More People Employed in the Territory

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data shows the number of people employed in the Territory increased in September.

Treasurer, Delia Lawrie, said the trend number of people employed in the Territory in September increased by 0.7 per cent to 124,363 people.

“There is now an additional 4803 people in work in the Territory compared to September last year,” Ms Lawrie said.

Ms Lawrie said the Territory’s unemployment rate increased marginally to 3.1 per cent for the month and is the second lowest in the nation and well below the national unemployment rate of 5.1 per cent.

“This moderate increase is due to a 0.4 per cent in the Territory’s labour force participation rate to 74.4 per cent for the month and continues to remain the highest rate in the nation,” she said.

“Today's figures are once again proof that the word is out that if you want a job, then come to the Territory.

“Employment growth is a strong indicator of business confidence and today’s figures are further proof that Territory businesses have the confidence to hire staff.

“Importantly this growth has been driven by 5.2 per cent increase in the number of people in full time employment September 2010, compared to September 2009, with 100,982 Territorians now in full time jobs.

“The increase is partially offset by a 0.6 per cent decrease in the number of people in part-time employment in September 2010, compared to September 2009.”

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