

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

Outcome: Employment

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000113

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

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

Number	
Gender	
Male	507,640
Female	505,812
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	101,549
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	210,824
People with Disability	249,414
Mental Health	121,034
Drug and Alcohol	61,750
Homeless	90,418
Refugees	44,935
Ex-Offenders	107,552
Youth (aged under 25)	168,332
Mature (aged 50+)	289,059
Parents ^(a)	165,457
Age group	
Under 22 years	81,923
22 to 24 years	86,409
25 to 34 years	235,644
35 to 44 years	217,132
45 to 54 years	191,851
55+ years	200,493
Total	
	1,013,452

(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.