

Question on Notice
No. 1935
Asked on 25 November 2009

MR LANGBROEK asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

According to the Queensland Economic Review, dated November 2009, trend employment in Queensland in the last year has decreased while trend employment nationally has increased –

Will the Premier explain why the government's economic policies in the last year, such as introducing a new tax on fuel, increasing business taxes, increasing motor vehicle registration charges and increasing mining royalties, are not improving the employment prospects for battling Queenslanders?

ANSWER:

The global financial crisis has presented Queensland with significant employment challenges.

In spite of this, as the Annual Economic Report tabled in the Parliament on 29 October 2009 shows, an additional 48,000 people were employed in Queensland last financial year.

I note that the difference between Queensland trend employment and national trend employment was just 0.6% in the year to October 2009 and since October trend employment has been rising in Queensland.

Trend employment in Queensland rose by 1,400 persons in November 2009, following a 1,300 person rise in October 2009.

My Government's commitment to delivering jobs for Queenslanders is clear. Queensland's tax collection per capita remains substantially below those in other states at \$2,109 per capita, compared to the national average of \$2,451. We are committed to maintaining the \$18.2 billion building program, tax breaks for employers of apprentices and trainees, growing new industries like LNG and green technology, and funding for job-creating initiatives like the Green Army.