

**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. IQ21-000159**

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

***Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - October 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 31 October 2021

Number	
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	450,907
Female	459,456
<b>Participant Cohorts</b>	
Indigenous	95,817
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	187,782
People with Disability	244,049
Mental Health	119,573
Drug and Alcohol	58,701
Homeless	85,507
Refugees	40,901
Ex-Offenders	101,470
Youth (aged under 25)	143,578
Mature (aged 50+)	270,010
Parents <sup>(a)</sup>	150,899
<b>Age group</b>	
Under 22 years	68,462
22 to 24 years	75,116
25 to 34 years	209,174
35 to 44 years	195,229
45 to 54 years	172,404
55+ years	189,979
<b>Total</b>	
	<b>910,364</b>

*(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.*