



Mike Baird MP

NSW Treasurer
Minister for Industrial Relations

MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday 9 April 2014

WESTERN SYDNEY JOBS BOOST

NSW Treasurer Mike Baird today said the NSW Government's Jobs Action Plan (JAP) has boosted jobs in Western Sydney, with more than 10,500 new positions created.

Contributing to the 30,500 jobs created in Western Sydney since the NSW Liberals & National came to government, NSW Office of State Revenue figures show 10,508 JAP applications for Greater Western Sydney have been received since the scheme commenced on 1 July, 2011.

"We increased the payroll tax rebates available under our Jobs Action Plan in last year's Budget to further boost employment, and we are seeing strong results," said Mr Baird.

"There were almost 6,000 new jobs created under the Jobs Action Plan across NSW in February – well over five times the number of positions created in February last year.

"The Plan has now supported the creation of more than 46,000 positions, including more than 10,500 jobs in Greater Western Sydney.

Under the Plan, businesses that create a new position receive a \$5000 payroll tax rebate on that position (increased from \$4000 in the 2013-14 Budget).

"The Plan has made a significant contribution to the 109,000 new jobs created in NSW since the Liberals & Nationals came to government in 2011," said Mr Baird.

"I'm particularly pleased with the significant contribution to jobs growth in Greater Western Sydney."

Mr Baird said under the Jobs Action Plan, half of the top 20 metropolitan areas claiming payroll tax rebates are in Greater Western Sydney. The leading suburbs include:

- Auburn (1,693)
- Blacktown (1,373)
- Parramatta (1,179)
- Hills Shire (1,052)
- Liverpool (959)
- Bankstown (908)
- Fairfield (857)
- Campbelltown (791)
- Penrith (615)
- Camden (487)

"While there is more to do across all parts of Western Sydney, this positive jobs growth shows many Western Sydney businesses are taking advantage of our Jobs Action Plan to grow their businesses," said Mr Baird.

MEDIA: Rachael Storey – 0467 741 310