STATEMENT FROM CHA CHIEF EXECUTIVE PAT GARCIA IN REACTION 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.

“Our carers clean and bathe residents – they also need access to PPEs at this time.”

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