REGULATION OF UNDERTAKINGS AND DEVELOPMENT: QUARTERLY MANPOWER REPORT AS AT 31ST MARCH 1999

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The continuing effect of the tightening of the Island's job controls is seen in the results of the manpower survey for 31st March 1999 which shows an overall reduction of 332 in full and part-time posts during the year.

The total number of persons engaged full-time by undertakings fell by 38 over the twelve months from 31st March 1998 to 36,056 at 31st March 1999, a decrease of 0.1 per cent.

The largest percentage decrease in total numbers engaged full-time occurred in the construction sector (-9.7 per cent) - nearly half of these reductions caused by the completion of long-standing civil engineering contracts. The next largest decline was the legal activities sector (-2.4 per cent) and the manufacturing sector (-1.3 per cent). The largest increases were in the real estate/other business activities sector (ten per cent) and the banking sector (5.1 per cent).

The total number of persons engaged part time by undertakings fell by 294 over the twelve months from 31st March 1998 to 8,069 at 31st March 1999, a decrease of 3.5 per cent.

Overall, 44,125 people were engaged in full or part-time work at the end of March, 332 (0.75 per cent) fewer than a year earlier. The biggest declines occurred in the construction and trades sectors, where 770 fewer persons were employed, while the finance industry provided the biggest growth, accounting for 336 new jobs (271 of them in banking). Other growth sectors included health and social services, transport and general business activities, whilst declines were also seen in agriculture and fisheries, and tourism.

Considerable effort has gone into contacting employers to ensure that manpower returns are correct and the result is that the figures are the most accurate so far obtained. They therefore provide an excellent basis on which to assess future figures (which will from now on will be audited by the Head of Statistics within the Policy and Resources Department) but it makes it difficult to draw other than broad conclusions when compared with the figures from previous surveys.

Persons requiring further information on this survey are asked to contact the Regulation of Undertakings and Development Office on 603710.

Manpower Survey 31st March - 1998 and 1999 compared

FULL-TIME ONLY

Category	31st	31st	Change	% change
	Mar.98	Mar.99	Mar. to	Ű
			Mar.	
Agriculture and fisheries	2,273	2,248	-25	-1.1
Quarrying	166	167	1	0.6
Manufacturing	1,942	1,917	-25	-1.3
Electricity, gas and water	627	626	-1	-0.2
Construction	4,375	3,950	-425	-9.7
Trades	6,586	6,593	7	0.1
Hotels/restaurants - tourism	4,630	4,596	-34	-0.7
Transport, storage, comms	1,236	1,270	34	2.8
Banking	4,789	5,033	244	5.1
Financial intermediation/	2,582	2,623	41	1.6
insurance				
Real estate/other business	1,194	1,313	119	10.0
activities				
Computer related activities	311	326	15	4.8
Legal activities	1,201	1,172	-29	-2.4
Accounting related activities	1,179	1,187	8	0.7
Architectural, engineering	337	339	2	0.6
activities				
Education	234	249	15	6.4
Health and social work	945	963	18	1.9
Social/personal services	1,487	1,484	-3	-0.2
Total:	36,094	36,056	-38	-0.1

Manpower Survey 31st March - 1998 and 1999 compared

PART-TIME ONLY

Category	31st	31st	Change	% change
	Mar.98	Mar.99	Mar. to	Ű
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Agriculture and fisheries	212	190	-22	-10.4
Quarrying	4	2	-2	-50.0
Manufacturing	423	440	17	4.0
Electricity, gas and water	20	18	-2	-10.0
Construction	265	242	-23	-8.7
Trades	2,138	1,809	-329	-15.4
Hotels/restaurants - tourism	1,022	993	-29	-2.8
Transport, storage, comms	219	225	6	2.7
Banking	622	649	27	4.3
Financial intermediation/	393	417	24	6.1
insurance				
Real estate/other business	1,086	1,046	-40	-3.7
activities				
Computer related activities	38	54	16	42.1
Legal activities	119	137	18	15.1
Accounting related activities	153	144	-9	-5.9
Architectural, engineering	72	67	-5	-6.9
activities				
Education	154	146	-8	-5.2
Health and social work	662	733	71	10.7
Social/personal services	761	757	-4	-0.5
Total:	8,363	8,069	-294	-3.5

Manpower Survey 31st March - 1998 and 1999 compared

TOTAL NUMBERS ENGAGED FULL AND PART-TIME

Category	31st	31st	Change	% change
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Agriculture and fisheries	2,485	2,438	-47	-1.9
Quarrying	170	169	-1	-0.6
Manufacturing	2,365	2,357	-8	-0.3
Electricity, gas and water	647	644	-3	-0.5
Construction	4,640	4,192	-448	-9.7
Trades	8,724	8,402	-322	-3.7
Hotels/restaurants - tourism	5,652	5,589	-63	-1.1
Transport, storage, comms	1,455	1,495	40	2.7
Banking	5,411	5,682	271	5.0
Financial intermediation/	2,975	3,040	65	2.2
insurance				
Real estate/other business	2,280	2,359	79	3.5
activities				
Computer related activities	349	380	31	8.9
Legal activities	1,320	1,309	-11	-0.8
Accounting related activities	1,332	1,331	-1	-0.1
Architectural, engineering	409	406	-3	-0.7
activities				
Education	388	395	7	1.8
Health and social work	1,607	1,696	89	5.5
Social/personal services	2,248	2,241	-7	-0.3
Total:	44,457	44,125	-332	-0.7