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Unemployment drop welcomed but not one new full time job included in figures

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CLP Shadow Business Minister Stephen Dunham welcomed the slight drop in December unemployment figures but expressed his disappointment that not one new full time job is contained in the figures.

"The drop in unemployment is welcomed but it is of major concern that of the new 400 jobs reflected in the figures, not one of them is a full time job- they are all part time jobs.

The figures speak for themselves:

- The trend full time employed in:  
  - October 2002 was 71,200  
  - November 2002 was 71,200  
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- Trend total employed:  
  - November 2002 was 95,100  
  - December 2002 was 95,500

- The trend total employed women:  
  - November 2002 was 41,200  
  - December 2002 was 41,600

- The trend total employed men:  
  - November 2002 was 53,900  
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"The continued failure of the Territory Government to create full time jobs reflects the economic malaise the Territory is suffering," Mr Dunham said.

"Since December 2002 we have lost 3,800 full time jobs from our work force and today's figures show no sign of it getting better."

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