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Vice President Hatcher
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Dear Vice President Hatcher

I refer to my letter to the Commission dated 25 August 2020 in relation to varying the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010 and the Ambulance and Patient Transport Industry Award 2020 to provide for paid pandemic leave (Health Sector Awards—Pandemic Leave (AM2020/13)).

The Victorian Ambulance Union Incorporated has written to my department requesting an update on the number of transfers of aged care residents to other hospital and health settings as part of the response to outbreaks in residential aged care facilities.

Ambulance Victoria has advised my department that, between 17 July 2020 and 22 September 2020, 440 transfers of residents from residential aged care facilities were facilitated under the Department of Health and Human Services and the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre arrangements for coronavirus (COVID-19).

This number excludes any transfers that were arranged directly between residential aged care services and private non-emergency patient transport providers and any direct 000 or non-emergency bookings made by a residential aged care service. This number would include any transfers where Ambulance Victoria's emergency resources were used due to the resident's clinical condition and/or the timeframe and any transfers of coronavirus (COVID-19) negative residents.

If there are any further queries, please contact Lissa Zass, Director, Private Sector, Industrial Relations Victoria at lissa.zass@dpc.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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cc Alessandra Moussa, Victorian Ambulance Union Incorporated