

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. IQ21-000045

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

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

	Number
Gender	
Male	530,529
Female	523,420
Participant Cohorts	
Indigenous	103,033
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	220,647
People with Disability	250,362
Mental Health	120,844
Drug and Alcohol	62,360
Homeless	91,838
Refugees	46,210
Ex-Offenders	108,957
Youth (aged under 25)	175,257
Mature (aged 50+)	300,300
Parents ^(a)	170,094
Age group	
Under 22 years	84,585
22 to 24 years	90,672
25 to 34 years	245,559
35 to 44 years	225,293
45 to 54 years	199,920
55+ years	207,920
Total	1,053,949

(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.