

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Business and Innovation:

ABS Labour force

1. Chief Minister, you promised in February 2016 to create 14,000 jobs per year.

In the ABS Labour force numbers for April we see fewer people employed, down 4,200, from 132,800 to 128,600.

Chief Minister, please explain why numbers employed are decreasing.

ANSWER

The Northern Territory budget provides more than 11,480 jobs in the construction and related industries every year. Turbo Charging Tourism will sustain the 17,000 jobs in this and related industries every year. That is already far more than 14 000 jobs and it is only two of the Government's job creating initiatives.

The former CLP Government had no plan to support the Territory economy and create jobs after the construction phase of the INPEX gas processing facility project concluded.