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press statement

FROM THE MINISTER FOR LABOR,
AND IMMIGRATION
MR. CLYDE CAMERON

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PROVISIONAL COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE STATISTICS JUNE 1974

The drop in the number of unfilled job vacancies in Australia last month was a record for the month of June.

Actual unfilled vacancies declined by 11,687 (15.8 per cent) to 62,180.

The actual number of registered unemployed increased during June to 78,827, or 1.34 per cent of the estimated labour force. This was an actual increase of 1,088 (1.4 per cent).

This increase would have been greater if the May figure had not been distorted by about 3,000 unemployed due to industrial disputes that month.

Of the 78,827 registered unemployed only 1,211 people indicated that they were unemployed as a result of tariff changes.

The seasonally adjusted average hours of overtime worked per employee remained unchanged in May at 3.7 hours, according to my Department's Monthly Survey.

The easing in labour demand noted in the end-May C.E.S. statistics became more evident during June. The slackening occurred in all States but was most pronounced in New South Wales.

In seasonally adjusted terms unfilled vacancies fell by 9,665 to 77,385. This was the third consecutive month that seasonally adjusted unfilled vacancies have declined. However, labour shortages still remain for both males and females in many industries and occupations and particularly in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

The number of unemployed excluding school-leavers after seasonal adjustment increased by 797 to 70,871.

The provisional statistics for each of the six States and Australia as a whole are set out in the attached tables. More detailed tables will be included in my Department's Monthly Review of the Employment Situation to be released on Monday 15/7/74.

CLYDE R CAMERON

TABLE A. Registered Unemployed

State	Original Data		Original Data (excluding school-leavers)		Seasonally Adjusted Data (excluding school-leavers)	
	June 1974	Variation since previous month	June 1974	Variation since previous month	June 1974	Variation since previous month
New South Wales	28,957	+20	27,795	+354	26,575	+507
Victoria	21,258	+633	20,173	+842	18,274	+51
Queensland	9,537	-142	9,212	+63	9,454	+359
South Australia	7,983	-826	7,595	-708	7,053	-604
Western Australia	7,782	+1,216	7,540	+1,236	6,618	+645
Tasmania	3,310	+187	3,104	+204	2,806	-57
AUSTRALIA	78,827	+1,088	75,419	+1,991	70,871	+797

TABLE B. Unfilled Vacancies

State	Original Data		Seasonally Adjusted Data	
	June 1974	Variation since previous month	June 1974	Variation since previous month
New South Wales	23,160	-4,493	29,178	-3,767
Victoria	23,561	-3,499	30,731	-2,743
Queensland	6,180	-1,755	6,638	-2,043
South Australia	4,899	-709	5,886	-260
Western Australia	3,302	-1,024	4,144	-572
Tasmania	1,078	-207	1,437	-138
AUSTRALIA	62,180	-11,687	77,385	-9,665

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