

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2007-2008 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
28 and 29 MAY 2007**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W218-08

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Senator Wong asked in writing: What percentage of Job Network clients are currently classified as Highly Disadvantaged? What is the demographic profile of those classified as Highly Disadvantaged – age, gender, educational attainment, geographic spread (metro, non metro, states), NESB, indigenous, income support type, duration of unemployment etc?

Answer:

As at 29 June 2007, Highly Disadvantaged job seekers make up 27% of the Job Network Active Caseload. Of those job seekers classified as Highly Disadvantaged

- a) 8% are under 21 years of age, 19% are aged 21-30; 23% are aged 31-40, 23% are aged 41-50, 27% are aged 51 or above;
- b) 53% are male and 47% female;
- c) Educational attainment is not reasonably available and to answer this part of the question would be an unreasonable diversion of resources;
- d) 45% are metro and 55% are non-metro; 34% are in NSW, 19% in VIC, 18% in QLD and all other states each represent 10% or less;
- e) 20% are Culturally and Linguistically diverse;
- f) 31% are Indigenous Australians;
- g) 69% are in receipt of Newstart Allowance/Youth Allowance (Other); 14% are in receipt of Parenting Payment (Single or Partnered); 9% are in receipt of a Disability Support Pension; and 8% are Other (including non-allowee youth);
- h) 29% have been unemployed 12 months or less; and 71% have been unemployed greater than 12 months.

Please note that the above mentioned categories are not mutually exclusive and that a job seeker may be counted more than once.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3.5 hours at an estimated cost of \$70.