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Fewer people on the Jobseeker Support benefit

LEAD MINISTER

Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Social Development and Employment

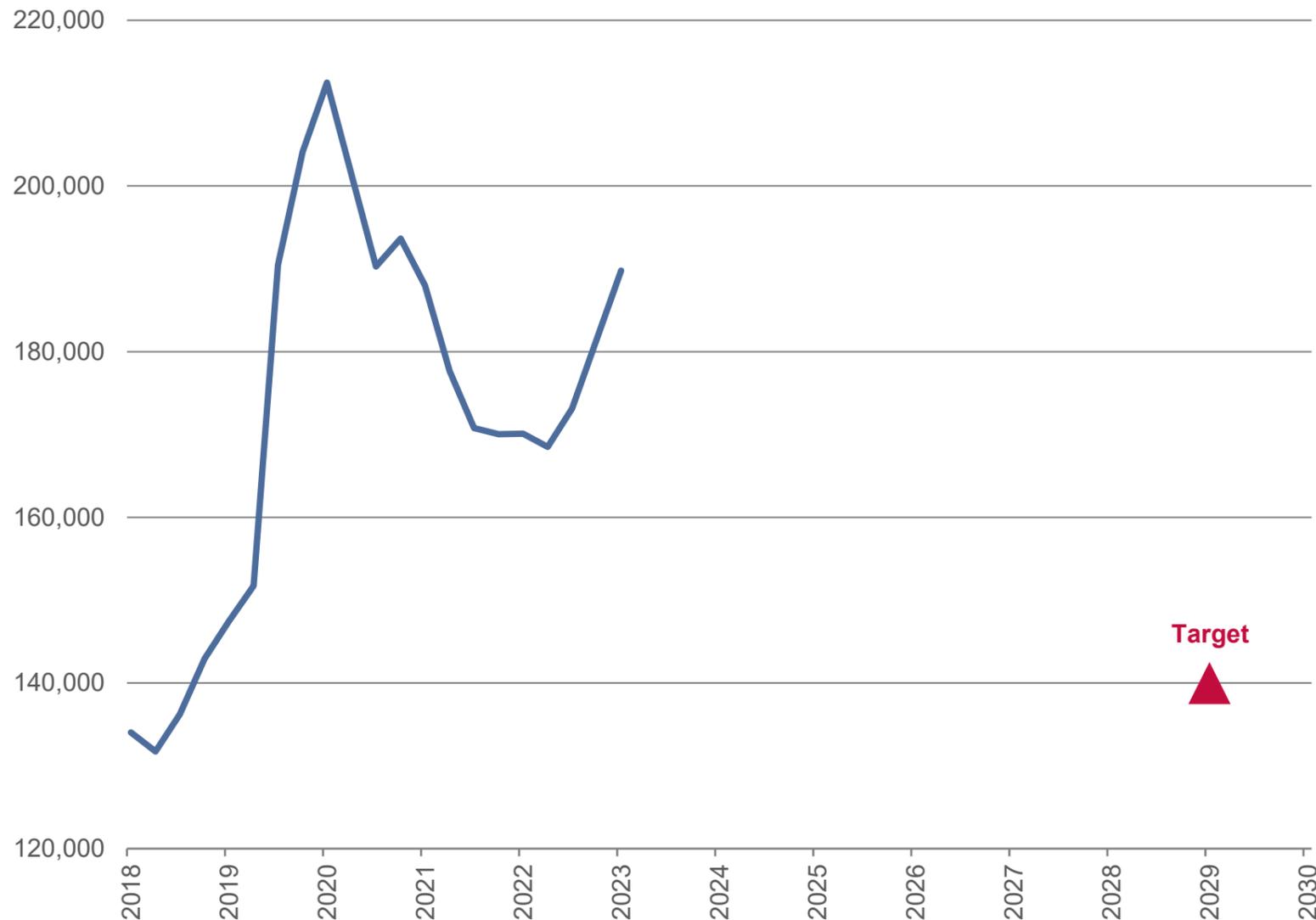
LEAD AGENCY

Ministry of Social Development, Secretary for Social Development, Debbie Power

WHAT IS THE TARGET?

Fifty thousand fewer people on the Jobseeker Support benefit.

Total number of people on the Jobseeker Support Benefit



WHY IS IT NEEDED AND WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?

Enabling all who can work into work, reducing benefit dependency for the next generation.

In December 2023, 190,000 people were receiving Jobseeker Support.

Overall, if you're on Jobseeker Support it's estimated you will spend on **average 13 more years on a main benefit**, and for people aged between 18 and 24 years, you will spend on **average 19 more years on a main benefit**.

We need to do things differently to change longer-term outcomes for job seekers.

Work is about more than money. It provides a sense of purpose, independence and connectedness – leading to a better future and helping families break out of the cycle of inter-generational welfare dependence. It also creates opportunity and builds dignity.

Our economy is stronger when more people are in work, and that helps with the cost of living and builds a better way of life.

HOW WILL WE KEEP TRACK?

Ministry of Social Development data, released weekly online at www.msd.govt.nz

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

For the Ministry of Social Development's Income Support Reporting go to www.msd.govt.nz

For information on the Government Targets go to www.dpmc.govt.nz