

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic – 11 August 2020

Outcome: Employment

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000004

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

Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - February 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 28 February 2021

	Number
Gender	
Male	652,947
Female	631,375
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	111,021
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	286,619
People with Disability	260,288
Mental Health	126,423
Drug and Alcohol	66,652
Homeless	100,685
Refugees	52,896
Ex-Offenders	117,320
Youth (aged under 25)	225,790
Mature (aged 50+)	344,645
Parents ^(a)	194,191
Age group	
Under 22 years	105,596
22 to 24 years	120,194
25 to 34 years	314,901
35 to 44 years	271,572
45 to 54 years	236,257
55+ years	235,802
Total	1,284,322

(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.