

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. IQ20-000246

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

Data Update / Employment and jobactive monthly update - September 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 September 2020

	Number
Gender	
Male	774,924
Female	713,538
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	111,637
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	336,078
People with Disability	256,734
Mental Health	124,907
Drug and Alcohol	68,894
Homeless	103,381
Refugees	54,969
Ex-Offenders	121,869
Youth (aged under 25)	274,505
Mature (aged 50+)	375,975
Parents ^(a)	210,722
Age group	
Under 22 years	124,678
22 to 24 years	149,827
25 to 34 years	382,445
35 to 44 years	310,881
45 to 54 years	266,175
55+ years	254,456
Total	1,488,462

(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.