

NOTES ON THE LATEST FIGURES

The total number of arrivals in December quarter of 2005 was 25,058 persons, an increase of 10.4 percent compared to December quarter of 2004.

The number of visitor arrivals in December quarter of 2005 was 15,746, which is 16.8 percent higher than in December quarter of 2004. Of these, 5,268 came for business, 4,080 came for holidays, 3,347 came for employment and 3,051 came for other specific reasons.

As usual, the largest group of visitors in December quarter of 2005 was from Australia (8,110) who gave Australia as their overseas address, accounting for 51.5 percent of all visitor arrivals. Substantial number of visitors also came from Japan (1,561), United States of America (968), Other Oceania (727) and Philippines (644).

In 2005 the total arrivals was 101,711 and departures 95, 669 resulting in a net gain of 6,042. when compared to 2004 , the arrivals increased by 3.5 percent and departures also increased by 15.3 percent.

Furthermore, the number of arrivals of persons classified as visitors increased from 60,715 in 2004 to 68,450 in 2005. Compared to 2004, visitor arrivals increased by 12.7 percent while visitor departures increased by 58.5 percent.

A breakdown of visitor arrivals during 2005 by purpose of journey revealed 22,947 came for business, 17,584 came for holiday, 15,598 came for employment, 4,766 came to visit relatives, while the rest came to PNG for other specific reasons.