

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

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Current Caseload Statistics as at 28 February

Gender split

There are more male job seekers (58%) in the Trial than female job seekers (42%), but this is comparable to the comparison group. The discrepancy in gender can be explained by how the Job Seeker Classification Instrument (JSCI) scores based on gender. Typically females will have a higher score in most categories, making fewer eligible for the trial.

Descriptor	Caseload count	Proportion of caseload to Total	Comparison Caseload Count	Proportion of caseload to Total
Female	1954	42%	2936	41%
Male	2737	58%	4155	59%
Total	4691	100%	7091	100%

Age split

Over half of the Trial caseload (55%) are under 25 years old. This is higher, but comparable to the comparison group.

Descriptor	Caseload count	Proportion of caseload to Total	Comparison Caseload Count	Proportion of caseload to Total
Age: 1. Under 22	1445	31%	1760	25%
Age: 2. 22-24	1108	24%	1593	22%
Age: 3. 25-29	749	16%	1039	15%
Age: 4. 30-39	433	9%	765	11%
Age: 5. 40-49	464	10%	855	12%
Age: 6. 50-59	375	8%	832	12%
Age: 7. 60+	117	2%	247	3%
Total	4691	100%	7091	100%

State/Territory split

When comparing job seekers currently commenced in each state and territory, the proportion of job seekers is comparable between the Trial and the comparison group.

Descriptor	Caseload count	Proportion of caseload to Total	Comparison Caseload Count	Proportion of caseload to Total
QLD	1220	26%	1926	27%
VIC	1188	25%	1771	25%
NSW	1149	24%	1647	23%
WA	699	15%	970	14%
SA	297	6%	528	7%
TAS	68	1%	102	1%
ACT	41	1%	104	1%
NT	29	1%	43	1%
Total	4691	100%	7091	100%

Regional and metropolitan comparison

When comparing age and equity cohorts, the proportion of regional job seekers is comparable between the Trial and the comparison group.

The main differences are:

- ex-offenders where a higher proportion of Trial participants are in regional areas compared to the comparison group (31.40% to 24.64%), and
- job seekers with mental health issues, where a higher proportion of the comparison group report mental health issues compared to the Trial (27.45% to 22.86%).
- However, given the relatively low number of participants in both of these equity cohorts, it is too early to determine whether this is a trend, or something that may smooth out over time.

Job seeker characteristics	Caseload count (Regional)	Caseload count (total)	Proportion of Regional to Total	Comparison Caseload Count (Regional)	Comparison Caseload Count (Total)	Comparison Proportion of Regional to Total
Age: 1. Under 22	467	1445	32.32%	526	1760	29.89%
Age: 2. 22-24	196	1108	17.69%	262	1593	16.45%
Age: 3. 25-29	112	749	14.95%	161	1039	15.50%
Age: 4. 30-39	79	433	18.24%	152	765	19.87%
Age: 5. 40-49	125	464	26.94%	199	855	23.27%
Age: 6. 50-59	94	375	25.07%	217	832	26.08%
Age: 7. 60+	21	117	17.95%	68	247	27.53%
Equity: CALD	45	661	6.81%	72	1080	6.67%
Equity: Ex-Offender	27	86	31.40%	34	138	24.64%
Equity: Homeless	25	104	24.04%	38	138	27.54%
Equity: Indigenous	39	120	32.50%	36	110	32.73%
Equity: Mental Health Issues	8	35	22.86%	14	51	27.45%
Equity: PWD	46	155	29.68%	47	182	25.82%
Equity: Refugee	2	43	4.65%	3	59	5.08%
Equity: Stronger Participation Incentive	398	1734	22.95%	792	3503	22.61%
Gender: Female	441	1954	22.57%	645	2936	21.97%
Gender: Male	653	2737	23.86%	940	4155	22.62%
TCF: 1 demerit point	112	496	22.58%	144	653	22.05%
TCF: 2 demerit point	19	75	25.33%	42	188	22.34%
TCF: 3 demerit point *	0	0	0.00%	4	16	25.00%

*The numbers between the Trial and comparison group cannot be compared. The Trial numbers refer to all commencements whereas the comparison group is based on the current caseload. This is because there are no job seekers in the Trial with three demerits as they are referred to a provider once the third demerit is applied.

Regional Comparisons as at 28 February

From 1 July 2018, regional job seekers made up 24.4% of referrals to the Trial, and 23.8% of commencements. This is slightly higher, but comparable to the comparison group.

OEST Referrals/Commencements Regional Proportions

Descriptor	Referrals	Proportion of referrals	Commencements	Proportion of Commencements	Opt-outs	Proportion of opt-outs
Total caseload	9517	100%	7196	100%	883	100%
Regional	2319	24%	1714	24%	282	32%

Comparison Referrals/Commencements Regional Proportions

Descriptor	Referrals	Proportion of referrals	Commencements	Proportion of Commencements	Opt-outs	Proportion of opt-outs
Total caseload	27,134	100%	22,651	100%	na	na
Regional	6,037	22%	5,110	23%	na	na