Employment growth, sales and profitability for small business have doubled according to the latest SENSIS business index.

Minister for Business and Economic Development, Kon Vatskalis welcomed the news that the Territory again had the highest approval rating of all State or Territory Governments.

"The business community backs the Martin Government’s sound economic management,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“We have a strong economy and a plan for the future – and business groups have responded to that.

“While our economy is bucking national trends we know there is more to be done to make sure all business benefit from our growing economy.

“Working with business has led to a series of sound and sensible initiatives: tax cuts, building critical infrastructure, training new workers.

“In 2005 we set an ambitious target of commencing 10,000 apprentices and trainees over four years - we are on track.

“It is no accident that the SENSIS Business index shows that employment growth is doubled, ABS statistics show a growth in jobs by 5% in the year to March, and ANZ Job Ads have a 6.6% increase in the year to March.

“We have a Jobs Plan and it is working.

“The confidence of business in the Martin Government’s policies is encouragement to work and plan even harder for the future.

“As part of our plan for the future we’re undertaking the largest power and water infrastructure upgrade ever in the Northern Territory - $814m over the next five years.

“This investment is necessary to support our growing economy and underpin future development and population growth,” Mr Vatskalis said.

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