

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. IQ21-000002

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

Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - January 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 January 2021

	Number
Gender	
Male	667,700
Female	635,563
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	109,809
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	291,606
People with Disability	251,455
Mental Health	121,575
Drug and Alcohol	66,565
Homeless	100,057
Refugees	52,211
Ex-Offenders	117,615
Youth (aged under 25)	232,791
Mature (aged 50+)	344,487
Parents ^(a)	189,694
Age group	
Under 22 years	107,545
22 to 24 years	125,246
25 to 34 years	323,527
35 to 44 years	273,843
45 to 54 years	238,141
55+ years	234,961
Total	1,303,263

(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.