

**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. IQ20-000252**

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

***Data Update | Employment and jobactive monthly update - October 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 October 2020

Number	
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	751,295
Female	697,842
<b>Participant Cohorts</b>	
Indigenous	111,105
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	327,996
People with Disability	255,852
Mental Health	123,885
Drug and Alcohol	68,452
Homeless	103,306
Refugees	54,837
Ex-Offenders	121,717
Youth (aged under 25)	263,126
Mature (aged 50+)	370,018
Parents <sup>(a)</sup>	207,838
<b>Age group</b>	
Under 22 years	119,521
22 to 24 years	143,605
25 to 34 years	369,977
35 to 44 years	304,531
45 to 54 years	260,560
55+ years	250,943
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,449,137</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.