

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Australian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

7 August 2020

PDR Number: IQ20-000440

Question Subject: The Government's commitment to the Community Visitors Scheme:

Question type: Written

Senator: Stirling Griff

Question:

The Government committed \$10 million to the Community Visitors Scheme to ensure that people both in residential aged care and in in-home aged care were able to maintain contact through telephone or digital services during the height of the pandemic. How many contacts were made by CVS in each State on a month by month basis?

Answer:

Community Visitor Scheme (CVS) providers are required to report their performance twice a year. Aggregated data from the reporting period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020 is expected to be available in September 2020.

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Question Subject: Amount of aged care workers eligible for the retention bonus:

Question Type: Written

Senator: Rachel Siewert

Question:

How many aged care workers do you expect will be eligible for the retention bonus?

Answer:

The Department estimates that around 250,000 or two-thirds of the Pay As You Go (PAYG) employees within the residential care and home care sectors are direct care workers and therefore eligible for the retention bonus payment. In addition, agency staff who provide direct care are also eligible.