

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 11

Question No: 606

Topic: Disability Employment Services

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest data on the number of Disability Employment Services caseloads by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- f. condition/disability;
- g. duration customers have been using DES;
- h. duration customers have been unemployed;
- i. other payments received, including Disability Support Pension, Newstart and Youth Allowance.

Answer:

(a), (b), (d)-(f), (h) and (i) Data on Disability Employment Services (DES) caseloads as at 28 February 2014 is provided in the tables below.

(c) Providing DES data by Electorate would require considerable diversion of resources.

(g) Generally speaking, DES is a time-limited programme, with participants entitled to a total of 18 months Employment Assistance plus Ongoing Support as required. However, suspensions, movements between phases of support and the potential for multiple periods of service, meaning calculating 'time in programme' for individuals would require considerable diversion of resources.

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a) Age

Age Group	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Under 21	3,170	10,148	13,318
21 - 24	4,571	8,981	13,552
25 - 34	10,909	15,574	26,483
35 - 44	15,937	14,652	30,589
45 - 49	10,269	8,192	18,461
50 - 54	11,393	8,634	20,027
55 - 64	18,834	14,322	33,156
Over 65	86	163	249
Total	75,169	80,666	155,835

b) State

State	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
NSW	24,766	25,341	50,107
VIC	20,109	20,506	40,615
QLD	15,632	18,348	33,980
SA	6,794	7,510	14,304
WA	4,438	5,783	10,221
TAS	2,595	1,859	4,454
ACT	482	1,107	1,589
NT	353	212	565
Total	75,169	80,666	155,835

d) Sex

Gender	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Male	39,726	46,770	86,496
Female	35,443	33,896	69,339
Total	75,169	80,666	155,835

e) Indigenous/non-Indigenous status

	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Indigenous	3,235	4,115	7,350
Non indigenous	71,934	76,551	148,485
Total	75,169	80,666	155,835

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f) Disability/condition

Primary Health Condition	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Physical	43,926	23,848	67,774
Psychiatric	25,239	28,256	53,495
Intellectual	228	7,981	8,209
Specific Learning	825	6,156	6,981
Neurological	2,464	4,082	6,546
Autism	372	4,762	5,134
Hearing	798	1,984	2,782
Acquired Brain Injury	558	1,671	2,229
Vision	613	1,520	2,133
Speech	75	219	294
Deafblind	41	144	185
Unknown	30	43	73
Total	75,169	80,666	155,835

Note: data is reported by Primary Health Condition recorded as at 28 February 2014, participants may have more than one type of disability or health condition.

h) Unemployment duration

Unemployment Duration	DMS	ESS	Total
Less than 1 year	22,946	26,708	49,654
1 - 2 years	18,440	15,816	34,256
2 - 3 years	11,452	9,802	21,254
3 years or more	22,331	28,340	50,671
Total	75,169	80,666	155,835

i) Payment type

Payment Type	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
NewStart Allowance/Youth Allowance	63,413	43,033	106,446
Disability Support Pension	3,121	24,442	27,563
Parenting Payment Partnered/Single	1,316	633	1,949
Other Pension or Allowance	713	628	1,341
Non Allowee	6,606	11,930	18,536
Total	75,169	80,666	155,835