
COVID-19 vaccine rollout

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For the attention of:

Mark Butler
Minister for Health and Aged Care
Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care

Dear Minister

On two occasions in 2021, former Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt, stated that the COVID-19 vaccine rollout was a clinical trial, as follows:

'The world is engaged in the largest clinical trial, the largest global vaccination trial ever, and we will have enormous amounts of data.'

(Interview with David Speers on ABC Insiders on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, 21 February 2021 - see attached transcript.)

'We're engaged in the world's largest ever vaccination rollout and, at the same time, effectively, clinical trial. We will learn more; we're already learning more.' (Doorstop interview about the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, 22 February 2021 - see attached transcript.)

Are these statements factually accurate? If so, which COVID-19 vaccines currently being used in Australia are still under clinical trial and what are the implications for individuals receiving them?

Yours sincerely
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2 attachments



Interview with David Speers on ABC Insiders on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout _ Health Portfolio Ministers and Aged Care.pdf

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Doorstop interview about the COVID-19 vaccine rollout on 22 February 2021 _ Health Portfolio Ministers and Aged Care.pdf

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