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 2006 was 159300. It represented a decrease of 4.8% or 8100 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the manufacturing sector in December 2005 was 167400.

Number of manual workers (employment) for the construction sites in December 2006 was 51000. It represented a decrease of 6.3% or 3500 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of manual workers (employment) for the construction sites in December 2005 was 54500.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the wholesale trade in December 2006 was 67400. It represented a decrease of 2.6% or 1800 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the wholesale trade in December 2005 was 69200.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the retail trade in December 2006 was 229400. It represented an increase of 3.4% or 7500 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the retail trade in December 2005 was 221900.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the import and export trade in December 2006 was 519200. It represented an increase of 1.7% or 8800 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the import and export trade in December 2005 was 510400.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the restaurants in December 2006 was 201300. It represented an increase of 3.8% or 7400 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the restaurants in December 2005 was 193900.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the hotels and boarding houses in December 2006 was 30500. It represented an increase of 7.5% or 2100 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the hotels and boarding houses in December 2005 was 28400.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the transport and storage in December 2006 was 157500. It represented an increase of 1.9% or 2900 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the transport and storage in December 2005 was 154600.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the communications in December 2006 was 29400. It represented an increase of 0.8% or 200 persons when compared with December 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the communications in December 2005 was 29200.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the financing and insurance in December 2006 was 167700. It represented an increase of 6.4% or 10100 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the financing and insurance in December 2005 was 157600.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the real estate in December 2006 was 99000. It represented an increase of 3.2% or 3100 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the real estate in December 2005 was 95900.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the business services in December 2006 was 224800. It represented an increase of 6.6% or 13900 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the business services in December 2005 was 210900.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the sanitary and similar services in December 2006 was 60400. It represented an increase of 3.7% or 2200 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the sanitary and similar services in December 2005 was 58200.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the education services and research institutes in December 2006 was 142400. It represented an increase of 4.5% or 6100 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the education services and research institutes in December 2005 was 136300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the medical, health and related services in December 2006 was 80700. It represented an increase of 4.5% or 3400 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the medical, health and related services in December 2005 was 77300.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the welfare and community services in December 2006 was 62900. It represented an increase of 1.3% or 800 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the welfare and community services in December 2005 was 62100.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for the recreational and other personal services in December 2006 was 114300. It represented an increase of 1.2% or 1400 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for the recreational and other personal services in December 2005 was 112900.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for other industry sectors in December 2006 was 8000. It represented a decrease of 1.1% or 100 persons when compared with December 2005.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for other industry sectors in December 2005 was 8100.

Number of persons engaged (employment) for all above industry sectors in December 2006 was 2405300. It represented an increase of 2.4% or 56600 persons when compared with December 2005. Number of persons engaged (employment) for all above industry sectors in December 2005 was 2348700.

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2. All figures are not seasonally adjusted.

3. Other industry sectors include the mining and quarrying sector and the electricity and gas sector.

4. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

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 2006 was 1680. It represented a decrease of 22% or 490 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the manufacturing sector in December 2005 was 2170.

The number of vacancies for manual workers at the construction sites in December 2006 was 20. It represented a decrease of 24% or less than 10 when compared with December 2005. Please refer to "Limitations of the Survey" in Part V of the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, December 2006. The number of vacancies for manual workers at the construction sites in December 2005 was 20.

The number of vacancies for the wholesale trade in December 2006 was 620. It represented a decrease of 28% or 240 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the wholesale trade in December 2005 was 860.

The number of vacancies for the retail trade in December 2006 was 4230. It represented an increase of 13% or 490 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the retail trade in December 2005 was 3740.

The number of vacancies for the import and export trade in December 2006 was 6170. It represented a decrease of 11% or 770 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the import and export trade in December 2005 was 6940.

The number of vacancies for the restaurants in December 2006 was 3150. It represented a decrease of 12% or 450 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the restaurants in December 2005 was 3600.

The number of vacancies for the hotels and boarding houses in December 2006 was 510. It represented a decrease of 3% or 10 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the hotels and boarding houses in December 2005 was 520.

The number of vacancies for the transport and storage in December 2006 was 1730. It represented an increase of 18% or 260 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the transport and storage in December 2005 was 1470.

The number of vacancies for the communications in December 2006 was 720. It represented a decrease of 15% or

130 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the communications in December 2005 was 850.

The number of vacancies for the financing and insurance in December 2006 was 3600. It represented a decrease of 9% or 350 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the financing and insurance in December 2005 was 3950.

The number of vacancies for the real estate in December 2006 was 2480. It represented an increase of 24% or 490 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the real estate in December 2005 was 1990.

The number of vacancies for the business services in December 2006 was 4390. It represented an increase of 16% or 600 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the business services in December 2005 was 3790.

The number of vacancies for the sanitary and similar services in December 2006 was 390. It represented a decrease of 20% or 100 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the sanitary and similar services in December 2005 was 490.

The number of vacancies for the education services and research institutes in December 2006 was 2000. It represented an increase of 45% or 620 when compared with December 2005. The number of vacancies for the education services and research institutes in December 2005 was 1380.

The number of vacancies for the medical, health and related services in December 2006 was 1060. It represented an increase of 56% or 380 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the medical, health and related services in December 2005 was 680.

The number of vacancies for the welfare and community services in December 2006 was 1940. It represented an increase of 49% or 630 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the welfare and community services in December 2005 was 1310.

The number of vacancies for the recreational and other personal services in December 2006 was 3890. It represented an increase of 42% or 1140 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for the recreational and other personal services in December 2005 was 2750.

The number of vacancies for other industry sectors in December 2006 was 10. It represented an increase of 11% or less than 10 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for other industry sectors in December 2005 was 10.

The number of vacancies for all above industry sectors in December 2006 was 38580. It represented an increase of 6% or 2070 when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for all above industry sectors in December 2005 was 36510.

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Quarterly Employment Survey of Construction Sites.2. All figures are not seasonally adjusted.

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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 2006 was 890. It represented an increase of 61% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for managers and administrators in December 2005 was 550.

The number of vacancies for professionals in December 2006 was 3330. It represented an increase of 19% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for professionals in December 2005 was 2800.

The number of vacancies for associate professionals in December 2006 was 11370. It represented an increase of 1% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for associate professionals in December 2005 was 11220.

The number of vacancies for clerks in December 2006 was 7180. It represented an increase of 4% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for clerks in December 2005 was 6940.

The number of vacancies for service workers and shop sales workers in December 2006 was 9770. It represented an increase of 10% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for service workers and shop sales workers in December 2005 was 8840.

The number of vacancies for craft and related workers in December 2006 was 770. It represented a decrease of 34% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for craft and related workers in December 2005 was 1160.

The number of vacancies for plant and machine operators and assemblers in December 2006 was 490. It represented a decrease of 54% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for plant and machine operators and assemblers in December 2005 was 1060.

The number of vacancies for elementary occupations in December 2006 was 4790. It represented an increase of 22% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies for elementary occupations in December 2005 was 3940.

The number of vacancies in December 2006 was 38580. It represented an increase of 6% when compared with December 2005.

The number of vacancies in December 2005 was 36510.

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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 2006 was +1.0% 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 2006 was -11.6% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +5.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in September 2006 was +0.5% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.6% based on the seasonally adjusted series. Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in September 2006 was +5.1% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +3.4% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in June 2006 was +0.6% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +0.4% based on the seasonally adjusted series. Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of vacancies in June 2006 was -8.8% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and -6.2% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Quarter-to-quarter percentage change of persons engaged (employment) in March 2006 was +0.4% 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 2006 was +24.7% based on the original series (i.e. not seasonally adjusted), and +3.8% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

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 +0.6% 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 -1.1% based on the seasonally adjusted series.

Notes:

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