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PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN).

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UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

The Premier and Treasurer, Mr. Dunstan, said today the September unemployment figures, released in Canberra today, again demonstrated the urgent need for a change in Federal Government economic policy.

"Surely even the Prime Minister must now appreciate the dangerous consequences of Canberra's continuing stop-go policies", the Premier said.

Mr. Dunstan said the September figures implied an actual level of unemployment of 124,000 for Australia next January.

This would mean a figure of 12,600 for South Australia and the Northern Territory.

This calculation was based on the situation in September with no worsening of the situation beyond this.

"The need for a change of direction in Commonwealth Government economic policies is clear.

"What we are now witnessing are the first results of the totally short-sighted budget introduced in the Federal Parliament two months ago.

"It is high time that the economic absurdities contained in that document were reversed.

"The Federal Government should take immediate action to stimulate economic activity rather than continue policies which deflated it", Mr. Dunstan said.
