



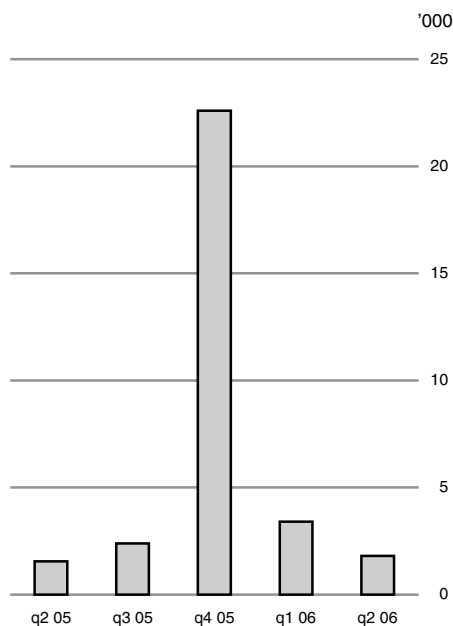
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## Industrial Disputes

Quarter 2 2006

Days lost per quarter



Disputes in Progress

|                                | Disputes | Workers | Days lost |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| <i>Quarter</i>                 |          |         |           |
| <b>Q2 2005</b>                 | 6        | 866     | 1,556     |
| <b>Q1 2006</b>                 | 2        | 226     | 3,407     |
| <b>Q2 2006</b>                 | 4        | 485     | 1,801     |
| <b>Year to date comparison</b> |          |         |           |
| <b>Q1-Q2 2006</b>              | 5        | 697     | 5,208     |
| <b>Q1-Q2 2005</b>              | 7        | 952     | 1,679     |

### 1,801 days lost in the second quarter

During the second quarter of 2006 there were 1,801 days lost to industrial disputes. This compares with 1,556 for the same period last year. Three disputes began in the second quarter of 2006. *See table 1.*

Five disputes began or were in progress in the first six months of 2006, involving five firms and a total of 5,208 days lost. During that period, the *Construction* sector accounted for just over 65% of the total days lost and just over 19% were accounted for by the *Manufacturing* sector. *See table 2.*

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**Table 1 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the second quarter of 2006**

| Economic sector<br>(NACE Rev. 1)          | Disputes which<br>began in<br>Q2 2006 | Disputes in progress during Q2 2006 |                    |                      | 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                  | 201                  | 1,005                 |
| E Electricity, gas and water supply       | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| F Construction                            | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| G Wholesale and retail trade              | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| H Hotels and restaurants                  | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| I Transport, storage and communication    | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| J-K Financial and other business services | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| L Public administration and defence       | 1                                     | 1                                   | 1                  | 270                  | 663                   |
| M Education                               | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| N Health and social work                  | —                                     | 1                                   | 1                  | 14                   | 133                   |
| O-Q Other services                        | —                                     | —                                   | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| <b>Total Q2 2006</b>                      | <b>3</b>                              | <b>4</b>                            | <b>4</b>           | <b>485</b>           | <b>1,801</b>          |

**Table 2 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in the first six months of 2006**

| Economic sector<br>(NACE Rev. 1)          | Disputes which<br>began in<br>2006 | Disputes in progress during 2006 |                    |                      | 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                  | 201                  | 1,005                 |
| E Electricity, gas and water supply       | —                                  | —                                | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| F Construction                            | 1                                  | 1                                | 1                  | 212                  | 3,392                 |
| G Wholesale and retail trade              | —                                  | —                                | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| H Hotels and restaurants                  | —                                  | —                                | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| I Transport, storage and communication    | —                                  | —                                | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| J-K Financial and other business services | —                                  | —                                | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| L Public administration and defence       | 1                                  | 1                                | 1                  | 270                  | 663                   |
| M Education                               | —                                  | —                                | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| N Health and social work                  | 1                                  | 1                                | 1                  | 14                   | 148                   |
| O-Q Other services                        | —                                  | —                                | —                  | —                    | —                     |
| <b>Total 2006</b>                         | <b>5</b>                           | <b>5</b>                         | <b>5</b>           | <b>697</b>           | <b>5,208</b>          |

**Table 3 Industrial Disputes which began or were in progress in each quarter, 1998-2006**

| 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 |
| 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                                       | 21,289                           | 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           |
|      | Quarter 2              | 9                          | 9                                  | 17                                       | 1,298                            | 29,196          |
|      | Quarter 3              | 4                          | 6                                  | 6  | 641                              | 938             |
|      | Quarter 4              | 6                          | 8                                  | 8  | 1,197                            | 4,267           |
|      | <b>Total 2003</b>      | <b>23</b>                  | <b>24</b>                          | <b>32</b>                                | <b>3,567</b>                     | <b>37,482</b>   |
| 2004 | Quarter 1              | 1                          | 3                                  | 3  | 1,361                            | 2,569           |
|      | Quarter 2              | 3                          | 4                                  | 4  | 417                              | 2,801           |
|      | Quarter 3              | 2                          | 4                                  | 4  | 267                              | 3,074           |
|      | Quarter 4              | 3                          | 3                                  | 3  | 8,345                            | 12,340          |
|      | <b>Total 2004</b>      | <b>9</b>                   | <b>11</b>                          | <b>11</b>                                | <b>10,227</b>                    | <b>20,784</b>   |
| 2005 | Quarter 1              | 1                          | 1                                  | 1  | 86                               | 123             |
|      | Quarter 2              | 6                          | 6                                  | 6  | 866                              | 1,556           |
|      | Quarter 3              | 3                          | 4                                  | 4  | 1,083                            | 2,398           |
|      | Quarter 4              | 5                          | 5                                  | 5  | 1,264                            | 22,588          |
|      | <b>Total 2005</b>      | <b>15</b>                  | <b>15</b>                          | <b>14</b>                                | <b>3,291</b>                     | <b>26,665</b>   |
| 2006 | Quarter 1 <sup>2</sup> | 2                          | 2                                  | 2  | 226                              | 3,407           |
|      | Quarter 2              | 3                          | 4                                  | 4  | 485                              | 1,801           |

<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.

<sup>2</sup> Contains revised data.

## Background Notes

- Sources** The information on Industrial Disputes is based on details supplied by the Monitoring Unit of the Industrial Relations section within the Employment Rights and Industrial Relations division (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.