NT Unemployment Rate Still Lowest in the Nation

New Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) labour force data released today shows for the second consecutive month the Northern Territory has the lowest unemployment rate in the nation.

Treasurer, Delia Lawrie, said the latest ABS labour force figures show that in December 2009 the Territory’s trend unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points to 3.2 per cent, its lowest level since August 2008.

“Today’s labour force figures show that the message is out, that if you want a job then move to the Territory,” Ms Lawrie said.

“In the past year there have been more than 6000 new jobs created in the Territory.

“The Territory has also led the nation in jobs growth, business confidence and growth in retail trade over the past year.

“Today’s labour force figures also show there was a 5.2 per cent increase in the number of people employed in 2009.”

Ms Lawrie said earlier this week the ANZ reported that in seasonally adjusted terms the number of newspaper advertisements in the Territory for November 2009 increased by 62.6 per cent compared to the previous month.

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