

Question on Notice

No. 87

Asked on 15 February 2017

MR D LAST ASKED THE TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT (HON C PITT)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer provide for the Townsville SA4 statistical region the change in the following labour force categories from January 2015 to December 2016 (using the 12 month moving average), individually listed, the (a) unemployment rate, (b) number of employed persons, (c) number of unemployed persons, (d) participation rate, (e) total number of persons in the labour force and (f) number of employed persons in the 15-24 year old (youth) category?

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.