

Table A.6
Labour Market: Selected Indicators

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006e
	(number of position/persons)				
New Vacancies Reported by Industry¹					
Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishery	43,805	29,048	1,373	40,438	188,104
Mining & quarrying	321	121	41	150	861
Manufacturing	75,655	34,977	17,769	112,542	348,302
Construction	19,001	13,818	3,505	48,524	129,586
Services	24,005	18,954	18,624	63,441	154,902
<i>Electricity, gas & water</i>	326	499	198	859	2,227
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels & restaurants</i>	9,472	7,359	5,221	23,921	67,956
<i>Transport, storage & communication</i>	2,378	1,459	1,046	3,892	8,287
<i>Finance, insurance, real estate & business services</i>	4,874	4,079	6,162	13,874	26,642
<i>Public administration, defence & compulsory social security</i>	6,955	5,558	1,224	2,497	3,539
<i>Community, social and personal service activities</i>			4,773	18,398	46,251
Others not elsewhere classified	-	-	8,663	39,405	12,920
Total vacancies	162,787	96,918	49,975	304,500	834,675
Retrenchment by Job Category					
Administration and management	2,239	1,755	2,072	1,712	1,245
Professional, technician and associate professional	3,511	3,661	2,542	2,689	2,471
Clerical workers	2,639	2,481	1,550	1,295	1,370
Service, shop, and market sales workers	2,263	1,818	3,201	1,792	2,501
Skilled agriculture and fishery workers	435	337	998	50	307
Production workers ²	15,365	11,154	9,593	8,571	7,466
Total retrenchments	26,452	21,206	19,956	16,109	15,360
Employment by Industry³ ('000 persons)					
Agriculture, forestry, livestock and fishery	1,418.0	1,413.2	1,406.9	1,401.3	1,392.4
Mining & quarrying	41.6	42.2	42.6	42.7	42.6
Manufacturing	2,596.1	2,776.4	2,972.4	3,133.2	3,236.8
Construction	767.3	774.6	767.3	759.6	755.2
Services	4,885.9	5,040.7	5,274.5	5,555.9	5,717.2
<i>Electricity, gas & water</i>	81.7	85.5	89.9	93.0	95.0
<i>Transport, storage & communication</i>	519.5	548.7	594.3	630.6	646.4
<i>Wholesale and retail trade, hotels & restaurants</i>	1,672.6	1,698.1	1,786.4	1,927.0	1,986.1
<i>Finance, insurance, real estate & business services</i>	624.4	657.5	695.0	734.4	771.0
<i>Government services</i>	994.5	1,026.1	1,041.8	1,052.8	1,064.0
<i>Other services</i>	993.1	1,024.8	1,067.1	1,118.1	1,154.7
Total employment	9,709.0	10,047.2	10,463.7	10,892.8	11,144.1
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)³	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5

¹ Refers to new vacancies reported by employers through the Electronic Labour Exchange

² Comprise workers in craft and related trade; plant and machine operators and assemblers; and general workers

³ Refers to estimates by Economic Planning Unit

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Source: Economic Planning Unit and Ministry of Human Resources