

**Subject:** Administrative Release of Information [Ref FOI 3160] [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request of 5 October 2021 to the Department of Health (department) seeking access to the following:

Documentation showing how much the Commonwealth Government has spent paying medical professionals to administer the Covid vaccines. Please break down this into two categories:

- 1) Normal medicare rebates
- 2) Extra incentive payments

### **Administrative release of information**

On 2 November 2021, the department advise you that the information you were seeking could be provided to you administratively. On the same day, you agreed to formally withdraw your request and receive the relevant information administratively. Please see below the administrative response to your FOI request.

#### **Point 1**

Information on medicare rebates is publicly available on the Services Australia website at: [www.servicesAustralia.gov.au](http://www.servicesAustralia.gov.au) by searching 'medicare statistics'. Reports are available for all Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item numbers and groups for both services delivered and MBS benefits paid. A full list of MBS COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment item numbers is available in the COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Service Fact Sheet (September 2021) is attached and also available at: [MBS online - FAQ - Bulk Billed MBS patient COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Service](#).

#### **Point 2**

- To date there has been approximately \$10.4 million paid through the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) COVID19 Vaccine General Practice Incentive in the August 2021 PIP Payment Quarter, for services provided from March to 31 July 2021. This reflects the provision of both a first and second dose assessment service to 1,044,118 patients at the same PIP practice. Next incentive payments are due in the November 2021 PIP payment quarter for services provided from 1 August to 31 October 2021.
- The PIP COVID-19 Vaccine General Practice Incentives only covers the first and second dose assessment services provided at the same practice.

We hope this information has been of assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact the department's FOI Unit at [FOI@health.gov.au](mailto:FOI@health.gov.au) if you have any questions regarding this email.

Kind regards

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FAQ-COVID-19-Vaccine-Support-Items-including-3rd-Dose-Vaccinations.08.10.21.pdf

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