

## The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP Minister for Health and Ambulance Services

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Mr Neil Laurie Clerk of the Parliament Queensland Parliament George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Dear Mr Laurie New

I write in response to your correspondence, petition number 4194-25, tabled in Parliament on 18 February 2025, in relation to COVID-19 in Queensland and reporting of the data weekly.

The data on deaths from COVID-19 is sourced through the Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages and is published by the Australia Bureau of Statistics which is the most appropriate source of this information (https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/deaths-due-covid-19-influenza-and-rsv-australia-2022-september-2024).

Queensland Health routinely publishes weekly updates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalisations along with other notified respiratory infections (including influenza and RSV). The information is available at: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/surveillance/reports/flu/\_nocache.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls MP

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services

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