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150,000 JOBS TARGET REACHED – NSW CREATING ALMOST TWO THIRDS OF NATION’S JOBS

More than 150,000 jobs have been created in NSW since the March 2015 election, the latest ABS figures have confirmed. This delivers on the election commitment made by the NSW Government to create 150,000 jobs in this term of office.

Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian has welcomed the official data released today, which showed that a massive 63 per cent of jobs created nationally in the last 12 months were in NSW.

“NSW has reaffirmed that it is the economic powerhouse of the nation, with the annual pace of jobs creation in our State almost four times that of the rest of Australia,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals made a promise at the March 2015 election to create 150,000 jobs – and I am so pleased that today we have delivered on that commitment, with 154,000 jobs created in just 13 months.”

The ABS data showed that over the past 12 months, NSW has created 141,800 jobs – an increase of 3.9 per cent.

In May NSW added 29,600 jobs while employment across the rest of Australia fell by 11,800. The NSW unemployment rate declined to 5.2 per cent in May, making it the 12th consecutive month that NSW has had the lowest rate of any state.

“The strength of the NSW economy is continuing to support the rest of the nation,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“For a whole year, we have had the lowest unemployment rate in Australia – there is no doubt that the Government’s record spending on infrastructure is helping to generate this jobs growth.

“And from July 1 the NSW Government will be abolishing three business taxes, which will further be an incentive for businesses to take on new employees,” Ms Berejiklian said.

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