



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Unemployment Statistics

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (11.33 am), be leave: There is more great news for Queensland. Unemployment in Queensland is now 4.5 per cent. Remember when they laughed when we said five per cent. It is now 4.5 per cent. Queensland trend unemployment—

Mr SPEAKER: Mr Premier, could you repeat that figure.

Mr BEATTIE: Yes, 4.5 per cent. Queensland's trend unemployment rate was 4.5 per cent in July 2006 down 0.2 percentage points from 4.7 per cent in June. This is the lowest unemployment rate that we have seen since they started recording these statistics. This is the lowest monthly trend unemployment rate recorded in Queensland since the inception of the current labour force series in February 1978, beating the previous low of 4.7 per cent recorded in both June 2006 and each month from December 2004 to March 2005. What this shows is that my government is delivering for Queensland.