

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Australian Government response to the COVID-19 pandemic - 11 August 2020

Outcome: Employment Programs

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000124

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

Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - September 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 30 September 2021**

	Number
Gender	
Male	459,090
Female	464,256
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	95,989
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	191,086
People with Disability	243,329
Mental Health	118,770
Drug and Alcohol	58,858
Homeless	85,972
Refugees	41,642
Ex-Offenders	101,812
Youth (aged under 25)	146,627
Mature (aged 50+)	272,284
Parents ^(a)	151,788
Age group	
Under 22 years	69,728
22 to 24 years	76,899
25 to 34 years	212,679
35 to 44 years	198,055
45 to 54 years	174,962
55+ years	191,024
Total	923,347

(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.