

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Inquiry into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

2019 - 2020

Division: JobKeeper Division
Topic: JobKeeper questions 1 through 3
Reference: Written questions from Senator Gallagher – 10 July 2020, IQ20-000163

Question:

1. Please provide the following figures based on the latest available data point:
 - a. How many businesses have received JobKeeper payments
 - b. How many employees have received JobKeeper payments through their employer
 - c. The table on the early access super scheme first provided to the Committee on 11 June in QoN IQ20-000109
2. Will Treasury provide a fortnightly update of these figures to the Committee
3. How regularly will Treasury update the JobKeeper postcode data available on its website, and what will the lag time be for this data

Answer:

1. **Please provide the following figures based on the latest available data point:**
 - a. **How many businesses have received JobKeeper payments**

As at Sunday 19 July, 965,536 unique ABN's have had applications processed for a JobKeeper payment in April, May, and/or June.

Once an organisation has an application processed, the ATO aims to make payment within 4-5 business days unless the payment has been suppressed due to compliance reasons.

- b. **How many employees have received JobKeeper payments through their employer?**

As at Sunday 19 July, the number of employees and eligible business participants nominated by their employers for the JobKeeper payment, by month, was:

- April: 3,350,274¹
- May: 3,552,189¹
- June: 3,362,660*

*Note that applications for the June JobKeeper fortnights only opened on 1 July.

¹ The figures relating to April and May will continue to rise gradually, as a small number of applications are still being accepted for April and May, but employers must contact the ATO so that they can process manually.

The above figures are not cumulative as the employees and eligible business participants are not unique. That is, employees and eligible business participants may have received JobKeeper payments for April, May and June or only for one/two of those months.

c. The table on the early access super scheme first provided to the Committee on 11 June in QoN IQ20-000109

Since the commencement of the measure, a total of 2,636,229 individual applicants have been approved to release \$31.6 billion of their superannuation under the COVID early release measure (data as at 26 July 2020). This comprises 2,453,050 individuals in 2019-20 and 183,179 unique applicants in 2020-21 (to date). Of the total number of applicants approved in 2020-21 to date, 86 per cent have also applied in 2019-20 (data as at 26 July 2020).

COVID-19 approvals – ATO demographic data

Age range	2019-20		2020-21 to date			
	Number of applications approved	Value of applications approved for release (\$m)	Number of unique applications approved (2020-21 to date)	Value of unique applications approved for release in 2020-21 to date (\$m)	Total number of applications approved in 2020-21 to date	Total value of applications approved for release in 2020-21 to date (\$m)
a. 20 and Less	39,100	110	6,900	20	13,700	35
b. 21-25	292,100	1,660	26,400	162	102,400	590
c. 26-30	455,100	3,330	29,100	226	194,700	1,583
d. 31-35	430,600	3,655	27,400	228	230,600	2,046
e. 36-40	355,100	3,195	24,000	206	214,200	1,960
f. 41-45	276,500	2,545	20,200	177	177,700	1,650
g. 46-50	250,700	2,340	19,400	173	165,800	1,556
h. 51-55	193,100	1,815	15,600	141	127,400	1,201
i. 56-60	121,000	1,135	10,200	92	74,400	701
j. 61-65	36,400	330	3,700	31	18,700	170
k. 66-70	2,800	20	400	3	1,100	9
l. 71 and greater	600	5	100	1	200	2
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,453,050	20,140	183,179	1,460	1,320,900	11,503

Source: ATO (Data as at 26 July 2020).

Explanatory note: Please note unique approved applications are those that are applying for the first time in tranche 2, i.e. did not apply for early release in 2019-20 (tranche 1). Age is captured by reference to the applicant's age at the time of submitting their application. Application numbers may not add up due to rounding. Application values rounded to the nearest \$million.

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Male	1,381,500	11,630	97,100	796	769,000	6,853
Female	1,071,300	8,510	86,300	664	551,800	4,649
Other	300	-	-	0	100	-
TOTAL	2,453,050	20,140	183,179	1,460	1,320,900	11,503

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2. Will Treasury provide a fortnightly update of these figures to the Committee?

The Department of Treasury has been providing updated JobKeeper data through its appearances at the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 and responses to Questions on Notice from the Committee.

3. How regularly will Treasury update the JobKeeper postcode data available on its website, and what will the lag time be for this data?

Treasury intends to update the JobKeeper postcode data once the bulk of payments related to a particular month have been made and the data have been quality assured. The publication time will depend on any issues uncovered in the quality assurance process along with competing priorities.