



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Hearing Date: 1 March 2022

Directed to: Adj. Associate Professor Violet Platt

1. Ms Crozier Page no. 53

Question asked: To go to Ms Rogerson's point about the demand in the community: if it is 450 in Ms Rogerson's area, what is the demand across the state? What are the numbers?

Response:

Palliative Care Victoria (PCV) doesn't routinely collect and collate operational data across the state. PCV is currently conducting a survey to determine the increased activity and changes in referral patterns and growth across community services, we anticipate this information will be available mid-year and can be shared with the committee.

2. Mr Wells Page no. 56

Question asked: You spoke about the volunteers and the impact that the non-vaxxed volunteers are having on the organisation. Do you have an actual number or a percentage of volunteers that are not fronting up? I understand the reasons why. As you said, they are sometimes in an older age bracket. But do you have any numbers or percentages?

Response:

Palliative Care Victoria (PCV) has a strong network with many community and palliative care agencies, who work with volunteers as an important element of their workforce. The loss of the volunteer workforce during the pandemic was 10% in several palliative care facing organisations, and while other palliative care service providers and multicultural aged care services have experienced a reduction in volunteer workforce, the exact number is not known. The reasons for attrition of this workforce are multifactorial and include retirement, moving overseas, fear of infection, returning to paid work, non-vaccination, and family commitments.