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NSW UNEMPLOYMENT THE LOWEST IN THE NATION

NSW has recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the country for a 30th straight month.

The latest figures from the Bureau of Statistics show the NSW rate remains at 4.6 per cent, the lowest rate in nine years (since April 2008).

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the result is further evidence NSW is the best place in the country to get a job, grow a business and build a career.

“The hardworking people of NSW are seizing the opportunities we are creating with strong fiscal management and record infrastructure investment,” Mr Perrottet said.

“With a booming economy and the \$80.1 billion infrastructure spend we unveiled today as part of the Half Yearly Review, we are far and away the lead economy in the country.

“Our investment in public infrastructure continues to grow the economy and create opportunities.

“This latest data shows we have now added 249,600 jobs since the last election, well exceeding the government’s election commitment of 150,000 new jobs.

“The NSW unemployment rate has remained at or below the national rate for four years, providing job stability for the state’s communities.”

NSW has added 188,100 full-time jobs since the last election, 75 per cent of all jobs in the state. In the rest of Australia, full-time jobs account for just 48 per cent of jobs in total.

The ABS data also showed NSW continues to have the lowest youth unemployment rate of all the states, and is the only state with a single digit youth unemployment rate.

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