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**Job Adverts in the Territory Remain Strong**

Today’s ANZ Jobs Advertisement figures show that the Territory continues to buck national trends with an impressive 33.5% increase over the last year.

Treasurer Delia Lawrie said the strong activity in job advertisements is a direct result of the thriving economy that is benefiting Territorians.

“In the last year the Territory’s job advertisements increased by 33.5% compared to just 3.4% nationally,” she said.

“This demonstrates a thriving economy with plenty of employment opportunities up for grabs.

“A recent Access Economics Report forecast that the Territory would lead the nation in economic and jobs growth for the next five years.

“The Territory Government is working to ensure these opportunities are not missed and we are building our workforce for the future to meet the forecast growth.

“The national skills shortage is affecting the Territory and making it difficult for business to attract staff and that’s why the Territory Government has spent around $83 million on training last year.

“There is currently more than 3,200 apprentices and trainees in the Territory.

“The Henderson Government is managing the economy so the benefits are passed on to Territory families,” Ms Lawrie said.

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