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Record number of South Australians employed in construction

South Australia's construction industry continues to boom, with employment reaching a record high.

Detailed data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and analysed by the Master Builders Association shows 84,487 South Australians are now employed in the industry.

That's 6,472 (8.3 per cent) more than the previous record in May 2019 and almost 8,000 more people employed in the industry now, than under the former Liberal Government in February 2022.

It follows the release of a national economic performance report last week which showed South Australia retained the top spot for construction work done in the June 2022 quarter, a solid foundation for jobs and economic growth.

The latest CommSec *State of the States* report estimates construction work done in South Australia in the June quarter was 16 per cent above the decade average.

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The construction industry is going from strength to strength, helping us to maintain historically low levels of unemployment.

While national and international economic forecasts soften, a buoyant construction sector means thousands of additional South Australians are in well paid jobs.

That's why it's vital we continue to invest in infrastructure to provide an ongoing pipeline of work.