

**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Outcome: Employment**

**Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ20-000246**

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

***Data Update / Employment and jobactive monthly update - September 2020***

**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 2020

| Number                                |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Gender</b>                         |                  |
| Male                                  | 774,924          |
| Female                                | 713,538          |
| <b>Participant Cohorts</b>            |                  |
| Indigenous                            | 111,637          |
| Culturally and Linguistically Diverse | 336,078          |
| People with Disability                | 256,734          |
| Mental Health                         | 124,907          |
| Drug and Alcohol                      | 68,894           |
| Homeless                              | 103,381          |
| Refugees                              | 54,969           |
| Ex-Offenders                          | 121,869          |
| Youth (aged under 25)                 | 274,505          |
| Mature (aged 50+)                     | 375,975          |
| Parents <sup>(a)</sup>                | 210,722          |
| <b>Age group</b>                      |                  |
| Under 22 years                        | 124,678          |
| 22 to 24 years                        | 149,827          |
| 25 to 34 years                        | 382,445          |
| 35 to 44 years                        | 310,881          |
| 45 to 54 years                        | 266,175          |
| 55+ years                             | 254,456          |
| <b>Total</b>                          |                  |
|                                       | <b>1,488,462</b> |

(a) The Parent cohort comprises participants receiving Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered, or recipients of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance who are Principal Carer Parents.