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Quarterly Employment Statistics (QES) – Q1:2022

Total employment increased by 42 000 or (0,4%) quarter-on-quarter, from 10 062 000 in December 2021 to 10 104 000 in March 2022. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services (69 000 or 2,4%), manufacturing (8 000 or 0,7%) and mining (2 000 or 0,4%). The electricity industry reported no quarterly change. However, there were decreases in the following industries: trade (-18 000 or -0,8%), construction (-9 000 or -1,7%), business services (-8 000 or -0,3%) and transport (-2 000 or -0,5%).

Total employment increased by 200 000 or (2,0%) year-on-year between March 2021 and March 2022.

Full-time employment increased by 1 000 or (0,0%) quarter-on-quarter, from 8 880 000 in December 2021 to 8 881 000 in March 2022. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: business services (14 000 or 0,7%) and mining (2 000 or 0,4%). However, there were decreases in the following industry: trade (-6 000 or -0,3%), manufacturing (-4 000 or -0,4%), transport (-3 000 or -0,7%), construction (-1 000 or -0,2%) and community services (-1 000 or -0,0%).

Full-time employment increased by 8 000 or (0,1%) year-on-year between March 2021 and March 2022.

Part-time employment increased by 41 000 or (3,5%) quarter-on-quarter, from 1 182 000 in December 2021 to 1 223 000 in March 2022. This was largely due to increases in the following industries: community services (70 000 or 12,6%), manufacturing (12 000 or 15,6%) and transport (1 000 or 6,7%). The electricity industry reported no quarterly change. However, there were decreases in the following industries: business services (-22 000 or -9,7%), trade (-12 000 or -5,1%) and construction (-8 000 or -11,4%).

Part-time employment increased by 192 000 or (18,6%) year-on-year between March 2021 and March 2022.

Gross earnings paid to employees decreased by R28,2 billion or (-3,4%) from R827,3 billion in December 2021 to R799,1 billion in March 2022. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: community services, manufacturing, transport, trade, construction and electricity. However, there were increases in the following industries: business services and mining.

Year-on-year, total gross earnings increased by R56,6 billion or (7,6%) between March 2021 and March 2022.

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Basic salary/wages paid to employees decreased by R4,5 billion or (-0,6%) from R720,2 billion in December 2021 to R715,7 billion in March 2022. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: community services, transport, construction and electricity. However, there were increases in the following industries: trade, business services, manufacturing and mining.

Year-on-year, basic salary/wages increased by R43,1 billion or (6,4%) between March 2021 and March 2022.

Bonus paid to employees decreased by R21,7 billion or (-25,6%) from R84,7 billion in December 2021 to R63,0 billion in March 2022. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: community services, manufacturing, trade, transport, construction and electricity. However, the business services industry reported a quarterly increase.

Year-on-year, bonus payments increased by R12,7 billion or (25,4%) between March 2021 and March 2022.

Overtime paid to employees decreased by R2,0 billion or (-8,9%) from R22,4 billion in December 2021 to R20,4 billion in March 2022. This was largely due to decreases in the following industries: community services, manufacturing, business services, construction, transport and electricity. However, the trade industry reported a quarterly increase.

Year-on-year overtime payments increased by R0,8 billion or (4,2%) between March 2021 and March 2022.

Average monthly earnings showed a quarter-on-quarter decrease of 1,4%, from R23 828 in November 2021 to R23 502 in February 2022. Year-on-year, average monthly earnings increased by 1,8%.

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