

NOTES ON THE LATEST FIGURES

The total number of arrivals in March quarter of 2004 was 25,290 persons, an increase of 8.2 percent compared to March quarter of 2003.

The number of visitor arrivals in March quarter of 2004 was 15,552, which was 17.1 percent higher than in March quarter of 2003. Of these, 4,362 came for business, 4,606 came for holidays, 3,857 came for employment and 2,727 came for other specific reasons.

The higher number of visitors in March quarter of 2004 when compared with the March quarter of 2003 was due to the tourists coming to visit Outer-Ports in PNG apart from Port Moresby.

As usual, the largest group of visitors in March quarter of 2004 was from Australia (7,993) who gave Australia as their overseas address, accounting for 51.3 percent of all visitor arrivals. Substantial number of visitors also came from USA (1,379), Japan (791), Philippines (750) followed by Germany and Other Oceania accounting for (614) respectively.