

**Table A.6**  
**Labour Market: Selected Indicators**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007e
	(number of positions/persons)				
<b>Active Vacancies Reported by Industry<sup>1</sup></b>					
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishery	29,048	1,373	40,438	188,104	226,759
Mining and quarrying	121	41	150	861	1,163
Manufacturing	34,977	17,769	112,542	348,302	275,155
Construction	13,818	3,505	48,524	129,586	117,217
Services	18,954	18,624	63,441	154,902	204,599
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	499	198	859	2,227	1,477
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants</i>	7,359	5,221	23,921	67,956	66,600
<i>Transport, storage and communication</i>	1,459	1,046	3,892	8,287	12,578
<i>Finance, insurance, real estate and business services</i>	4,079	6,162	13,874	26,642	50,235
<i>Public administration, defence and compulsory social security</i>	5,558	1,224	2,497	3,539	11,287
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>					
Others not elsewhere classified	–	8,663	39,405	12,920	289
<b>Total vacancies</b>	<b>96,918</b>	<b>49,975</b>	<b>304,500</b>	<b>834,675</b>	<b>825,182</b>
<b>Retrenchment by Category of Occupation</b>					
Administration and management	1,755	2,072	1,712	1,245	1,120
Professional, technician and associate professional	3,661	2,542	2,689	2,471	2,367
Clerical workers	2,481	1,550	1,295	1,370	1,060
Service, shop and market sales workers	1,818	3,201	1,792	2,501	1,690
Skilled agriculture and fishery workers	337	998	50	307	193
Production workers <sup>2</sup>	11,154	9,593	8,571	7,466	7,599
Others not elsewhere classified	–	–	–	–	6
<b>Total retrenchments</b>	<b>21,206</b>	<b>19,956</b>	<b>16,109</b>	<b>15,360</b>	<b>14,035</b>
<b>Employment by Industry<sup>3</sup> ('000 persons)</b>					
Agriculture, forestry, livestock and fishery	1,413.2	1,406.9	1,401.3	1,392.4	1,386.3
Mining and quarrying	42.2	42.6	42.7	42.6	42.9
Manufacturing	2,776.4	2,972.4	3,133.2	3,244.3	3,317.1
Construction	774.6	767.3	759.6	755.2	757.3
Services	5,040.7	5,274.5	5,555.9	5,724.6	5,888.8
<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	85.5	89.9	93.0	95.0	96.5
<i>Transport, storage and communication</i>	548.7	594.3	630.6	646.4	661.8
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants</i>	1,698.1	1,786.4	1,927.0	1,993.6	2,060.4
<i>Finance, insurance, real estate and business services</i>	657.5	695.0	734.4	771.0	802.7
<i>Government services</i>	1,026.1	1,041.8	1,052.8	1,064.0	1,075.3
<i>Other services</i>	1,024.8	1,067.1	1,118.1	1,154.7	1,192.2
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>10,047.2</b>	<b>10,463.7</b>	<b>10,892.8</b>	<b>11,159.0</b>	<b>11,392.4</b>
<b>Unemployment rate<sup>3</sup> (% of labour force)</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refers to active vacancies reported by employers through the Electronic Labour Exchange

<sup>2</sup> Comprise workers in craft and related trade; plant and machine operators and assemblers; and general workers

<sup>3</sup> Refers to estimates by Economic Planning Unit

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Source: Economic Planning Unit and Ministry of Human Resources