Pledges made in Italy's election campaign





Romano Prodi



BUSINESS: Cut 90% labour tax paid by employers by 3% over next three years

- More privatisation of state assets
- Crackdown on tax evasion
- Abolish unpopular property tax on first homes

JOBS AND PENSIONS: Create 1.5m new jobs over five years

- Free TV licences and public transport for elderly
- Raise minimum pension from €550 to €800/month

JUSTICE: 10.000 more police

INFRASTRUCTURE: Launch development bank to help Italy's impoverished south

Proceed with €4.6bn Messina bridge to link Sicily to mainland



- Cut labour tax by 5% in first year Reintroduce inheritance tax for
- very rich abolished by Berlusconi in 2001



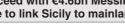
- Crackdown on tax evasion.
- Introduce loan programmes for purchase of first homes



- Reduce incentives for firms to hire using short-term contracts
- Scrap government reform which raises retirement age from 57 to 60
- Credits of €2,500 a year for children under three



- Toughen conflict of interest law
- Incentives to attract investment in southern Italy
- Support controversial highspeed rail link beneath Alps
 - Scrap Messina bridge project





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