator: Katy Gallagher

Question:

How much was spent on the review into the COVID-19 outbreak at Dorothy Henderson Lodge?

Answer:

The independent review into the COVID-19 outbreak at Dorothy Henderson Lodge was undertaken by Professor Lyn Gilbert, Chair of the Infection Control Expert Group, advising the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, free of charge.

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Victorian Aged Care Response

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Question:

In relation to the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre (VACRC):

- a. What is the VACRC's total budget?
- b. What costs are covered by the Commonwealth?
- c. How much has been spent to date?

Answer:

- A. The Victorian Aged Care Response Centre budget is \$9.1 million (2020-21 Budget: Health and Home Affairs portfolios). In-kind support is provided by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, and other Australian Government agencies, including the Australian Defence Force.
- B. Costs covered by the Commonwealth, through this funding, includes clinical leads, additional case management capacity, and logistical support.
- C. As at 3 November 2020, \$4.5 million has been committed with \$1.8 million (ex. GST) spent.