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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

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The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, tonight welcomed the drop in South Australia's unemployment figures.

"It is a significant fall and it shows that we have turned the corner", Mr. Dunstan said.

He said that a major factor in the fall was the State Government's metropolitan unemployment scheme which was providing over 1500 jobs at the end of last month.

"The Commonwealth Government is providing funds from February onwards to ensure that this scheme continues at least till June 30, if necessary.

"This and joint Commonwealth-State action to stimulate demand is starting to take effect.

"The previous Federal Government allowed unemployment to reach disastrous levels, and both the Prime Minister and I regard it as an area of major concern.

"I am confident that the new Federal Government's actions, such as the backdated pension increase, will further stimulate demand for South Australian goods interstate, and further reduce unemployment."