Job creation remains a top priority for Government, with the Territory again recording an unemployment rate lower than all Australian states, Acting Chief Minister Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling said the Territory jobless rate of 5.5% in December was well below the September 2001 rate of 7.8%, when the Government took office.

"The figures show there are significantly more Territorians with a job, which suggests our economy is picking up after a difficult period," Mr Stirling said.

"While the figures are positive, there is still a lot more work to be done to increase job opportunities for Territorians.

"The Government delivered the largest capital works program the Territory has ever seen; railway construction is well underway; and final discussions are underway for the ratification of the Timor Sea Treaty.

"We will continue to build on these and other initiative to provide further stimulus for jobs growth in the Territory."