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RETAIL SALES RHYMES WITH NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW retail sales growth was stronger than the rest of Australia, as retail sales shot up 3.6 per cent through the year to April, compared to 2.2 per cent for the rest of Australia.

Retail spending across New South Wales made up one-third of the nation's total \$26.6 billion, the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data showed.

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the numbers were a sign of the resilience of NSW consumers.

"The sound of cash registers going cha-ching across NSW is louder than ever before," Mr Perrottet said.

"These numbers are a sign of growing NSW household demand off the back of strong NSW employment figures.

"We know cost of living is an issue for many people and so it is important we continue to support jobs growth through infrastructure.

"Labor just do not get that, having blocked our economic agenda at every turn.

"What you get under Labor is debt, deficit, jobs losses and rusty cash registers filled with cobwebs."

"We are working hard to help people across the state drive living costs down and we'll have more details in a few weeks."

Food retail was the strongest contributor to growth, followed by cafes, restaurants and takeaway and household goods.

A record-breaking 500,000 new jobs have been created since April 2011 when the NSW Liberals & Nationals were elected.

The jobs boom has been especially strong for women with female participation hitting an all-time high of 59.7 per cent, according to ABS data released several weeks ago.

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