

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Kakoschke-Moore asked on 29 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 59

Question

Job seeker age breakdown

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: In terms of getting some statistics back on notice, is your data collected in age brackets, or is it per year? If I asked for 55 to 59 or 45 to 50, what is going to be the neatest way for you to provide that?

Ms Leon: I think we can do it on almost anything. I do not think we collect it only in brackets. We collect it by their actual age. What would you like?

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: What I would like to see is, particularly for what you would consider to be mature age workers—I am not sure where that kicks in.

Mr Hehir: Quite young—50. Fifty is our start.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: I would like to see how many clients you have in those age brackets now, how long they generally spend on a jobactive provider's books, how many of them achieve an employment outcomes and how many of them are still in employment 13 weeks later, 26 weeks later, or whatever those benchmarks are.

Ms Leon: We can give you that.

Answer

As at 31 March 2017 there were 746,757 job seekers on the jobactive caseload, with 25.5 per cent (190,465) job seekers who are mature age (50 years or older).

Table 1 provides the breakdown of the jobactive caseload by age group and the length of time that the job seeker has been on the jobactive caseload.

Table 1: jobactive Caseload by Length of Time on the Caseload as at 31 March 2017

Age Group	Caseload Duration Less than 12 Months	Caseload Duration 1 year to less than 2 years	Caseload Duration 2 years to less than 3 years	Caseload Duration 3 years or longer	Total Caseload	
Under 22 Years	45,535	17,015	16,870	832	80,252	10.7%
22 to 29 Years	73,902	26,568	33,068	19,166	152,704	20.4%
30 to 49 Years	117,066	61,230	90,153	54,887	323,336	43.3%
50+ Years	57,441	32,579	55,225	45,220	190,465	25.5%
Total Caseload	293,944	137,392	195,316	120,105	746,757	

Table 2 provides the breakdown of job placements, 4, 12 and 26 week employment outcomes by age group. 4 or 12 week employment outcomes are achieved when job seekers have been in a sufficient level of paid employment to take them fully off, or substantially reduce, their income support for 4 or 12 weeks respectively. 26 week employment outcomes are only achieved if the job seeker was fully off income support for a further 14 week period following achievement of a 12 week employment outcome.

Table 2: jobactive Employment Outcomes 1 July 2015 – 31 March 2017

Age Group	Job Placements	4-Week Employment Outcomes	12-Week Employment Outcomes	26-Week Employment Outcomes
Under 22 Years	93,744	43,086	34,236	19,673
22 to 29 Years	175,756	78,754	63,347	37,179
30 to 49 Years	267,021	127,756	101,221	54,991
50+ Years	95,479	48,136	37,721	19,982
Total	632,000	297,732	236,525	131,825