

**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
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	681,215
Female	645,600
<b>Participant Cohorts</b>	
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 <sup>(a)</sup>	191,572
<b>Age group</b>	
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,326,815</b>

(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.