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NSW THE BEST STATE FOR EMPLOYMENT

NSW has recorded the lowest unemployment rate of all states for the 21st consecutive month, according to ABS data released today.

Unemployment in NSW was at 5.2 per cent in February, a full percentage point below the rest of Australia at 6.2, and well below the other mainland states, with Queensland at 6.7 per cent, South Australia at 6.6 per cent, and Victoria at 6.1 per cent.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the jobs data showed the NSW Government's work to get the economy humming continues to set the best conditions for employment.

"Once again NSW has the lowest unemployment rate, and that's because whether it's the Government, businesses or the hardworking men and women of NSW, we are building our state's future together," Mr Perrottet said.

"All the recent data shows NSW is a hive of productivity and that's only possible because this Government has done the hard work to get the state's finances in order and open our economy for business.

"With our massive infrastructure program in full swing, record annual business investment, strong consumer spending, and unprecedented housing investment, there's no doubt the sleeves are rolled up and we are all hard at work right across NSW."

While part-time positions softened in February, NSW added 10,200 full time jobs in the same period.

Since the Liberal-National Government came to office in 2011, 300,300 jobs have been added in NSW, accounting for almost 37 per cent of new jobs across Australia in that time.

The ABS employment report follows data released earlier this week showing NSW consumers are the most optimistic in the nation, while business conditions in NSW are also the best in Australia.

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