

**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. IQ21-000026**

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

***Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - March 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 March 2021

Number	
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	618,031
Female	604,977
<b>Participant Cohorts</b>	
Indigenous	109,344
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	272,553
People with Disability	259,484
Mental Health	126,046
Drug and Alcohol	65,387
Homeless	98,374
Refugees	51,306
Ex-Offenders	114,892
Youth (aged under 25)	209,345
Mature (aged 50+)	334,884
Parents <sup>(a)</sup>	189,542
<b>Age group</b>	
Under 22 years	98,992
22 to 24 years	110,353
25 to 34 years	295,424
35 to 44 years	260,847
45 to 54 years	227,546
55+ years	229,846
<b>Total</b>	
	<b>1,223,008</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.*