

NOTES ON THE LATEST FIGURES

The total number of arrivals in December quarter of 2004 was 22,682 persons, a decrease of 18.7 percent compared to December quarter of 2003.

The number of visitor arrivals in December quarter of 2004 was 13,471, which was 16.6 percent lower than in December quarter of 2003. Of these, 4,409 came for business, 3,579 came for employment, 3,178 came for holidays and 2,305 came for other specific reasons.

The drop in the total number of arrivals in December quarter of 2004 was due to cancellation of some scheduled flights from Cairns and Brisbane.

As usual, the largest group of visitors in December quarter 2004 was from Australia (7,631) who gave Australia as their overseas address, accounting for 56.6 percent of all visitor arrivals. Substantial number of visitors also came from Japan (860), United States of America (859), Philippians (540), and the Oceania (518).

A breakdown of visitor arrivals during 2004 by purpose of journey revealed 18,663 came for business, 17,280 came for holiday, 14,707 came for employment, 4,719 came to visit relatives, while the others came to PNG for other specific reasons.