

Video transcript – Population growth

WA's population growth has picked up a little bit in the past year from 0.6% to 0.9%.

WA's current population growth is a far cry from five years ago when it was growing at about 3.5% per annum at the peak of the construction phase of the resources boom.

However, that very strong growth put a strain on all sorts of other parts of the economy.

Particularly the social infrastructure, schools, hospitals, transport infrastructure including roads and public transport.

In the middle of 2016, when population growth dipped to 0.6%, we really saw the impact of that in the retail sector and spending generally, but as it's gradually recovered modestly to 0.9%, we're now seeing that in improved spending and it is an important part of the recovery of the WA economy.