ADVERTISING FAILURE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

The ANZ job figures released this week showing Territory job advertisements increased by 8.2% in the year to September highlights the complete failure of the Territory Government to cut unemployment in the Territory.

“That the Territory’s unemployment rate has been rising whilst job advertisements have also been increasing highlights how the Martin Government has neglected skills training in the Territory, says Terry Mills, Deputy Opposition Leader.

“Anyone trying the get a plumber, or an electrician, or a carpenter will know the Martin Government has failed to match demand and supply in the Territory’s job market.

“The Territory’s 4.6% unemployment rate is amongst the highest in the country.

“The Territory’s unemployment rate has increased by a disturbing 1.5% during this year, whilst the national rate of unemployment has fallen.

“Rather than boasting there are lots of unfilled jobs in the Territory, the Martin Government should be working out how to match the Territory’s large unemployment pool with its obvious areas of labour shortages.

“The Territory is enjoying the fruits of the same minerals driven expansion that has fed the Western Australian economy.

“The contrast in employment outcomes between WA and NT is stark - WA enjoying the enviable figure of 3.5% unemployment.

“Effective policies developed at the State and Territory Government level can and do have an impact upon the various rates of unemployment experienced throughout the Federation.”

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