

**Unemployment  
is soaring**

**We need some  
ACTION ON JOBS!**

**Surely in these tough economic times the Government should be trying to keep as many people as possible in work?**

**Without a job, workers cannot save and also stop spending money on other goods and services, which causes more job losses as shops and businesses see their earnings drop.**

But instead of doing everything it can to create and protect jobs, the Government has actually axed the jobs of more than 1,400 of its own public sector workers since the election in November 2008!

So not only is the Government creating more unemployed workers, it is also undermining the quality of public services. It has gone way beyond its election pledge of 'capping' or reducing staff by natural attrition.

The Government needs to halt all further job cuts in the public sector and to support more programmes to save and create jobs across the entire economy.

**More urgency is needed on rapid job creation schemes, housing and home insulation projects, and new temporary employment schemes**

**Increase the level of Government assistance to job support schemes (for example the 9-day fortnight), to maintain workers' pay levels and provide training opportunities**

**Increase Government investment in relocation and housing assistance and introduce subsidies for retraining and upskilling initiatives (for example more places in tertiary education)**

**Provide targeted assistance to those worst affected by the current recession, such as Maori, Pasefika, youth and high regional unemployment**

**Introduce laws to provide redundant workers with a minimum level of redundancy compensation and notice periods**

**Expand schemes that help redundant workers (such as help with CVs, careers advice, mentoring, and retraining options)**

**Introduce increased flexibility on benefit stand-down periods**

**Encourage businesses to view redundancy as the action of last resort (not the first)**

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