

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 740

Topic: Disability Employment Services

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Senator Brown 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:

Data on Disability Employment Services (DES) caseloads as at 31 March 2014 is provided in the tables below. Some information requested is unavailable or would require considerable diversion of resources to produce. In particular, providing DES data by Electorate would require considerable diversion of resources.

a) Age

Age Group	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Under 21	3,102	10,140	13,242
21 - 24	4,558	9,079	13,637
25 - 34	10,868	15,751	26,619
35 - 44	15,911	14,806	30,717
45 - 49	10,290	8,265	18,555
50 - 54	11,428	8,732	20,160
55 - 64	18,915	14,690	33,605
Over 65	86	165	251
Total	75,158	81,628	156,786

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b) State

State	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
NSW	24,749	25,612	50,361
VIC	20,151	20,911	41,062
QLD	15,545	18,508	34,053
SA	6,855	7,609	14,464
WA	4,389	5,787	10,176
TAS	2,632	1,857	4,489
ACT	480	1,126	1,606
NT	357	218	575
Total	75,158	81,628	156,786

d) Sex

Gender	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Male	39,689	47,252	86,941
Female	35,469	34,376	69,845
Total	75,158	81,628	156,786

e) Indigenous/non-Indigenous status

Indigenous Ind	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Indigenous	3,270	4,212	7,482
Non indigenous	71,888	77,416	149,304
Total	75,158	81,628	156,786

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f) Disability/condition

Primary Health Condition	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
Physical	44,039	24,289	68,328
Psychiatric	25,157	28,675	53,832
Intellectual	222	7,954	8,176
Specific Learning	795	6,124	6,919
Neurological	2,487	4,115	6,602
Autism	355	4,837	5,192
Hearing	796	1,990	2,786
Acquired Brain Injury	549	1,686	2,235
Vision	619	1,540	2,159
Speech	74	220	294
Deafblind	43	147	190
Unknown	22	51	73
Total	75,158	81,628	156,786

Note: data is reported by Primary Health Condition recorded as at 31 March 2014, participants may have more than one type of disability or health condition.

g) Time in Programme

Time in Programme	DMS	ESS	Total
6 Months or Less	34,648	30,747	65,395
7 - 12 Months	19,091	18,817	37,908
13- 18 Months	12,304	12,778	25,082
19 - 24 Months	6,574	9,799	16,373
25 - 36 Months	1,951	3,846	5,797
37 + Months	590	5,641	6,231
Total	75,158	81,628	156,786

h) Unemployment duration

Unemployment Duration	DMS	ESS	Total
Less than 1 year	22,721	27,124	49,845
1 - 2 years	18,258	15,955	34,213
2 - 3 years	11,572	9,933	21,505
3 years or more	22,607	28,616	51,223
Total	75,158	81,628	156,786

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i) Payment type

Payment Type	DES - DMS	DES - ESS	Total
NewStart Allowance/Youth Allowance	63,849	43,781	107,630
Disability Support Pension	2,943	24,674	27,617
Parenting Payment Partnered/Single	1,314	651	1,965
Other Pension or Allowance	752	678	1,430
Non Allowee	6,300	11,844	18,144
Total	75,158	81,628	156,786