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No Christmas cheer for more jobless Queenslanders

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More Queenslanders will head into the Christmas holiday season unemployed, as Annastacia Palaszczuk's lack of an economic plan hits home with Queensland once again at the rear of the pack.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics released new data today which found Queensland's unemployment rate has increased to 6.4% in seasonally adjusted terms.

Compared to this time last year, 12,800 more Queenslanders don't have a job.

LNP Deputy Leader and Shadow Treasurer Tim Mander said you can't expect jobs to be created when Labor loses control of the state's finances and slugs Queenslanders with five new taxes.

"Unfortunately today's statistics aren't a surprise and it saddens me to think that 168,200 Queenslanders will head into Christmas without a job and no prospects of getting one in the new year," Mr Mander said.

"Labor's economic mismanagement added 1,557 Queenslanders to the jobless queue in one month alone.

"The Palaszczuk Labor Government's 5 new taxes, low business confidence and failure to invest in infrastructure is costing Queenslanders jobs.

"Only the LNP has an economic plan to increase jobs and ensure Queensland's best days are ahead of us.

"We are committed to make sure more Queenslanders get jobs and our great state becomes the envy of Australia."

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