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## Keppel economy drives jobs growth

The real estate boom and growth in tourism are helping to drive down the unemployment rate in the electorate of Keppel, according to the latest June quarter labour force figures from Queensland Treasury..

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the influx of tourists and new residents has sparked the economy and set the Coast up for continued growth.

Keppel's unemployment rate in the June quarter was 5.0% (1409 people out of a labour force of 28,404) – well below the state average of 6.8%.

“There is also growth in the North Rockhampton portion of the Keppel electorate, particularly in the housing industry.

“I congratulate Keppel's business owners, employers and workers for their strength and flexibility to adapt during the tough times and keep our economy ticking along.

“I am also proud that Queensland Government policies, grants and legislation has contributed significantly to the lower-than-average unemployment rate.

“Programmes like Works For Queensland, free TAFE and a plethora of business grants proved their worth,” she said.

In the electorate of Rockhampton, the unemployment rate was 6.1% (2186 unemployed out of a labour force of 28,580), and in Gladstone was 7.2% (2068 out of a 28,781 workforce).

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