

Question on Notice

No. 149

Asked on 16 February 2017

MR E SORENSEN ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT (HON C PITT)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer advise what Queensland's trend participation rate was at December 2016 and when was the last time in Queensland's labour force history that it was lower?

ANSWER:

Labour market statistics are freely available from the websites of the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Queensland Government Statistician's Office.

The Government is committed to supporting Queenslanders to get a job, particularly in regional Queensland, and that's why we have implemented a range of programs including:

- The \$10.7 billion capital program, supporting 31,000 jobs.
- \$375 million Building Our Regions program supporting more than 600 jobs across 51 projects funded in the second round, including:
 - \$17.5 million in Central Queensland for waste water, sewerage, recreation, air transport and communications infrastructure.
 - \$7.9 million in Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday for water, cultural and recreation infrastructure.
 - \$7.9 million in North Queensland for water supply, flood mitigation, aerodrome upgrades and pedestrian safety.
- \$200M Jobs and Regional Growth Package which includes a range of youth employment and training initiatives aimed at assisting young people find and secure work;
- \$100M Back to Work package including the \$20,000 Youth Boost payment, which is available to employers who hire a young jobseeker in regional Queensland between 1 December 2016 and 31 October 2017 (inclusive);
- \$240M Skilling Queenslanders for Work including the Get Set for Work program, Ready for Work scheme and the Youth Skills program;
- Payroll tax rebates for apprentices and trainees;
- Extension of the Building and Construction Training Policy; and
- The Youth Employment Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.