

Federal Member for Dawson

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Dear Professor John Skerritt

I write regarding the COVID-19 virus and the vaccines for that virus.

I note that, as of 27 May 2021, the TGA received 210 reports of deaths following immunisation for COVID-19. I also note that the TGA states that "Apart from the single Australian case in which death was linked to TTS, COVID-19 vaccines have not been found to cause death". The TGA also notes that 93% of the 210 deaths were related to people aged 65 or older and 75% of the 210 deaths were related to people aged 75 or older.

I note information relating to deaths is absent from the TGA COVID-19 vaccine weekly safety report of 3 June 2021.

I also note that the 3 June 2021 report states that there have been 24,402 adverse events following immunisation.

Could you clarify the following for me and my constituents:

- 1. Within what period of time following vaccination did these deaths occur?
- 2. What is the updated number of such deaths as at the time of you writing back to me?
- 3. What were the listed primary and non-primary causes of death for each of the 210 deaths?
- 4. Can the TGA categorically rule out the notion that any of the other 209 deaths are attributable to a COVID-19 vaccine?
- 5. What work will be done (and by whom) to ascertain whether these deaths were attributable to a COVID-19 vaccine?
- 6. Why has the TGA noted that that 93% of the 210 deaths were related to people aged 65 or older and 75% of the 210 deaths were related to people aged 75 or older?
- 7. Why has the TGA removed death data from its weekly reports?
- 8. How many of the 24,402 adverse events following immunisation have been deemed adverse events of special interest?
- 9. What were the specific adverse events of each event deemed adverse events of special interest?
- 10. Does the TGA accept that the adverse events following immunisation are attributable to a COVID-19 vaccine?

Given the urgency of this matter, I would appreciate clear answers to each of the questions no later than Friday, 11 June 2021.

Yours sincerely

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