

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

Outcome: Employment

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000119

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

Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - July 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 31 July 2021

	Number
Gender	
Male	486,923
Female	486,558
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	98,787
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	202,540
People with Disability	247,218
Mental Health	120,445
Drug and Alcohol	60,541
Homeless	88,566
Refugees	43,599
Ex-Offenders	105,300
Youth (aged under 25)	159,731
Mature (aged 50+)	280,454
Parents ^(a)	158,487
Age group	
Under 22 years	76,695
22 to 24 years	83,036
25 to 34 years	225,716
35 to 44 years	208,562
45 to 54 years	184,142
55+ years	195,330
Total	
	973,481

(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.