Table title - Table 1 : Employment (other than those in the Civil Service) by selected major sector

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the manufacturing sector in December 2005 was 167400. It represented an increase of 1.3% or 2100 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the manufacturing sector in December 2004 was 165300.

Number of manual workers (employment) for the construction sites in December 2005 was 54500. It represented a decrease of 11.1% or 6700 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of manual workers (employment) for the construction sites in December 2004 was 61200.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the wholesale trade in December 2005 was 69200. It represented a decrease of 2.3% or 1600 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the wholesale trade in December 2004 was 70800.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the retail trade in December 2005 was 221900. It represented an increase of 1.6% or 3500 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the retail trade in December 2004 was 218400.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the import and export trade in December 2005 was 510400. It represented an increase of 1.4% or 7100 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the import and export trade in December 2004 was 503300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the restaurants in December 2005 was 193900. It represented an increase of 4.6% or 8500 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the restaurants in December 2004 was 185400.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the hotels and boarding houses in December 2005 was 28400. It represented an increase of 11.4% or 2900 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the hotels and boarding houses in December 2004 was 25500.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the transport and storage in December 2005 was 154600. It represented an increase of 2.6% or 4000 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the transport and storage in December 2004 was 150600.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the communications in December 2005 was 29200. It represented a decrease of 4.9% or 1400 persons when compared with December 2004.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the communications in December 2004 was 30600.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the financing and insurance in December 2005 was 157600. It represented an increase of 4.1% or 6100 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the financing and insurance in December 2004 was 151500.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the real estate in December 2005 was 95900. It represented an increase of 9.6% or 8400 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the real estate in December 2004 was 87500.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the business services in December 2005 was 210900. It represented an increase of 1.2% or 2400 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the business services in December 2004 was 208500.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the sanitary and similar services in December 2005 was 58200. It represented an increase of 1.5% or 800 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the sanitary and similar services in December 2004 was 57400.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the education services and research institutes in December 2005 was 136300. It represented an increase of 2.9% or 3800 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the education services and research institutes in December 2004 was 132500.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the medical, health and related services in December 2005 was 77300. It represented an increase of 1.9% or 1500 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the medical, health and related services in December 2004 was 75800.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the welfare and community services in December 2005 was 62100. It represented a decrease of 2.6% or 1600 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the welfare and community services in December 2004 was 63700.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the recreational and other personal services in December 2005 was 112900. It represented an increase of 6.8% or 7100 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the recreational and other personal services in December 2004 was 105800.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for other industry sectors in December 2005 was 8100. It represented a decrease of 1.6% or 200 persons when compared with December 2004.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for other industry sectors in December 2004 was 8300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for all above industry sectors in December 2005 was 2348700. It represented an increase of 2.0% or 46600 persons when compared with December 2004. Number of persons engaged (employment) for all above industry sectors in December 2004 was 2302100.

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Table title - Table 2 : Vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service) by selected major sector

The number of vacancies for the manufacturing sector in December 2005 was 2170. It represented an increase of 59% or 800 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the manufacturing sector in December 2004 was 1370.

The number of vacancies for manual workers at the construction sites in December 2005 was 20. It represented a decrease of 36% or 10 when compared with December 2004. Please refer to "Limitations of the Survey" in Part V of the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, December 2005. The number of vacancies for manual workers at the construction sites in December 2004 was 30.

The number of vacancies for the wholesale trade in December 2005 was 860. It represented an increase of 7% or 60 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the wholesale trade in December 2004 was 800.

The number of vacancies for the retail trade in December 2005 was 3740. It represented an increase of 42% or 1110 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the retail trade in December 2004 was 2630.

The number of vacancies for the import and export trade in December 2005 was 6940. It represented an increase of 23% or 1300 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the import and export trade in December 2004 was 5640.

The number of vacancies for the restaurants in December 2005 was 3600. It represented an increase of 110% or 1880 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the restaurants in December 2004 was 1720.

The number of vacancies for the hotels and boarding houses in December 2005 was 520. It represented an increase of 30% or 120 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the hotels and boarding houses in December 2004 was 400.

The number of vacancies for the transport and storage in December 2005 was 1470. It represented an increase of 28% or 310 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the transport and storage in December 2004 was 1160.

The number of vacancies for the communications in December 2005 was 850. It represented an increase of 108% or

440 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the communications in December 2004 was 410.

The number of vacancies for the financing and insurance in December 2005 was 3950. It represented an increase of 38% or 1090 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the financing and insurance in December 2004 was 2860.

The number of vacancies for the real estate in December 2005 was 1990. It represented a decrease of 3% or 70 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the real estate in December 2004 was 2060.

The number of vacancies for the business services in December 2005 was 3790. It represented a decrease of 4% or 150 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the business services in December 2004 was 3940.

The number of vacancies for the sanitary and similar services in December 2005 was 490. It represented an increase of 8% or 40 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the sanitary and similar services in December 2004 was 450.

The number of vacancies for the education services and research institutes in December 2005 was 1380. It represented an increase of 29% or 320 when compared with December 2004. The number of vacancies for the education services and research institutes in December 2004 was 1060.

The number of vacancies for the medical, health and related services in December 2005 was 680. It represented a decrease of 34% or 360 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the medical, health and related services in December 2004 was 1040.

The number of vacancies for the welfare and community services in December 2005 was 1310. It represented an increase of 33% or 330 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the welfare and community services in December 2004 was 980.

The number of vacancies for the recreational and other personal services in December 2005 was 2750. It represented an increase of 3% or 80 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for the recreational and other personal services in December 2004 was 2670.

The number of vacancies for other industry sectors in December 2005 was 10. It represented an increase of 10 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for other industry sectors in December 2004 was 0.

The number of vacancies for all above industry sectors in December 2005 was 36510. It represented an increase of 25% or 7280 when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for all above industry sectors in December 2004 was 29230.

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Table title - Table 3 : Vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service) by major occupation category

The number of vacancies for managers and administrators in December 2005 was 550. It represented a decrease of 22% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for managers and administrators in December 2004 was 700.

The number of vacancies for professionals in December 2005 was 2800. It represented an increase of 15% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for professionals in December 2004 was 2430.

The number of vacancies for associate professionals in December 2005 was 11220. It represented an increase of 11% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for associate professionals in December 2004 was 10090.

The number of vacancies for clerks in December 2005 was 6940. It represented an increase of 20% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for clerks in December 2004 was 5770.

The number of vacancies for service workers and shop sales workers in December 2005 was 8840. It represented an increase of 56% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for service workers and shop sales workers in December 2004 was 5650.

The number of vacancies for craft and related workers in December 2005 was 1160. It represented an increase of 117% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for craft and related workers in December 2004 was 540.

The number of vacancies for plant and machine operators and assemblers in December 2005 was 1060. It represented an increase of 45% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for plant and machine operators and assemblers in December 2004 was 740.

The number of vacancies for elementary occupations in December 2005 was 3940. It represented an increase of 19% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies for elementary occupations in December 2004 was 3320.

The number of vacancies in December 2005 was 36510. It represented an increase of 25% when compared with December 2004.

The number of vacancies in December 2004 was 29230.

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Quarterly Employment Survey of Construction Sites.

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Table title - Table 4 : Quarterly changes of employment and vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service)

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in December 2005 was +0.8% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.7% based on the seasonally adjusted series. Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in December 2005 was -16.2% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and -1.2% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in September 2005 was +0.1% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series. Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in September 2005 was +14.8% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +19.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in June 2005 was +0.8% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.5% based on the seasonally adjusted series. Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in June 2005 was +2.4% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.8% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in March 2005 was +0.3% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.7% based on the seasonally adjusted series. Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in March 2005 was +26.9% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +5.5% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in December 2004 was +1.1% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +1.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series. Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in December 2004 was -11.0% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +4.5% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

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2. The seasonally adjusted data series is subject to routine revision when more up-to-date figures become available.