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NSW ON THE MOVE – 130,600 NEW JOBS UNDER THE NSW GOVERNMENT

Treasurer Mike Baird today welcomed another strong month in employment growth in NSW, pushing the total number of jobs created in the first term of the O'Farrell Government to 130,600.

The latest ABS Labour Force figures released today showed that there were almost 20,000 (19,746) new jobs created in April, on top of the 4,300 new jobs created during the previous month. The NSW unemployment rate also fell to 5.3 per cent from 5.5 per cent in March.

"Today's result shows NSW taxpayers and businesses across the state are feeling more confident under a strong, stable and responsible government," said Mr Baird.

"This is another fantastic result for the people of NSW. Since coming to office, the O'Farrell Government has created more jobs than any other state in the country, with 130,600 new jobs created.

"We have now well and truly exceeded our election commitment of creating 100,000 new jobs in our first term. Of the almost 20,000 new jobs created, almost all were full time and there has been a slight increase in the participation rate again this month.

Mr Baird noted that, with the national unemployment figure at 5.5 per cent, NSW has spent 15 consecutive months under the national average.

"This result marks another month where NSW had the lowest unemployment rate of any state, apart from Western Australia. This follows a decade under the previous Labor government during which NSW had the lowest employment growth of any state," said Mr Baird.

"While the economic outlook is still uncertain, it's clear that the actions taken by this Government to invest in the drivers of our economy are having an impact.

"The NSW Government will continue to support the creation of thousands of new jobs through our record investment in key infrastructure over the next four years and our Jobs Action Plan," Mr Baird said.

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Number of new jobs created across the country since the O'Farrell Government came to office

Tasmania <i>under Labor</i>	9,700 fewer jobs
South Australia <i>under Labor</i>	8,300 more jobs
Queensland	26,600 more jobs
Victoria	45,800 more jobs
Western Australia	81,900 more jobs
New South Wales	130,600 more jobs