

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. IQ20-000256

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

Data Update / Employment and jobactive monthly update - November 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 30 November 2020

	Number
Gender	
Male	707,135
Female	663,116
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	108,799
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	310,338
People with Disability	251,695
Mental Health	121,451
Drug and Alcohol	67,130
Homeless	100,942
Refugees	53,409
Ex-Offenders	118,846
Youth (aged under 25)	246,485
Mature (aged 50+)	356,462
Parents ^(a)	196,695
Age group	
Under 22 years	111,927
22 to 24 years	134,558
25 to 34 years	344,879
35 to 44 years	287,831
45 to 54 years	248,539
55+ years	242,517
Total	1,370,251

(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.