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Strong Job Advertisements and Building Activity In The Territory

Treasurer Delia Lawrie today said the latest ANZ job advertisement figures show there is a healthy jobs market for Territorians.

“The Northern Territory’s strong economy continues to power ahead,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Today’s ANZ figures show there are plenty of jobs up for grabs with significant growth seen in the past 12 months and Territory families benefiting from plenty of job opportunities.

“A total of 383 jobs were advertised in the Northern Territory in September – up 16.6 per cent on the August figure.

“In the last year, job advertisements in the Territory have increased by 11.3 per cent compared to a 10.7 per cent drop nationally.

“The Northern Territory has the lowest unemployment rate in Australia so if anyone wants a job the Territory is the place to get one.

“Today’s ANZ job figures come on the back of last week’s ABS labour force figures that show the Territory’s unemployment rate at a record 2.6 per cent compared to 4.3 per cent nationally.”

Ms Lawrie said today’s strong job figures come on top of new ABS figures that show building activity remains strong in the Territory.

“Total building work done in the Territory in the June quarter was $172 million – an increase of 16.3 per cent over the last year,” Ms Lawrie said.

“This compares to national growth of 4.5 per cent.”