

Private sector jobs in decline under the SNP

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Private sector employment has significantly declined compared to the same quarter last year, according to figures released today.

Figures contained in 'Public Sector Employment in Scotland – Statistics for 1st Quarter 2018' show that Scotland's private sector employment has declined by 11,290 compared to the 1st quarter of 2017.

These statistics follow the latest Scottish labour market statistics, also released today, which show that overall employment levels in Scotland also declined over the last quarter.

The Scottish labour market figures show that employment in Scotland during this period has declined by 2,000 while UK employment levels have increased by 146,000.

Dean Lockhart, Scottish Conservative shadow economy secretary said:

"These figures are extremely disappointing for Scotland.

"The decline in private sector jobs is yet another sign that our economy under the SNP is stumbling.

"Yet again, we see the results of the SNP neglecting Scotland economy.

"The SNP has all the powers it needs to tackle this slow down and revitalise the Scottish economy.

"But the only economic growth plan the SNP has produced has been a blueprint for independence.

"The SNP must get back to the day job, stop obsessing about independence and focus on revitalising the Scottish economy."