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NSW FULL-TIME JOBS SURGE

The number of full-time jobs in New South Wales has grown more than twice as fast as the rest of Australia since the last election, the latest labour force figures showed.

The ABS data confirmed that over the last 12 months NSW added over 117,000 full-time jobs – an increase of almost 4.5 per cent – as NSW maintained the lowest unemployment rate among the states for the 27th consecutive month.

Since the 2015 election, over 80 per cent of the jobs created in NSW have been full-time jobs. This was much higher than the rest of Australia where only 38.6 per cent of jobs created over the same period have been full-time.

Youth unemployment in NSW also continues to be the lowest among the states.

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the result was a testament to the sheer strength of the NSW economy, boosted by the government's massive infrastructure program.

"The unemployment rate in NSW has now been equal to or lower than the national average for 45 months, and is almost a full percentage point below unemployment in the rest of Australia," Mr Perrottet said.

"Our unwavering commitment to the people of NSW has been to get the economy moving and create more jobs, and we have consistently delivered on that promise.

"At the 2015 election we committed to creating 150,000 jobs in this term, and we have already exceeded that target by almost 50,000 jobs in just over half the time.

"While Labor hangs about like a huge wrecking ball constantly threatening our economy, we are getting on with creating new jobs and real opportunity for the hard working people of NSW.

"The Liberals and Nationals have created more full-time jobs over the past year than the Labor government did in their last 4 years.

"In the last year alone, 117,000 full time jobs have been added here in NSW – that's tens of thousands of families benefiting from our state's economic growth through the stability and security that full time work offers."

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