

**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. IQ21-000031**

Senator Mehreen Faruqi on 11 August 2020, Proof Hansard page 1

***Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - April 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 30 April 2021

	Number
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	574,721
Female	564,571
<b>Participant Cohorts</b>	
Indigenous	106,551
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	249,460
People with Disability	255,325
Mental Health	123,606
Drug and Alcohol	64,162
Homeless	95,337
Refugees	48,845
Ex-Offenders	112,209
Youth (aged under 25)	192,559
Mature (aged 50+)	316,230
Parents <sup>(a)</sup>	180,280
<b>Age group</b>	
Under 22 years	92,500
22 to 24 years	100,059
25 to 34 years	272,425
35 to 44 years	243,385
45 to 54 years	213,119
55+ years	217,804
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,139,292</b>

(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.