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WORKING**

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1. National Accounts figure show positive June quarter growth

This week, Australia's National Accounts were released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (**ABS**), showing positive GDP growth of 0.6 per cent for the June quarter.

This growth has been a direct result of the stimulus package, which has supported household consumption and new business investment.

Treasury estimates that without the stimulus, the economy would have contracted by 1.3 per cent.

Export prices, however, experienced their biggest quarterly fall in 50 years, underlining the overall weak global conditions and their massive impacts on our trade in goods and services.

For more information, go to <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/5206.0?OpenDocument>.

2. Final Round of Primary Schools for the 21st Century

The third and final round of funding under the Primary Schools for 21st Century **(P21)** program has been announced.

The P21 program has injected more than \$100 million worth of construction projects into our local community.

All primary schools in the area have now received funding of up to \$3 million, depending on their enrolments, to build libraries, school halls or multi-purpose facilities.

Go to www.davidbradbury.com.au and click on the Keep Penrith Working logo for a full list of projects in each school.

3. Social housing stimulus rolling out

Construction on projects in the first stage of the social housing component is already well under way. Penrith received two units of social housing under the first stage.

Federal Minister for Housing, Tanya Plibersek, announced Stage Two of the social housing roll-out, with 6,110 dwellings to be constructed in New South Wales.

The local area will also receive an additional \$2.7 million for repairs to 583 existing social housing dwellings.

4. Ground broken at McCarthy Catholic College Trades Training Centre

The ground has been broken on the site for the new McCarthy Catholic College Trades Training Centre **(TTC)** at Emu Plains.

The Rudd Government provided almost \$6 million for the construction of the TTC, which will service students from McCarthy, Caroline Chisholm, Xavier College and St Columba's.

Students will earn pre-apprenticeship qualifications up to Certificate III in areas like electro-technology, metal working and hairdressing.

If you would like to explore building training relationships with the TTC, please contact my office on **(02) 4732 1801**.

5. Jobs Fund First Round

Karelle Life Enrichment Services has received funding for a project under the first round of the Jobs Fund.

Karelle will receive \$603,000 for The Enterprise, Training and Employment Project, which will provide various employment programs including the production of wooden gifts, marketing and sales and car detailing supplemented by contract work to external organisations. In addition to employment, participants will be offered referral to other programs run by Karelle as well as outside services.

6. Co-ordinator-General's report

The Co-ordinator-General has handed down the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan progress report, covering the period from February until June.

To view the report, please go to <http://www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au/pages/theplan.aspx#progressreport>.