

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19  
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Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Questions from Senator Gallagher - Question 2

**Question reference number:** SQ20-000484

**Senator:** Katy Gallagher

**Type of Question:** Written. Hansard Page/s:

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**Question:**

How many people 50 and over are receiving JobSeeker currently, compared to the number receiving Newstart at the same time last year?

**Answer:**

At 26 June 2020, there were 457,715 JobSeeker Payment recipients aged 50 and over, compared to 259,516 Newstart Allowance recipients aged 50 and over at 28 June 2019.

The Department publishes a monthly data set which is broken down by age, gender, state, earnings and Statistical Area Level 2. This is available at [data.gov.au/data/dataset/728daa75-06e8-442d-931c-93ecc6a57880](https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/728daa75-06e8-442d-931c-93ecc6a57880)

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**Topic:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Questions from Senator Gallagher - Question 6

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**Senator:** Katy Gallagher

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**Question:**

In relation to the Safe Spaces program:

- a. Provide a list of all successful applicants, including the funding each will receive and project description
- b. Provide a list of all unsuccessful applicants
- c. How many additional emergency accommodation beds/places will be delivered (do not count improvements which will not increase the number of beds/places). Please indicate the location of the additional beds/places.

**Answer:**

The Safe Places Emergency Accommodation (Safe Places) grant has not been finalised.

Once funding decisions are finalised, information on the outcome of the Safe Places program will be published on GrantConnect ([www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au)).