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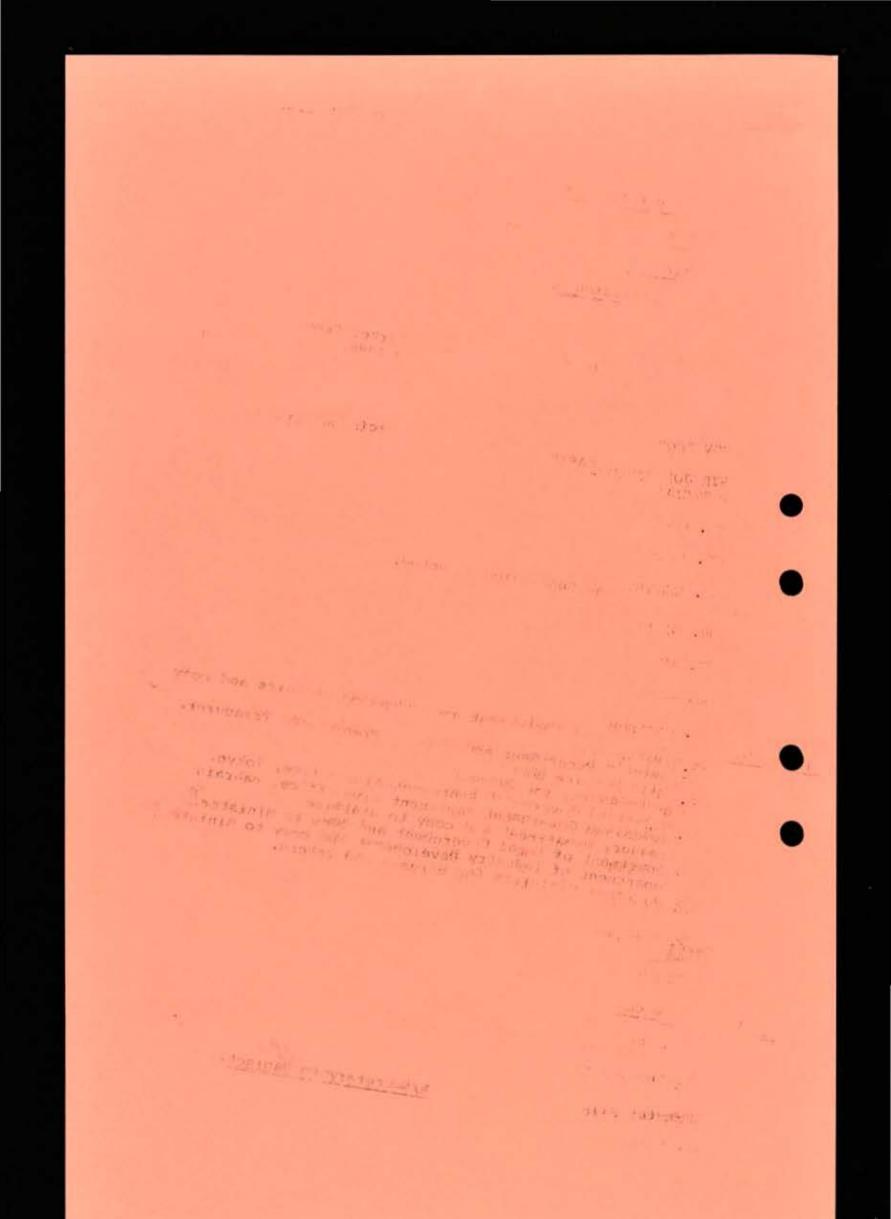
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CABINET decided: -

That the contents of the Submission he noted.

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FOR CABINET

RE: SUMMARY LABOUR MARKET REPORT FOR QUEENSLAND MAY 1986

1. Employment

- 1,082,400 persons were employed in Queensland in May 1986. This represents an increase of 44,400 or 4.3% over the last twelve months and compares with a national increase of 4.1%.
- . Between April 1986 and May 1986 total employed persons in Queensland decreased by 9,400 or 0.9%. This compares with a national decrease of 0.3%.
- Of the 1,082,400 persons employed in Queensland in May 1986 865,900 were employed full-time and 216,500 were part-time employees. In the last twelve months the number of full-time employees has increased by 30,800 (3.7%) while part-time employment has increased by 13,600 or 6.7%.

2. Unemployment

- The number of persons seeking work in May 1986 totalled 117,800 or 9.8% of the Queensland labour force as compared with 9.2% last month. This compares with 112,300 (9.8%) for May 1985 and represents an increase over the twelve months of 5,500 or 4.9%. The national unemployment figure was 592,200 or 7.9% representing a decrease of 9,900 or 1.6% over the twelve months.
- Between April 1986 and May 1986 the number of persons looking for work in Queensland increased by 7,500 (6.8%).

3. Labour Force

- Queensland's Labour Force (i.e. employed and unemployed persons) in May 1986 was 1,200,200. This is a 4.3% increase on the size twelve months ago. The Australian labour force has increased by 3.6% in same period to 7,536,300.
- Appendix I contains additional data on the Queensland labour market.
- 5. IT IS RECOMMENDED that Cabinet note the above information.

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APPENDIX I - QUEENSLAND LABOUR MARKET REPORT - MAY 1986

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1. EMPLOYMENT

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1.1 Employment Growth (Full-Time Plus Part-Time) States and Australia

		AUST.	QLD.	N.S.W.	VIC.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.
					- ('000)	-		
May	1985	6673.2	1038.0	2288.5	1776.2	581.1	623.4	183.3
May	1986	6944.1	1082.4	2374.7	1856.1	601.1	647.9	184.7
		+270.9	+44.4	+ 86.2	+ 79.9	+20.0	+24.5	+ 1.4
% Cha	inge	÷ 4.1	+ 4.3	+ 3.8	+ 4.5	+ 3.4	+ 3.9	+ 0.8
April	1986	6962.1	1091.8	2385.5	1857.1	600.9	648.0	183.9
May	1986	6944.1	1082.4	2374.7	1856.1	601.1	647.9	184.7
		- 18.0	- 9.4	-10.8	- 1.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1	+ 0.8
% Cha	ange	- 0.3	- 0.9	- 0.5	- 0.1	No change	No	+0.4

1.2 Full-Time Employment

Full-time employment in Queensland decreased by 13,500 or 1.5% to 865,900 during May while for Australia as a whole it decreased by 4,400 or 0.1% to 5,615,700.

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Corresponding movements in full-time employment for each State during May 1986 were -

	<u>No</u> .	×
Queens1 and	-13,500	-1.5
New South Wales	+ 4,200	+0.2
Victoria	+ 4,600	+0.3
South Australia	+ 500	+0.1
Western Australia	- 900	-0.2
Tasmania	- 1,100	-0.7
Australia	- 4,400	-0.1

1.3 Part-Time Employment

Part-time employment in Queensland increased by 4,100 (1.9%) to 216,500 during May. Nationally, part-time employment decreased by 13,600 (1.0%) to 1,328,400.

Corresponding movements in part-time employment are as follows -

	<u>No</u> .	×
Queensland	+ 4,100	+1.9
New South Wales	-15,000	-3.4
Victoria	- 5,600	-1.6
South Australia	- 300	-0.2
Western Australia	+ 800	+0.6
Tasmania	+ 1,900	+5.1
Australia	-13,600	-1.0

2. LABOUR FORCE

2.1 Labour Force Growth, States and Australia

		AUST.	QLD.	N.S.W.	VIC.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.
					- ('000)	-		
May	1985	7275.4	1150.3	2511.8	1906.1	633.0	679.4	200.4
May	1986	7536.3	1200.2	2588.2	1979.4	654.9	704.0	201.9
		+260.9	+49.9	+ 76.4	+ 73.3	+21.9	+24.6	+ 1.5
% Chan	ġe.	+ 3.6	+ 4.3	+ 3.0	+ 3.8	+ 3.5	+ 3 5	+ 0.7
April :	1986	7569.0	1202.1	2607.9	1992.3	653.3	704.2	202.4
May	1986	7536.3	1200.2	2588.2	1979.4	654.9	704.0	201.9
		- 32.7	- 1.9	- 19.7	- 12.9	+ 1.6	- 0.2	- 0.5
% Chan	ge	- 0.4	- 0.2	- 0.8	- 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.0	- 0.2

2.2 Labour Force - Queensland

In the 12 month period ending May 1986 the Queensland labour force (employed plus unemployed) increased in size by 49,900 or 4.3%.

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141		AUST.	QLD.	N.S.W.	VIC.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.
				÷ .	('000)	-		
May	1985	602.1	112.3	223.3	130.0	51.9	56.0	17.1
May	1986	592.2	117.8	213.6	123.3	53.8	56.1	17.2
		- 9.9	+ 5.5	- 9.7	- 6.7	+1.9	+ 0.1	+0.1
% Chan	ge	- 1.6	+ 4.9	- 4.3	- 5.2	+ 3.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
April	1986	606.9	110.3	222.4	135.2	52.5	56.2	18.6
May	1986	592.2	117.8	213.6	123.3	53.8	56.1	17.2
		-14.7	+ 7.5	- 8.8	-11.9	+1.3	- 0.1	-1.4
% Chan	ge	- 2.4	+ 6.8	- 4.0	- 8.8	+2.5	- 0.2	-7.5

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3.2 <u>Unemployment Rates</u>, <u>States and Australia</u>

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	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985
	×	%	*
Queens1 and	9.8	9.2	9.8
New South Wales	8.3	8.5	8.9
Victoria	6.2	6.8	6.8
South Australia	8.2	8.0	8.2
Western Australia	8.0	8.0	8.2
Tasmania	8.5	9.2	8.5
Australia	7.9	8.0	8.3

3.3 Full-time Unemployment

During May the number of persons looking for full-time employment in Queensland increased by 12,500 (14.4%) to 99,600. This compares with a decrease in the number of persons seeking full-time employment in Australia of 1,900 (0.4%) to 483,200.

Corresponding changes in the number of persons unemployed and seeking full-time employment in each State during May are as follows -

No.	x
+12,500	+14.4
- 9,100	- 4.8
- 7,800	- 7.8
+ 3,600	+ 8.8
+ 1,200	+ 2.6
- 700	- 4.5
- 1,900	- 0.4
	+12,500 - 9,100 - 7,800 + 3,600 + 1,200 - 700

3.4 Part-Time Unemployment

The number of persons seeking part-time employment in Queensland during May 1986 decreased by 5,000 or 21.6% to 18,200. This compares with a decrease of 12,800 (10.5%) to take the number of persons seeking part-time employment in Australia to 109,000.

Corresponding changes in the number of persons unemployed and seeking part-time employment in each State during May are as follows -

	<u>No</u> .	<u>×</u>
Queens1 and	- 5,000	-21.6
New South Wales	+ 200	+ 0.6
Victoria	- 4,100	-11.5
South Australia	- 2,200	-19.5
Western Australia	- 1,300	-12.1
Tasmania	- 600	-19.4
Australia	-12,800	-10.5

3.5 Youth Unemployment

During May the number of 15-19 year olds looking for full-time work in Queensland increased by 3,300 to 23,000. This represents an unemployment rate of 23.8%.

Corresponding levels of youth unemployment in other States during May were as follows -

	No. Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Queens1 and	23,000	23.8%
New South Wales	41,100	21.5%
Victoria	21,900	16.3%
South Australia	11,100	23.6%
Western Australia	13,300	21.8%
Tasmania	4,600	24.5%
Australia	117,000	20.9%

3.6 Apprenticeships

For the eleven months ended May 1986 there have been 5189 new apprenticeships allotted and 565 re-allotments. This compares with 5030 and 755 respectively for the corresponding period last year.

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