

# DECLINE IN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT PARTIALLY OFFSET BY INCREASES IN TEMPORARY AND CONTRACT LABOUR

An early forecast of the ABS labour force figures.

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The latest labour force figures are due to be released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) tomorrow. According to global HR services organisation, Drake International there are some early indicators on what to expect.

While some segments of the economy still remain strong, Drake has already witnessed clients implementing recruitment freezes or making announcements of downsizing and restructuring. "The full impact of these decisions will take some time to flow through into the ABS statistics," states David Edwards, Strategic Manager for Drake, "however we expect that the initial decline in full-time recruitment will be partially offset by increases in part-time employment, reflecting a switch by employers to temporary and contract labour."

The largest privately owned global HR & Recruitment services organisation in the world, Drake International has 27 offices around Australia, and has been providing services and solutions to employers and candidates alike for over 40 years.

David Edwards is available for comment on the recruitment implications of the ABS labour force figures when they are released.

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## About Drake International

Drake International is a global HR Services company and a leader in sustainable HR practice and talent management.

Established in Canada in 1951, Drake's business philosophy has stayed true since inception – 'organisations achieve the highest level of performance when they are staffed with the right people, working with the right skills, knowledge and behaviours, using the best processes and technology-driven solutions.'

One of a highly select number of global organisations providing a network of services so comprehensive it adds value across the entire HR function, Drake's portfolio of offerings include:

- Permanent and flexible recruitment
- Retention strategies and consulting
- Psychometric, behavioural and skill assessments
- Top performer profiling
- Team Building
- Training and development courses
- Six Sigma
- Employee assistance programs
- OH&S training and consulting
- Performance management solutions
- Succession planning
- Knowledge management systems
- Call Centre & Payroll Outsourcing
- Executive Coaching

For over 50 years Drake has grown to span numerous borders, industries and professions. With 25 metropolitan and regional offices across Australia, as well as New Zealand, Singapore, the Philippines, China, South Africa, Monaco, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States, Drake is positioned to help you manage your greatest asset – your people.

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