

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1133**  
**Asked Wednesday 29 September 2004**

Ms Struthers asked the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations  
**(Mr Barton):**

QUESTION:

With reference to the outstanding jobs growth in Queensland and the significant decline in the unemployment rate (5.6 per cent at August 2004) –

What has been the volume of jobs growth on the southside of Brisbane?

ANSWER:

There has been a steady decline in the unemployment trend over the past twelve months. The rate in August 2004 was 5.5% down from 6.6% in August 2003.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics provides employment data at the sub-state level available only by Labour Force regions. These regions include Inner Brisbane City Ring and Outer Brisbane City Ring and include suburbs both north and south of the river. As a result it is not possible to separate the volume of jobs growth of southern suburbs in Brisbane City from northern suburbs. A majority of the increase in employment in the metropolitan area occurred in Brisbane City Inner Ring (14,204 jobs or 6.6%) and the South and East Brisbane Statistical Division (13,396 jobs or 7.9%).

The Queensland Government's *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative has also contributed to employment growth on the south side of Brisbane. Since October 1998 to September 2004, 19,438 unemployed job seekers on Brisbane's south side have received assistance under the initiative with 13,641 securing jobs including additional apprenticeship and traineeship placements.