

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Outcome: Employment

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ20-000258

Senator Rachel Siewert on 11 August 2020, Proof Hansard page 1

Data Update / Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - December 2020

Question

Senator SIEWERT: First, I'd like to look at some of the current stats. Would you be able to give the committee some updates on the employment figures and also the current jobactive case load demographics? Are you able to give that to the committee on a regular basis? We've now got DSS providing us with regular updates; I think it's now every two weeks. Is it possible for the committee to have the same updates from your department so that we can actually get a full picture of what the situation is? Is that something that the department is able to do?

Mr Smyth: I'm sure we can facilitate that. If you'd like, I will give you a quick update at the moment on the composition of the case load.

Senator SIEWERT: Yes, that'd be great.

Answer

jobactive Caseload Demographics – as at 31 December 2020

		Number
Gender		
Male		681,215
Female		645,600
Participant Cohorts		
Indigenous		108,820
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse		298,509
People with Disability		250,817
Mental Health		121,346
Drug and Alcohol		66,789
Homeless		100,147
Refugees		52,514
Ex-Offenders		117,881
Youth (aged under 25)		237,363
Mature (aged 50+)		348,722
Parents ^(a)		191,572
Age group		
Under 22 years		107,698
22 to 24 years		129,665
25 to 34 years		331,259
35 to 44 years		278,880
45 to 54 years		241,669
55+ years		237,644
Total		1,326,815

(a) The Parent cohort comprises participants receiving Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered, or recipients of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance who are Principal Carer Parents.