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Driving innovation and skills development in South Australia

Helping small businesses develop their digital and cyber security systems will be the focus of a \$2.6 million investment in the State Budget 2021-22.

“As South Australian businesses shift more of their operations online the improvement of digital and cyber security becomes absolutely critical,” said Minister for Skills and Innovation David Pisoni.

“Cyber criminals have cleaned out companies bank accounts, accessed the private details of their customers and maliciously destroyed small businesses entire computer systems.

“Cyber criminals have committed theft, fraud, blackmail, extortion and malicious damage against both small businesses and their customers.

“The most effective means for small businesses to protect themselves from cyber attack is to develop their digital and cyber security capabilities.”

The program also assists in developing small business capabilities to export into the national trade market.

The State Budget 2021-22 also contains a \$68.9 million investment in South Australia’s nation leading jobs training system and \$4 million for apprentice and trainee payroll tax exemptions to ensure we have the skills needed to drive accelerating economic and jobs growth.

The Budget extends the 12-month payroll tax exemption for wages paid to eligible trainees and apprentices who commence a new relevant training contract, entered into up to June 30, next year.

“The combined wage subsidies and payroll tax relief for employers taking on an apprentice or trainee will deliver thousands of paid jobs for apprentices and trainees as South Australia emerges from the economic impact of COVID-19 stronger than ever,” said Minister Pisoni.

“The combined Marshall and Morrison Government support of up to \$32,000 for new apprentices and trainees means there has never been a better time to upskill existing staff or take on a new apprentice or trainee.”

The Marshall Government’s State Budget also invests an additional \$29.4 million to ensure South Australia continues to be a destination of choice for the production of film, television and digital content.

Additional funding of \$22.8 million for the Post-Production, Digital and Visual Effects (PDV) Rebate Scheme (bringing total funding to \$33.7 million from 2020-21 to 2024-25) and \$6.6 million for the Screen Production Fund (bringing the Fund to over \$12 million over four

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years of the forward estimates) will drive job creation and creative opportunities in South Australia's growing screen sector.

"This twin investment builds on the outstanding success of recent productions like Mortal Kombat, Gold and The Tourist to ensure South Australia remains a destination of choice for screen production," said Minister Pisoni.

"The rewards of success in the screen sector are plain for all to see with Mortal Kombat generating 535 jobs for South Australian cast and crew members, 808 extras during production and creating up to an estimated 180 post-production jobs.

"South Australia is in the midst of a golden age of screen production with high quality international, national and local productions providing jobs for local crews and artists."