

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic – 11 August 2020

Outcome: Employment

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000004

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

Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - February 2021

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 28 February 2021

		Number
Gender		
Male		652,947
Female		631,375
Participant Cohorts		
Indigenous		111,021
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse		286,619
People with Disability		260,288
Mental Health		126,423
Drug and Alcohol		66,652
Homeless		100,685
Refugees		52,896
Ex-Offenders		117,320
Youth (aged under 25)		225,790
Mature (aged 50+)		344,645
Parents ^(a)		194,191
Age group		
Under 22 years		105,596
22 to 24 years		120,194
25 to 34 years		314,901
35 to 44 years		271,572
45 to 54 years		236,257
55+ years		235,802
Total		1,284,322

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