

# Scottish Secretary responds to March Labour Market Statistics

News story

As new ONS figures show Scotland's unemployment rate decreasing, Scottish Secretary Alister Jack says the UK Government is continuing to help people into work.



Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said:

“There are some encouraging signs in today's employment figures, and while we should not be complacent, our economy is proving resilient.

“The UK Government is helping people right across the country get into work and progress. This is part of our vision to level up all parts of the UK, driving economic growth and creating opportunities for everyone.”

## **Background**

Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show that Scotland's unemployment rate has decreased by 0.3 percentage points compared with the previous quarter. Scotland's labour market has strengthened over the past 12 months, with the employment rate at 74.1 per cent.

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