

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. IQ21-000160

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

Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - November 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 November 2021

Number	
Gender	
Male	447,085
Female	463,180
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	97,068
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	187,735
People with Disability	247,868
Mental Health	121,884
Drug and Alcohol	58,780
Homeless	85,530
Refugees	40,697
Ex-Offenders	101,304
Youth (aged under 25)	145,101
Mature (aged 50+)	270,194
Parents ^(a)	151,692
Age group	
Under 22 years	69,165
22 to 24 years	75,936
25 to 34 years	208,574
35 to 44 years	194,493
45 to 54 years	171,393
55+ years	190,705
Total	
	910,266

(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.