

**Response from Dennis Shanahan:**

I watched Daniel Andrews' press conference today and reported online, and will be in the newspaper, his comments about the report in The Australian. I note that he said he and the chief medical officer had not seen the modelling.

I also reported that Victorian officials told me that there are contract partners for the government doing research and modelling. The Age also referred to "internal" Victorian modelling in a story about the case averages.

Without disclosing any sources I co-operated fully with the Premier's office in several phone calls this morning. I also pointed out to them, as I do to you now, that the graphic image on the front of The Australian was not a reproduction.

Metamodern or its founder were not my source.

I am aware of all sorts of debates about statistics and have been in contact with some academics today who have views on the Victorian coronavirus case figures.

There is debate about the "roller coaster", the three-day peaks, time lags and the effect delays in reporting are having.