

From: [Troy Bilsborough](#)
To: [COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre](#)
Cc: [News](#)
Subject: RE: Request: Vaccine Surplus Breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 10 June 2021 10:26:30 AM
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Dear Lucy,

Will we be receiving a response today? It has been 10 days since our first request.

I also notice the Department is two days overdue publishing its VOC update on the website.

As the former Head of Strategy and Communications to the Federal Health Minister, I'm concerned for the Department this lack of response and failure to publish will be seen as the Federal Government – namely the Minister – either not knowing the answers to a simple question, or worse, be seen to be deliberately refusing to answer as occurred with the aged care vaccinations in senate estimates. Particularly if we're forced to advise this position to the media. The other alternative is we're forced to ask these questions via media or political channels, but that means we can't constructively work with the department on any analysis, follow up or outcomes.

I feel we have been very generous and reasonable. Please advise today how you would like to proceed. No response will be taken as a preference for having this information requested through media and political channels.

Cheers,

tb

Ps. here is our request reposted for convenience.

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From: Troy Bilsborough

Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 9:17 AM

To: COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre

Cc: News

Subject: RE: Request: Vaccine Surplus Breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Lucy,

Can I please confirm acknowledgement of our email below and whether we will be receiving the requested information this morning, given you did not meet our requested COB deadline on Friday, noting your initial response did not answer our question in good faith, hence the need for us to reframe it below.

We are happy to work constructively with you and please feel free to give me a call on 0427 063 150, noting it has been 8 days since our first request.

Cheers, tb

From: Troy Bilborough

Sent: Thursday, 3 June 2021 9:21 PM

To: COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre <COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Request: Vaccine Surplus Breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Cheers tb

From: Troy Bilborough <troy.bilborough@provocate.com.au>

Sent: Thursday, 3 June 2021 4:52 PM

To: COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre <COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au>

Subject: Re: Request: Vaccine Surplus Breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks Lucy- but that doesn't answer our question. what is the breakdown of the 2.5m surplus. Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre <COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 4:49:00 PM

To: Troy Bilborough <troy.bilborough@provocate.com.au>

Subject: RE: Request: Vaccine Surplus Breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon Troy,

As at 3rd June, the rate of administering the vaccines between the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines has been, 67% AstraZeneca vaccine and 33% Pfizer vaccine. The Administration and utilisation slide on the [Department of Health website](#) provides an indicative estimate of dose utilisation across both Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines.

Kind regards,

Lucy S

Vaccine Operations Centre

COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy Taskforce Division

Department of Health

The Department of Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continued connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to all Elders past and present.

From: Troy Bilsborough <troy.bilsborough@provocate.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 June 2021 2:24 PM

To: News <News@health.gov.au>

Subject: Request: Vaccine Surplus Breakdown

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Hello Health Media Team,

I hope this finds you well. Quick question.

On page 7 of the Dept of Health Weekly COVID update, there reports to be a

- 6.41m vaccinations made available
- 4.24m vaccinations administer
- 2.17 million surplus vaccinations

Could you please provide us with the breakdown of these numbers (or best guess estimates) of Pfizer vs AstraZeneca? <https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/05/covid-19-vaccine-rollout-update-31-may-2021.pdf>

To help, as stated in the Dept's last VOC weekly update on 25th May:

"Last week, 352,170 doses of Pfizer and 1,019,100 doses of AstraZeneca were released. Over the coming days, the Therapeutic Goods Administration will conduct sample testing of 352,170 doses of Pfizer vaccine which arrived in Australia last night, along with another 1 million doses of AstraZeneca produced onshore by CSL, prior to releasing the vaccines for distribution.

<https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/05/covid-19-vaccine-rollout-update-31-may-2021.pdf>

Given the above, I imagine the figures are easily accessible and at hand. A response by COB today would therefore be much appreciated. Happy to link up with someone in the Department direct if that is quicker.

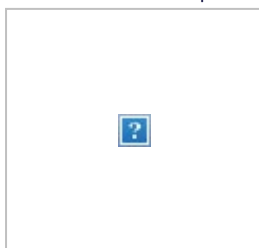
Cheers,

tb

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