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**STATEMENT FROM CHA CHIEF EXECUTIVE PAT GARCIA IN  
RELATION TO FUNDING PACKAGE FOR AGED CARE HOMES  
ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER MORRISON**

“We welcome the Government’s recognition that staffing is a key issue in the aged care sector.

“This is a sensible, targeted and much-needed boost to the sector which will help us deal with the looming coronavirus crisis.

“As with all funding packages we would urge the Government to keep an open mind about what is needed to fight and beat this pandemic.

“It is vital that we retain staff but also keep them safe at work. Registered nurses aren’t the only ones who need personal protective equipment (PPE) in our aged care homes. Home care workers also need protection.

“Our carers clean and bathe residents as well as taking care of them in their homes – they also need access to PPEs at this time.”

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