

## **NOTES ON THE LATEST FIGURES**

The total number of arrivals in September quarter of 2005 was 27,185 persons, a decrease of 1.6 percent compared to September quarter of 2004.

The number of visitor arrivals in September quarter of 2005 was 17,540, which was 0.2 percent lower than in September quarter of 2004. Of these, 5,247 came for holidays, 5,101 came for business, 4,319 came for employment and 2,873 came for other specific reasons.

The decrease in number of visitors in September quarter of 2005 when compared with the September quarter of 2004 was due to nil tourist vessels coming to visit Outer-Ports in PNG.

As usual, the largest group of visitors in September quarter of 2005 was from Australia (9,698) who gave Australia as their overseas address, accounting for 55.2 percent of all visitor arrivals. Substantial number of visitors also came from United States of America (1,244), Japan (1,098), Philippines (789) and New Zealand (593).