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Jobs boom in the building sector

Employment in the Tasmanian building and construction sector have reached an all-time high.

Today's labour force figures revealed as at May 2018, there are 23,200 Tasmanians working in the industry in year-average terms, compared with 16,000 when we first came to office.

This is an increase of 1,200 Tasmanians employed in the industry over the past year and 7,200 since we came into office in 2014.

These results reinforce that our building and construction sector has even greater capacity to build the homes and infrastructure needed across the State.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to supporting the continued growth of the sector, targeting a 25 per cent increase in building and construction workers over the next five years.

This is why we have included record investment of \$2.6 billion in infrastructure for roads, hospitals and schools in the 2018-19 Budget, as well as the \$125 million to build 1500 new homes under the Stage II of the Housing Affordability Strategy.

By supporting our booming building and construction sector, we are delivering on our Plan to Build Tasmania's Future by creating even more jobs and opportunities for Tasmanians.

We are also ensuring our buildings are safe and can support future generations of Tasmanians.