



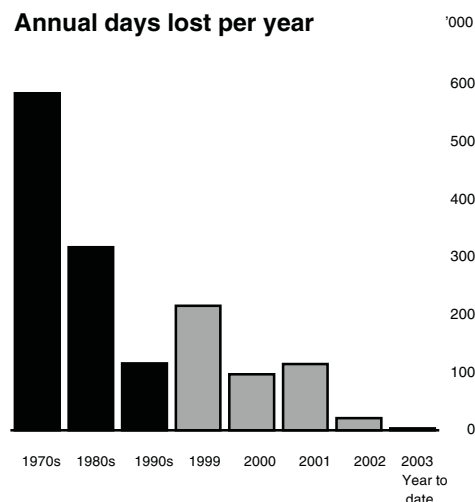
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## Industrial Disputes

### First Quarter 2003

**Annual days lost per year**



**Disputes in Progress**

|                | Disputes | Workers | Days lost |
|----------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| <i>Quarter</i> |          |         |           |
| <b>Q1 2002</b> | 8        | 1,081   | 3,623     |
| <b>Q4 2002</b> | 5        | 352     | 3,355     |
| <b>Q1 2003</b> | 5        | 459     | 3,081     |

### 3,081 days lost in the first quarter

During the first quarter of 2003 there were 3,081 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares to 3,623 for the same period last year. The number of days lost in Q1 2003 is the lowest Q1 total since 1999. There were 5 disputes in progress in the first quarter of 2003 involving 5 organisations and 459 workers. *See tables 1 & 2.*

The *Manufacturing* sector accounted for 65% of the total days lost and a further 28% were lost in the *Transport, storage and communication* sector. Two other disputes, one in the *Health and social work* sector and one in the *Other services* sector, accounted for the remainder of the days lost. *See tables 1.*

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**Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the first quarter of 2003**

| Economic sector<br>(NACE Rev. 1)          | Disputes which<br>began in<br>Q1 2003 | Disputes in progress during Q1 2003 |                    |                      | Total<br>days<br>lost |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|   |                                       | Number of<br>disputes               | Number of<br>firms | Number<br>of workers |                       |
| A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing     | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| C Mining and quarrying                    | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| D Manufacturing                           | 2                                     | 2                                   | 2                  | 123                  | 1,996                 |
| E Electricity, gas and water supply       | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| F Construction                            | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| G Wholesale and retail trade              | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| H Hotels and restaurants                  | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| I Transport, storage and communication    | 1                                     | 1                                   | 1                  | 290                  | 870                   |
| J-K Financial and other business services | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| L Public administration and defence       | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| M Education                               | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| N Health and social work                  | 1                                     | 1                                   | 1                  | 17                   | 12                    |
| O-Q Other services                        | —                                     | 1                                   | 1                  | 29                   | 203                   |
| <b>Total Q1 2003</b>                      | <b>4</b>                              | <b>5</b>                            | <b>5</b>           | <b>459</b>           | <b>3,081</b>          |

**Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1995-2003**

| Year | Quarter           | Disputes<br>which<br>began | Disputes in progress               |  |                                  |                 |
|------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|
|      |                   |                            | Number of<br>disputes <sup>1</sup> | Number of<br>firms involved <sup>1</sup> | Workers<br>involved <sup>1</sup> | Total days lost |
| 1995 | Quarter 1         | 14                         | 14                                 | 14                                       | 2,134                            | 5,334           |
|      | Quarter 2         | 10                         | 11                                 | 11                                       | 28,762                           | 89,872          |
|      | Quarter 3         | 5                          | 7                                  | 7  | 8,339                            | 31,466          |
|      | Quarter 4         | 4                          | 5                                  | 5  | 624                              | 3,628           |
|      | <b>Total 1995</b> | <b>34</b>                  | <b>34</b>                          | <b>34</b>                                | <b>31,653</b>                    | <b>130,300</b>  |
| 1996 | Quarter 1         | 5                          | 7                                  | 7  | 1,179                            | 1,949           |
|      | Quarter 2         | 14                         | 15                                 | 15                                       | 2,830                            | 16,682          |
|      | Quarter 3         | 6                          | 6                                  | 6  | 9,471                            | 89,800          |
|      | Quarter 4         | 5                          | 8                                  | 8  | 1,418                            | 6,153           |
|      | <b>Total 1996</b> | <b>30</b>                  | <b>32</b>                          | <b>30</b>                                | <b>13,339</b>                    | <b>114,584</b>  |
| 1997 | Quarter 1         | 9                          | 9                                  | 9  | 838                              | 13,814          |
|      | Quarter 2         | 10                         | 12                                 | 17                                       | 4,343                            | 55,249          |
|      | Quarter 3         | 3                          | 7                                  | 7  | 119                              | 2,121           |
|      | Quarter 4         | 6                          | 6                                  | 6  | 433                              | 3,324           |
|      | <b>Total 1997</b> | <b>28</b>                  | <b>28</b>                          | <b>33</b>                                | <b>5,364</b>                     | <b>74,508</b>   |
| 1998 | Quarter 1         | 10                         | 11                                 | 11                                       | 3,376                            | 13,629          |
|      | Quarter 2         | 7                          | 9                                  | 30                                       | 3,084                            | 7,267           |
|      | Quarter 3         | 6                          | 8                                  | 15                                       | 854                              | 13,112          |
|      | Quarter 4         | 10                         | 12                                 | 14                                       | 1,029                            | 3,366           |
|      | <b>Total 1998</b> | <b>33</b>                  | <b>34</b>                          | <b>62</b>                                | <b>8,060</b>                     | <b>37,374</b>   |
| 1999 | Quarter 1         | 6                          | 6                                  | 7  | 787                              | 2,033           |
|      | Quarter 2         | 10                         | 11                                 | 101                                      | 3,204                            | 26,158          |
|      | Quarter 3         | 8                          | 10                                 | 11                                       | 816                              | 8,864           |
|      | Quarter 4         | 8                          | 9                                  | 17                                       | 32,203                           | 178,532         |
|      | <b>Total 1999</b> | <b>32</b>                  | <b>32</b>                          | <b>127</b>                               | <b>36,505</b>                    | <b>215,587</b>  |
| 2000 | Quarter 1         | 12                         | 12                                 | 15                                       | 4,125                            | 23,238          |
|      | Quarter 2         | 11                         | 12                                 | 15                                       | 1,259                            | 3,115           |
|      | Quarter 3         | 4                          | 5                                  | 5  | 440                              | 6,988           |
|      | Quarter 4         | 12                         | 12                                 | 11                                       | 22,517                           | 63,705          |
|      | <b>Total 2000</b> | <b>39</b>                  | <b>39</b>                          | <b>41</b>                                | <b>28,192</b>                    | <b>97,046</b>   |
| 2001 | Quarter 1         | 9                          | 11                                 | 10                                       | 21,189                           | 90,427          |
|      | Quarter 2         | 10                         | 10                                 | 44                                       | 13,099                           | 19,706          |
|      | Quarter 3         | 3                          | 4                                  | 4  | 422                              | 3,810           |
|      | Quarter 4         | 2                          | 2                                  | 2  | 302                              | 670             |
|      | <b>Total 2001</b> | <b>24</b>                  | <b>26</b>                          | <b>58</b>                                | <b>32,168</b>                    | <b>114,613</b>  |
| 2002 | Quarter 1         | 8                          | 8                                  | 22                                       | 1,081                            | 3,623           |
|      | Quarter 2         | 7                          | 8                                  | 9  | 1,763                            | 9,666           |
|      | Quarter 3         | 9                          | 11                                 | 11                                       | 1,021                            | 4,613           |
|      | Quarter 4         | 3                          | 5                                  | 5  | 352                              | 3,355           |
|      | <b>Total 2002</b> | <b>27</b>                  | <b>27</b>                          | <b>43</b>                                | <b>3,553</b>                     | <b>21,257</b>   |
| 2003 | Quarter 1         | 4                          | 5                                  | 5  | 459                              | 3,081           |

<sup>1</sup>The quarterly totals in these columns will not always add to the annual total since an Industrial Dispute can be in progress in more than one quarter.

## Background Notes

**Sources** The information on Industrial Disputes is based on details supplied by the Monitoring Unit of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and on information collected directly from other sources by the Central Statistics Office.

**Scope** Disputes are included in this release if they involve a stoppage of work lasting for at least one day and the total time lost is 10 or more person-days.

**Days Lost** In calculating days lost, it is assumed that work would have continued if no dispute had occurred. No allowance is made for loss of work from unemployment or other causes (such as bad weather) which might have happened even if there was no dispute. The number of days lost is calculated by multiplying the number of persons involved by the number of normal working days during which they were involved in the dispute. Persons working for approximately 40 hours per week are assumed to be working the equivalent of a 5 day week even if the work is spread over more than 5 days.

**Disputes in Progress** The tables show data on disputes which began and disputes which were in progress in each quarter. The quarterly figures for the number of disputes in progress and for the number of firms and workers involved will not always add to the annual total, since an industrial dispute can be in progress in more than one quarter.

**Reference Quarters** The reference quarters for Industrial Disputes results are:  
Q1 - January to March, Q2 - April to June, Q3 - July to September and Q4 - October to December.