Territory job ads have risen to the highest level in four years, according to the ANZ Job Advertisement figures for September.

Treasurer Syd Stirling said job ads were up 2.6% in September, while nationally ads fell 1.8%.

“This represents a 33% increase over the year to September – the highest increase of any jurisdiction for the period,” Mr Stirling said.

“The figures reflect the Territory’s growing economy, with solid activity in the construction and tourism sectors.

“Government is working to continue this sort of sustained economic growth by developing new industries such as oil and gas, skilling our workforce, supporting our tourism industry and small business, and continuing to invest heavily in infrastructure.

“Major projects underway across the Territory, including the Wickham Point LNG Plant and Waterfront projects in Darwin, the Alcan expansion in Gove, and the Desert Knowledge Precinct in Alice Springs, are providing further job opportunities for Territorians.

“The latest ANZ figures come on the back of a positive assessment of the Territory economy by Access Economics.

“Access is predicting that the Territory will continue to outperform the rest of Australia in terms of jobs growth, with average annual employment growth of 2.5% over the five years to 2008-09, higher than forecast national growth of 1.7%.”