

Press release

LCQ3: Employment statistics for 2009

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Following is a question by the Hon Lee Cheuk-yan and a written reply by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor K C Chan, in the Legislative Council today (April 21):

Question:

Regarding the employment statistics for 2009 compiled by the Census and Statistics Department, will the Government set out in the table at Annex 1 the statistics on employed persons for that year (excluding unpaid family workers, foreign domestic helpers and employed persons who worked less than 35 hours during the seven days before enumeration due to vacation)?

Reply:

President,

According to the results of the General Household Survey conducted by the Census and Statistics Department in 2009, statistics on employed persons (Note 1) by gender, hours of work during the seven days before enumeration and monthly employment earnings (Note 2) are set out in Annex 2.

Because the number of hours worked and the monthly employment earnings cover different reference periods, these two sets of statistics cannot be used to calculate the hourly employment earnings. In addition, owing to rounding, there may be a slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total as shown in the table.

Note:

1. Excluding unpaid family workers, foreign domestic helpers and employed persons who worked less than 35 hours during the seven days before enumeration due to vacation.
2. Monthly employment earnings refer to the earnings from all jobs during the last month before enumeration.

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