

Question on Notice

No. 379

Asked on 27 March 2019

MR D PEGG ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON J TRAD)—

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier provide an update on jobs growth in Queensland?

ANSWER:

I am pleased to advise that Queensland has now recorded 30 consecutive months of trend employment growth.

This is the longest continuous period of jobs growth in Queensland since the Global Financial Crisis.

In year-average terms, employment in Queensland increased by 44,900 persons in the 12 months to March 2019.

By region, the Gold Coast had the largest annual increase in employment in the 12 months to March 2019 (up 16,000 persons), followed by Brisbane – North (up 8,800) and Central Queensland (up 7,100).

By industry, the largest contributors to employment growth in the year ended March quarter 2019 included education (up 15,300 persons), wholesale trade (up 10,100) and manufacturing (up 8,700).

Since the Palaszczuk Government was first elected in January 2015, 192,100 more Queenslanders have found employment, with 113,400 of them finding full-time work.

In the Brisbane – South region, which includes the Member's own electorate, more than 8,000 Queenslanders have found work since the Palaszczuk Government was first elected.

The trend unemployment rate fell to 5.9% in March 2019 which is 0.7 percentage point lower than we inherited from the previous LNP Government.