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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

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The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, said today the slight improvement in the South Australian March unemployment figures was welcome but that, nationally, the underlying trend continued to be extremely disturbing.

"A figure of nearly 100,000 people jobless is unacceptable.

"The Federal Government's piecemeal tinkering with the economy has brought hardship to many thousands of families.

"What is particularly disturbing about today's figures is the decline in job vacancies registered -- now nationally the worst since August, 1963.

"I have said for months that determined action is necessary to stimulate demand in Australia.

"The Prime Minister's claim that the Federal Government is administering the economy satisfactorily is obviously hollow.

"The Federal Government, through its absurdly shortsighted budgetary policies, is largely responsible for the present situation. It should have the courage to admit this and act accordingly," Mr. Dunstan said.