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## Government Finance

### Government expenditure on Social Security Benefits: January-December 2005

Total expenditure on social security benefits in the course of 2005 increased by Lm13.4 million or 6.5 per cent from 2004. The expenditure in 2005 amounted to Lm220.8 million which is equivalent to 11.5 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product. In 2004 expenditure on Social Security Benefits was equivalent to 11.3 per cent of Gross Domestic Product.

The pensions in respect of retirement, the main component of contributory benefits, increased by Lm8.4 million, mainly due to an increase of Lm6.7 million in the two-thirds pension scheme. This increase was brought about by a net increase in the number of beneficiaries. The outlay on the retirement pension also added Lm1.5 million, but this was partly offset by a decline of Lm0.3 million to the increased retirement pension.

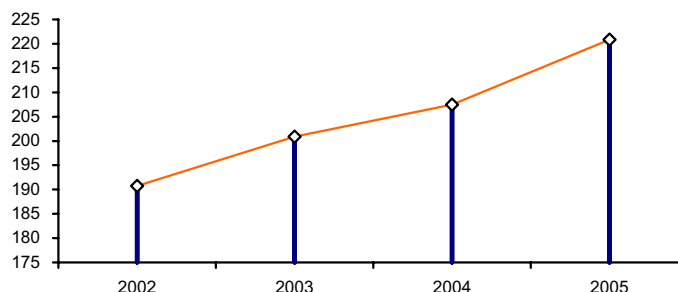
Other increases within the contributory benefits category were reported in the national minimum invalidity pension (+Lm0.6 million), and in the survivors' pension which increased by Lm1.0 million. On the other hand, declines were observed in both unemployment benefits (-Lm0.2 million), as well as in the special unemployment benefits (-Lm0.1 million), while the outlay on sickness benefits went up by Lm0.3 million.

In 2005, non-contributory benefits increased by Lm1.8 million or 3.2 per cent over the previous year and amounted to Lm58.0 million. Social assistance, increased by Lm1.2 million. Increases were also recorded on benefits relating to old-age (+Lm0.5 million), and to disability allowance (+Lm0.3 million). These in part compensated for a reduction of Lm0.7 million in children's allowances.

When analysed on its own, the fourth quarter of 2005 registered an increase of Lm5.2 million when compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. This increase is attributed to an increase of Lm4.6 million in the contributory benefits and an increase of Lm0.6 million in the non-contributory category. The highest increase within the contributory benefits category was essentially made up of a 16.3 per cent increase in the pension in respect of retirement.

A glossary at the end of this release defines the major pensions, grants and other benefits ■

**Social Security Benefits (Lm million)**



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Table 1. Quarterly data on social security benefits ...

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|   | 2002              | 2003              | 2004              | 2005              | 2002              | 2003              | 2004              | 2005              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Q1                |                   |                   |                   | Q2                |                   |                   |                   |
|   | 2002              | 2003              | 2004              | 2005              | 2002              | 2003              | 2004              | 2005              |
| <b>Contributory Benefits</b>              | <b>29,539,151</b> | <b>32,308,781</b> | <b>38,260,778</b> | <b>40,792,762</b> | <b>38,787,419</b> | <b>43,714,757</b> | <b>39,294,203</b> | <b>42,160,630</b> |
| Pensions in respect of Retirement         | 18,287,157        | 19,758,114        | 24,979,626        | 26,842,354        | 23,837,523        | 24,898,575        | 20,049,779        | 21,743,486        |
| Retirement Pension                        | 2,903,252         | 3,459,190         | 4,008,877         | 4,571,305         | 4,030,165         | 4,421,470         | 3,354,330         | 3,517,420         |
| National Minimum Pension                  | 2,706,459         | 2,730,558         | 2,545,497         | 2,719,077         | 2,760,947         | 2,667,765         | 2,708,698         | 2,720,882         |
| Increased Retirement Pension              | 1,906,320         | 1,870,269         | 2,227,575         | 1,698,601         | 2,614,547         | 2,165,720         | 1,323,138         | 1,291,974         |
| Two-thirds Pension                        | 10,170,064        | 11,022,536        | 15,499,623        | 17,052,830        | 13,817,081        | 14,981,300        | 11,905,502        | 13,419,213        |
| Increased National Minimum Pension        | 553,626           | 631,706           | 634,871           | 719,991           | 554,909           | 605,689           | 710,856           | 736,354           |
| Decreased National Minimum Pension        | 47,436            | 43,855            | 63,183            | 80,550            | 59,874            | 56,631            | 47,255            | 57,643            |
| Pensions in respect of Invalidity         | 2,579,381         | 3,065,499         | 3,425,214         | 3,673,076         | 2,725,527         | 3,295,078         | 3,578,027         | 3,719,635         |
| Invalidity Pension                        | 382,973           | 474,813           | 517,249           | 565,054           | 407,519           | 598,502           | 559,470           | 573,843           |
| Increased Invalidity Pension              | 192,970           | 191,059           | 169,829           | 157,618           | 188,638           | 186,297           | 167,694           | 153,841           |
| National Minimum Invalidity Pension       | 1,990,041         | 2,387,401         | 2,726,119         | 2,939,404         | 2,117,083         | 2,498,468         | 2,842,948         | 2,981,839         |
| Decr. National Min. Invalidity Pension    | 13,397            | 12,226            | 12,017            | 11,000            | 12,287            | 11,811            | 7,915             | 10,112            |
| Pensions in respect of Widowhood          | 6,662,935         | 7,464,999         | 7,470,746         | 7,930,222         | 6,919,057         | 9,692,238         | 10,018,832        | 10,803,514        |
| Widows' Pension                           | 663,867           | 1,089,328         | 830,790           | 893,455           | 878,057           | 1,144,619         | 1,023,128         | 1,304,187         |
| Early Survivors' Pension                  | 995,878           | 1,057,915         | 1,087,932         | 1,154,630         | 1,011,519         | 1,408,118         | 1,461,050         | 1,565,119         |
| Survivors' Pension                        | 1,591,357         | 1,819,993         | 2,034,642         | 2,254,532         | 1,633,022         | 2,499,095         | 2,818,830         | 3,088,857         |
| National Minimum Widows' Pension          | 3,411,789         | 3,497,763         | 3,517,382         | 3,627,605         | 3,396,459         | 4,640,406         | 4,715,824         | 4,845,351         |
| Widows' Special Allowance                 | 44                | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Benefit in Respect of Industrial Injuries | 182,326           | 212,796           | 162,481           | 198,399           | 195,319           | 243,744           | 181,841           | 186,556           |
| Injury Benefit                            | 123,760           | 138,377           | 101,587           | 141,063           | 131,686           | 154,214           | 117,243           | 120,117           |
| Injury Pension                            | 35,684            | 35,909            | 36,012            | 39,139            | 35,465            | 36,109            | 37,094            | 36,414            |
| Injury Gratuity                           | 22,882            | 38,510            | 24,882            | 18,197            | 28,168            | 53,421            | 27,504            | 30,026            |
| Other Benefits                            | 985,840           | 928,654           | 1,163,158         | 992,203           | 1,095,920         | 1,299,844         | 1,028,347         | 1,077,438         |
| Unemployment Benefit                      | 200,297           | 152,973           | 276,207           | 193,197           | 205,722           | 180,748           | 225,819           | 182,000           |
| Special Unemployment Benefit              | 123,150           | 103,125           | 148,903           | 118,384           | 126,673           | 116,799           | 138,861           | 95,811            |
| Maternity Benefit                         | 144,772           | 136,565           | 162,457           | 165,769           | 152,803           | 177,752           | 151,371           | 156,800           |
| Sickness Benefit                          | 474,067           | 486,917           | 528,967           | 461,848           | 543,885           | 740,726           | 445,705           | 575,871           |
| Orphans' Allowance                        | 1,756             | 4,802             | 3,741             | 3,133             | 9,093             | 5,245             | 4,940             | 3,488             |
| Marriage Grant                            | 41,787            | 39,717            | 38,661            | 42,140            | 55,362            | 72,343            | 57,481            | 63,470            |
| Re-Marriage Gratuity                      | 11                | 4,555             | 4,222             | 7,732             | 2,382             | 6,231             | 4,170             | 0                 |
| Bonus                                     | 841,512           | 878,719           | 1,059,553         | 1,156,508         | 4,014,073         | 4,285,278         | 4,437,377         | 4,630,001         |
| <b>Non-Contributory Benefits</b>          | <b>12,183,123</b> | <b>12,445,412</b> | <b>14,003,042</b> | <b>14,647,492</b> | <b>13,875,709</b> | <b>15,085,070</b> | <b>14,539,062</b> | <b>15,132,578</b> |
| Children's Allowance                      | 4,314,022         | 3,889,844         | 3,745,881         | 3,533,268         | 4,053,749         | 3,869,717         | 3,759,332         | 3,562,234         |
| Old Age                                   | 1,349,924         | 1,368,342         | 1,375,710         | 1,492,388         | 1,342,793         | 1,354,650         | 1,380,071         | 1,556,765         |
| Disability Pensions/Allowance             | 707,032           | 739,172           | 767,667           | 843,439           | 699,637           | 740,206           | 766,010           | 866,262           |
| Social Assistance                         | 3,898,518         | 4,270,748         | 5,816,790         | 6,429,186         | 4,856,517         | 5,509,582         | 4,947,180         | 5,230,735         |
| Medical Assistance                        | 1,151,037         | 1,300,838         | 1,339,431         | 1,415,813         | 1,229,725         | 1,761,578         | 1,792,548         | 1,990,986         |
| Supplementary Assistance                  | 496,087           | 602,977           | 621,831           | 620,878           | 503,727           | 611,705           | 642,490           | 650,432           |
| Bonus                                     | 266,503           | 273,491           | 335,732           | 312,520           | 1,189,561         | 1,237,632         | 1,251,431         | 1,275,163         |
| <b>Total Social Security Benefits</b>     | <b>41,722,274</b> | <b>44,754,193</b> | <b>52,263,820</b> | <b>55,440,254</b> | <b>52,663,128</b> | <b>58,799,827</b> | <b>53,833,265</b> | <b>57,293,208</b> |

... Table 1. Quarterly data on social security benefits

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|   | 2002              | 2003              | 2004              | 2005              | 2002              | 2003              | 2004              | 2005              |
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|   | Q3                |                   |                   |                   | Q4                |                   |                   |                   |
|   | 2002              | 2003              | 2004              | 2005              | 2002              | 2003              | 2004              | 2005              |
| <b>Contributory Benefits</b>              | <b>35,224,519</b> | <b>34,669,895</b> | <b>36,602,901</b> | <b>38,149,919</b> | <b>35,218,987</b> | <b>36,144,997</b> | <b>37,109,828</b> | <b>41,756,050</b> |
| Pensions in respect of Retirement         | 19,704,223        | 20,409,642        | 21,302,849        | 22,882,157        | 19,057,835        | 19,065,362        | 20,114,742        | 23,402,083        |
| Retirement Pension                        | 3,028,011         | 3,081,136         | 3,682,505         | 3,714,782         | 3,481,227         | 2,812,384         | 3,284,694         | 4,034,291         |
| National Minimum Pension                  | 3,545,828         | 3,470,848         | 3,412,257         | 3,493,763         | 2,696,108         | 2,507,607         | 2,727,012         | 2,685,198         |
| Increased Retirement Pension              | 1,583,238         | 1,617,147         | 1,175,353         | 1,207,769         | 1,514,579         | 1,707,237         | 1,161,193         | 1,432,186         |
| Two-thirds Pension                        | 10,749,438        | 11,364,921        | 12,065,487        | 13,484,974        | 10,699,648        | 11,397,537        | 12,212,907        | 14,415,725        |
| Increased National Minimum Pension        | 754,885           | 829,047           | 920,333           | 924,865           | 581,263           | 594,347           | 682,640           | 778,565           |
| Decreased National Minimum Pension        | 42,823            | 46,543            | 46,914            | 56,005            | 85,010            | 46,250            | 46,295            | 56,118            |
| Pensions in respect of Invalidity         | 3,766,312         | 4,408,363         | 4,823,696         | 4,932,712         | 3,001,513         | 3,426,833         | 3,599,015         | 3,755,485         |
| Invalidity Pension                        | 662,967           | 772,737           | 794,506           | 791,673           | 555,563           | 607,069           | 613,892           | 615,978           |
| Increased Invalidity Pension              | 253,891           | 240,034           | 213,156           | 202,920           | 185,094           | 173,888           | 155,326           | 149,422           |
| National Minimum Invalidity Pension       | 2,834,203         | 3,380,162         | 3,801,128         | 3,925,056         | 2,247,226         | 2,633,904         | 2,815,039         | 2,981,038         |
| Decr. National Min. Invalidity Pension    | 15,251            | 15,430            | 14,906            | 13,064            | 13,630            | 11,972            | 14,759            | 9,048             |
| Pensions in respect of Widowhood          | 9,349,563         | 7,366,801         | 8,137,869         | 7,948,255         | 7,679,601         | 7,928,981         | 7,617,216         | 8,637,472         |
| Widows' Pension                           | 1,243,505         | 908,875           | 1,307,075         | 875,571           | 1,497,482         | 1,397,809         | 810,999           | 1,195,170         |
| Early Survivors' Pension                  | 1,351,743         | 1,060,656         | 1,111,306         | 1,168,265         | 1,028,823         | 1,078,869         | 1,119,476         | 1,202,856         |
| Survivors' Pension                        | 2,257,310         | 1,928,341         | 2,145,939         | 2,348,788         | 1,750,907         | 1,977,094         | 2,161,135         | 2,472,756         |
| National Minimum Widows' Pension          | 4,497,005         | 3,468,929         | 3,573,549         | 3,555,631         | 3,402,389         | 3,475,209         | 3,525,607         | 3,766,689         |
| Widows' Special Allowance                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Benefit in Respect of Industrial Injuries | 223,564           | 209,860           | 203,296           | 177,284           | 237,776           | 234,621           | 197,213           | 191,783           |
| Injury Benefit                            | 155,374           | 136,328           | 127,024           | 117,218           | 167,457           | 169,689           | 138,151           | 143,049           |
| Injury Pension                            | 46,759            | 47,902            | 48,318            | 47,699            | 34,599            | 36,579            | 36,529            | 35,442            |
| Injury Gratuity                           | 21,431            | 25,630            | 27,954            | 12,367            | 35,720            | 28,353            | 22,533            | 13,292            |
| Other Benefits                            | 1,075,262         | 1,059,399         | 983,364           | 1,038,040         | 1,077,170         | 1,135,564         | 1,030,530         | 1,110,943         |
| Unemployment Benefit                      | 200,332           | 194,694           | 199,983           | 153,347           | 165,274           | 217,139           | 192,186           | 175,342           |
| Special Unemployment Benefit              | 88,191            | 122,051           | 94,152            | 76,802            | 115,738           | 131,619           | 103,358           | 97,603            |
| Maternity Benefit                         | 160,978           | 149,041           | 144,332           | 161,044           | 158,808           | 175,319           | 168,543           | 180,881           |
| Sickness Benefit                          | 516,935           | 507,345           | 433,888           | 544,961           | 535,449           | 537,639           | 481,653           | 566,330           |
| Orphans' Allowance                        | 4,752             | 4,006             | 5,429             | 3,109             | 3,267             | 3,776             | 3,074             | 3,123             |
| Marriage Grant                            | 104,074           | 82,262            | 102,303           | 98,778            | 97,590            | 70,072            | 79,408            | 80,671            |
| Re-Marriage Gratuity                      | 0                 | 0                 | 3,277             | 0                 | 1,044             | 0                 | 2,309             | 6,992             |
| Bonus                                     | 1,105,595         | 1,215,830         | 1,151,827         | 1,171,471         | 4,165,092         | 4,353,636         | 4,551,112         | 4,658,284         |
| <b>Non-Contributory Benefits</b>          | <b>12,178,249</b> | <b>12,034,355</b> | <b>12,861,146</b> | <b>12,802,656</b> | <b>13,741,835</b> | <b>14,518,515</b> | <b>14,787,267</b> | <b>15,388,310</b> |
| Children's Allowance                      | 3,534,965         | 3,266,067         | 3,337,849         | 3,055,267         | 3,947,754         | 3,833,003         | 3,442,014         | 3,402,225         |
| Old Age                                   | 1,351,166         | 1,350,393         | 1,535,017         | 1,550,135         | 1,786,436         | 1,813,798         | 1,977,222         | 2,216,966         |
| Disability Pensions/Allowance             | 698,573           | 744,260           | 794,977           | 849,501           | 910,715           | 997,915           | 1,048,974         | 1,149,223         |
| Social Assistance                         | 4,237,049         | 4,502,190         | 4,946,273         | 5,069,934         | 4,218,187         | 4,666,587         | 5,058,700         | 5,284,028         |
| Medical Assistance                        | 1,622,951         | 1,318,338         | 1,332,366         | 1,400,752         | 1,200,581         | 1,322,211         | 1,323,593         | 1,409,058         |
| Supplementary Assistance                  | 455,402           | 572,879           | 623,475           | 584,664           | 472,225           | 626,918           | 639,820           | 617,973           |
| Bonus                                     | 278,143           | 280,228           | 291,189           | 292,404           | 1,205,937         | 1,258,083         | 1,296,944         | 1,308,836         |
| <b>Total Social Security Benefits</b>     | <b>47,402,768</b> | <b>46,704,250</b> | <b>49,464,047</b> | <b>50,952,576</b> | <b>48,960,822</b> | <b>50,663,512</b> | <b>51,897,095</b> | <b>57,144,359</b> |

Table 2. Annual data on social security benefits

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|  | 2000               | 2001               | 2002               | 2003               | 2004               | 2005               |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Contributory Benefits</b>                             | <b>123,262,824</b> | <b>133,450,124</b> | <b>138,770,076</b> | <b>146,838,430</b> | <b>151,267,710</b> | <b>162,859,360</b> |
| Pensions in respect of Retirement                        | 71,692,385         | 78,466,583         | 80,886,738         | 84,131,693         | 86,446,996         | 94,870,080         |
| Retirement Pension                                       | 11,659,858         | 12,965,708         | 13,442,655         | 13,774,180         | 14,330,406         | 15,837,798         |
| National Minimum Pension                                 | 11,958,869         | 11,695,817         | 11,709,342         | 11,376,778         | 11,393,464         | 11,618,920         |
| Increased Retirement Pension                             | 7,137,042          | 8,626,191          | 7,618,684          | 7,360,373          | 5,887,259          | 5,630,530          |
| Two-thirds Pension                                       | 38,582,596         | 42,493,931         | 45,436,231         | 48,766,294         | 51,683,519         | 58,372,742         |
| Increased National Minimum Pension                       | 2,248,091          | 2,494,859          | 2,444,683          | 2,660,789          | 2,948,700          | 3,159,774          |
| Decreased National Minimum Pension                       | 105,929            | 190,077            | 235,143            | 193,279            | 203,647            | 250,315            |
| Pensions in respect of Invalidity                        | 9,936,460          | 10,606,949         | 12,072,733         | 14,195,773         | 15,425,952         | 16,080,907         |
| Invalidity Pension                                       | 1,783,283          | 1,697,462          | 2,009,022          | 2,453,121          | 2,485,117          | 2,546,547          |
| Increased Invalidity Pension                             | 1,013,777          | 942,304            | 820,593            | 791,278            | 706,005            | 663,801            |
| National Minimum Invalidity Pension                      | 7,082,540          | 7,908,748          | 9,188,553          | 10,899,935         | 12,185,234         | 12,827,336         |
| Decreased National Minimum Invalidity Pension            | 56,860             | 58,435             | 54,565             | 51,439             | 49,597             | 43,223             |
| Pensions in respect of Widowhood                         | 27,495,475         | 30,134,484         | 30,611,156         | 32,453,019         | 33,244,663         | 35,319,463         |
| Widows' Pension  | 4,253,781          | 4,684,692          | 4,282,911          | 4,540,631          | 3,971,992          | 4,268,383          |
| Early Survivors' Pension                                 | 3,764,409          | 4,255,684          | 4,387,963          | 4,605,558          | 4,779,764          | 5,090,870          |
| Survivors' Pension                                       | 5,610,446          | 6,537,847          | 7,232,596          | 8,224,523          | 9,160,546          | 10,164,934         |
| National Minimum Widows' Pension                         | 13,865,836         | 14,655,671         | 14,707,642         | 15,082,307         | 15,332,362         | 15,795,276         |
| Widows' Special Allowance                                | 1,003              | 590                | 44                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| Benefit in Respect of Industrial Injuries and Gratuities | 766,297            | 736,220            | 838,985            | 901,021            | 744,831            | 754,023            |
| Injury Benefit   | 506,823            | 495,672            | 578,277            | 598,608            | 484,005            | 521,446            |
| Injury Pension   | 149,937            | 151,429            | 152,507            | 156,499            | 157,953            | 158,694            |
| Injury Gratuity  | 109,537            | 89,119             | 108,201            | 145,914            | 102,873            | 73,883             |
| Other Benefits   | 3,512,696          | 3,560,751          | 4,234,192          | 4,423,461          | 4,205,399          | 4,218,623          |
| Unemployment Benefit                                     | 480,977            | 525,188            | 771,625            | 745,554            | 894,195            | 703,885            |
| Special Unemployment Benefit                             | 315,681            | 329,522            | 453,752            | 473,594            | 485,274            | 388,600            |
| Maternity Benefit  | 561,387            | 589,865            | 617,361            | 638,677            | 626,703            | 664,493            |
| Sickness Benefit   | 1,835,837          | 1,803,475          | 2,070,336          | 2,272,627          | 1,890,213          | 2,149,010          |
| Orphans' Allowance                                       | 10,740             | 9,856              | 18,868             | 17,829             | 17,184             | 12,852             |
| Marriage Grant   | 289,120            | 280,376            | 298,813            | 264,394            | 277,853            | 285,059            |
| Re-Marriage Gratuity                                     | 18,954             | 22,469             | 3,437              | 10,786             | 13,978             | 14,724             |
| Bonus  | 9,859,511          | 9,945,137          | 10,126,272         | 10,733,463         | 11,199,869         | 11,616,264         |
| <b>Non-Contributory Benefits</b>                         | <b>52,620,620</b>  | <b>50,997,449</b>  | <b>51,978,916</b>  | <b>54,083,352</b>  | <b>56,190,517</b>  | <b>57,971,037</b>  |
| Children's Allowance                                     | 18,430,319         | 15,851,330         | 15,850,490         | 14,858,631         | 14,285,076         | 13,552,994         |
| Old Age  | 5,741,969          | 6,180,798          | 5,830,319          | 5,887,183          | 6,268,020          | 6,816,254          |
| Disability Pensions/Allowance                            | 2,764,677          | 3,103,212          | 3,015,957          | 3,221,553          | 3,377,628          | 3,708,424          |
| Social Assistance  | 15,445,918         | 15,719,079         | 17,210,271         | 18,949,107         | 20,768,943         | 22,013,884         |
| Medical Assistance                                       | 5,081,667          | 5,166,163          | 5,204,294          | 5,702,965          | 5,787,938          | 6,216,610          |
| Supplementary Assistance                                 | 2,352,606          | 2,097,779          | 1,927,441          | 2,414,479          | 2,527,616          | 2,473,947          |
| Bonus  | 2,803,464          | 2,879,088          | 2,940,144          | 3,049,434          | 3,175,296          | 3,188,924          |
| <b>Total Social Security Benefits</b>                    | <b>175,883,444</b> | <b>184,447,573</b> | <b>190,748,992</b> | <b>200,921,782</b> | <b>207,458,227</b> | <b>220,830,397</b> |
| <b>GDP AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (Lm000)</b>              | 1,696,299          | 1,737,695          | 1,796,821          | 1,829,068          | 1,830,406          | 1,927,093          |
| <b>Total Benefits as % of GDP</b>                        | 10.37              | 10.61              | 10.62              | 10.98              | 11.33              | 11.46              |

Table 3. Percentage distribution of benefits (quarterly) ...

%

|  | 2002          | 2003          | 2004          | 2005          | 2002          | 2003          | 2004          | 2005          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Q1            |               |               |               | Q2            |               |               |               |
|  | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        |
| <b>Contributory Benefits</b>               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Pensions in respect of Retirement          | 61.91         | 61.15         | 65.29         | 65.80         | 61.46         | 56.96         | 51.02         | 51.57         |
| Retirement Pension                         | 9.83          | 10.71         | 10.48         | 11.21         | 10.39         | 10.11         | 8.54          | 8.34          |
| National Minimum Pension                   | 9.16          | 8.45          | 6.65          | 6.67          | 7.12          | 6.10          | 6.89          | 6.45          |
| Increased Retirement Pension               | 6.45          | 5.79          | 5.82          | 4.16          | 6.74          | 4.95          | 3.37          | 3.06          |
| Two-thirds Pension                         | 34.43         | 34.12         | 40.51         | 41.80         | 35.62         | 34.27         | 30.30         | 31.83         |
| Increased National Minimum Pension         | 1.87          | 1.96          | 1.66          | 1.76          | 1.43          | 1.39          | 1.81          | 1.75          |
| Decreased National Minimum Pension         | 0.16          | 0.14          | 0.17          | 0.20          | 0.15          | 0.13          | 0.12          | 0.14          |
| Pensions in respect of Invalidity          | 8.73          | 9.49          | 8.95          | 9.00          | 7.03          | 7.54          | 9.11          | 8.82          |
| Invalidity Pension                         | 1.30          | 1.47          | 1.35          | 1.39          | 1.05          | 1.37          | 1.42          | 1.36          |
| Increased Invalidity Pension               | 0.65          | 0.59          | 0.44          | 0.39          | 0.49          | 0.43          | 0.43          | 0.36          |
| National Minimum Invalidity Pension        | 6.74          | 7.39          | 7.13          | 7.21          | 5.46          | 5.72          | 7.24          | 7.07          |
| Decreased National Min. Invalidity Pension | 0.05          | 0.04          | 0.03          | 0.03          | 0.03          | 0.03          | 0.02          | 0.02          |
| Pensions in respect of Widowhood           | 22.56         | 23.11         | 19.53         | 19.44         | 17.84         | 22.17         | 25.50         | 25.62         |
| Widows' Pension                            | 2.25          | 3.37          | 2.17          | 2.19          | 2.26          | 2.62          | 2.60          | 3.09          |
| Early Survivors' Pension                   | 3.37          | 3.27          | 2.84          | 2.83          | 2.61          | 3.22          | 3.72          | 3.71          |
| Survivors' Pension                         | 5.39          | 5.63          | 5.32          | 5.53          | 4.21          | 5.72          | 7.17          | 7.33          |
| National Minimum Widows' Pension           | 11.55         | 10.83         | 9.19          | 8.89          | 8.76          | 10.62         | 12.00         | 11.49         |
| Widows' Special Allowance                  | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Benefit in Respect of Industrial Injuries  | 0.62          | 0.66          | 0.42          | 0.49          | 0.50          | 0.56          | 0.46          | 0.44          |
| Injury Benefit                             | 0.42          | 0.43          | 0.27          | 0.35          | 0.34          | 0.35          | 0.30          | 0.28          |
| Injury Pension                             | 0.12          | 0.11          | 0.09          | 0.10          | 0.09          | 0.08          | 0.09          | 0.09          |
| Injury Gratuity                            | 0.08          | 0.12          | 0.07          | 0.04          | 0.07          | 0.12          | 0.07          | 0.07          |
| Other Benefits                             | 3.34          | 2.87          | 3.04          | 2.43          | 2.83          | 2.97          | 2.62          | 2.56          |
| Unemployment Benefit                       | 0.68          | 0.47          | 0.72          | 0.47          | 0.53          | 0.41          | 0.57          | 0.43          |
| Special Unemployment Benefit               | 0.42          | 0.32          | 0.39          | 0.29          | 0.33          | 0.27          | 0.35          | 0.23          |
| Maternity Benefit                          | 0.49          | 0.42          | 0.42          | 0.41          | 0.39          | 0.41          | 0.39          | 0.37          |
| Sickness Benefit                           | 1.60          | 1.51          | 1.38          | 1.13          | 1.40          | 1.69          | 1.13          | 1.37          |
| Orphans' Allowance                         | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.02          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          |
| Marriage Grant                             | 0.14          | 0.12          | 0.10          | 0.10          | 0.14          | 0.17          | 0.15          | 0.15          |
| Re-Marriage Gratuity                       | 0.00          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.02          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.00          |
| Bonus                                      | 2.85          | 2.72          | 2.77          | 2.84          | 10.35         | 9.80          | 11.29         | 10.98         |
| <b>Non-Contributory Benefits</b>           | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |
| Children's Allowance                       | 35.41         | 31.26         | 26.75         | 24.12         | 29.21         | 25.65         | 25.86         | 23.54         |
| Old Age                                    | 11.08         | 10.99         | 9.82          | 10.19         | 9.68          | 8.98          | 9.49          | 10.29         |
| Disability Pensions/Allowance              | 5.80          | 5.94          | 5.48          | 5.76          | 5.04          | 4.91          | 5.27          | 5.72          |
| Social Assistance                          | 32.00         | 34.32         | 41.54         | 43.89         | 35.00         | 36.52         | 34.03         | 34.57         |
| Medical Assistance                         | 9.45          | 10.45         | 9.57          | 9.67          | 8.86          | 11.68         | 12.33         | 13.16         |
| Supplementary Assistance                   | 4.07          | 4.84          | 4.44          | 4.24          | 3.63          | 4.06          | 4.42          | 4.30          |
| Bonus                                      | 2.19          | 2.20          | 2.40          | 2.13          | 8.57          | 8.20          | 8.61          | 8.43          |
| <b>Total Social Security Benefits</b>      | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |
| Contributory Benefits                      | 70.80         | 72.19         | 73.21         | 73.58         | 73.65         | 74.35         | 72.99         | 73.59         |
| Non-Contributory Benefits                  | 29.20         | 27.81         | 26.79         | 26.42         | 26.35         | 25.65         | 27.01         | 26.41         |

... Table 3. Percentage distribution of benefits (quarterly)

%

|  | 2002          | 2003          | 2004          | 2005          | 2002          | 2003          | 2004          | 2005          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Q3            |               |               |               | Q4            |               |               |               |
|  | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        |
| <b>Contributory Benefits</b>               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Pensions in respect of Retirement          | 55.94         | 58.87         | 58.20         | 59.98         | 54.11         | 52.75         | 54.20         | 56.04         |
| Retirement Pension                         | 8.60          | 8.89          | 10.06         | 9.74          | 9.88          | 7.78          | 8.85          | 9.66          |
| National Minimum Pension                   | 10.07         | 10.01         | 9.32          | 9.16          | 7.66          | 6.94          | 7.35          | 6.43          |
| Increased Retirement Pension               | 4.49          | 4.66          | 3.21          | 3.17          | 4.30          | 4.72          | 3.13          | 3.43          |
| Two-thirds Pension                         | 30.52         | 32.78         | 32.96         | 35.35         | 30.38         | 31.53         | 32.91         | 34.52         |
| Increased National Minimum Pension         | 2.14          | 2.39          | 2.51          | 2.42          | 1.65          | 1.64          | 1.84          | 1.86          |
| Decreased National Minimum Pension         | 0.12          | 0.13          | 0.13          | 0.15          | 0.24          | 0.13          | 0.12          | 0.13          |
| Pensions in respect of Invalidity          | 10.69         | 12.72         | 13.18         | 12.93         | 8.52          | 9.48          | 9.70          | 8.99          |
| Invalidity Pension                         | 1.88          | 2.23          | 2.17          | 2.08          | 1.58          | 1.68          | 1.65          | 1.48          |
| Increased Invalidity Pension               | 0.72          | 0.69          | 0.58          | 0.53          | 0.53          | 0.48          | 0.42          | 0.36          |
| National Minimum Invalidity Pension        | 8.05          | 9.75          | 10.38         | 10.29         | 6.38          | 7.29          | 7.59          | 7.14          |
| Decreased National Min. Invalidity Pension | 0.04          | 0.04          | 0.04          | 0.03          | 0.04          | 0.03          | 0.04          | 0.02          |
| Pensions in respect of Widowhood           | 26.54         | 21.25         | 22.23         | 20.83         | 21.81         | 21.94         | 20.53         | 20.69         |
| Widows' Pension                            | 3.53          | 2.62          | 3.57          | 2.30          | 4.25          | 3.87          | 2.19          | 2.86          |
| Early Survivors' Pension                   | 3.84          | 3.06          | 3.04          | 3.06          | 2.92          | 2.98          | 3.02          | 2.88          |
| Survivors' Pension                         | 6.41          | 5.56          | 5.86          | 6.16          | 4.97          | 5.47          | 5.82          | 5.92          |
| National Minimum Widows' Pension           | 12.77         | 10.01         | 9.76          | 9.32          | 9.66          | 9.61          | 9.50          | 9.02          |
| Widows' Special Allowance                  | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Benefit in Respect of Industrial Injuries  | 0.63          | 0.61          | 0.56          | 0.46          | 0.68          | 0.65          | 0.53          | 0.46          |
| Injury Benefit                             | 0.44          | 0.39          | 0.35          | 0.31          | 0.48          | 0.47          | 0.37          | 0.34          |
| Injury Pension                             | 0.13          | 0.14          | 0.13          | 0.13          | 0.10          | 0.10          | 0.10          | 0.08          |
| Injury Gratuity                            | 0.06          | 0.07          | 0.08          | 0.03          | 0.10          | 0.08          | 0.06          | 0.03          |
| Other Benefits                             | 3.05          | 3.06          | 2.69          | 2.72          | 3.06          | 3.14          | 2.78          | 2.66          |
| Unemployment Benefit                       | 0.57          | 0.56          | 0.55          | 0.40          | 0.47          | 0.60          | 0.52          | 0.42          |
| Special Unemployment Benefit               | 0.25          | 0.35          | 0.26          | 0.20          | 0.33          | 0.36          | 0.28          | 0.23          |
| Maternity Benefit                          | 0.46          | 0.43          | 0.39          | 0.42          | 0.45          | 0.49          | 0.45          | 0.43          |
| Sickness Benefit                           | 1.47          | 1.46          | 1.19          | 1.43          | 1.52          | 1.49          | 1.30          | 1.36          |
| Orphans' Allowance                         | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          |
| Marriage Grant                             | 0.30          | 0.24          | 0.28          | 0.26          | 0.28          | 0.19          | 0.21          | 0.19          |
| Re-Marriage Gratuity                       | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.01          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.01          | 0.02          |
| Bonus                                      | 3.14          | 3.51          | 3.15          | 3.07          | 11.83         | 12.04         | 12.26         | 11.16         |
| <b>Non-Contributory Benefits</b>           | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |
| Children's Allowance                       | 29.03         | 27.14         | 25.95         | 23.86         | 28.73         | 26.40         | 23.28         | 22.11         |
| Old Age                                    | 11.09         | 11.22         | 11.94         | 12.11         | 13.00         | 12.49         | 13.37         | 14.41         |
| Disability Pensions/Allowance              | 5.74          | 6.18          | 6.18          | 6.64          | 6.63          | 6.87          | 7.09          | 7.47          |
| Social Assistance                          | 34.79         | 37.41         | 38.46         | 39.60         | 30.70         | 32.14         | 34.21         | 34.34         |
| Medical Assistance                         | 13.33         | 10.95         | 10.36         | 10.94         | 8.74          | 9.11          | 8.95          | 9.16          |
| Supplementary Assistance                   | 3.74          | 4.76          | 4.85          | 4.57          | 3.44          | 4.32          | 4.33          | 4.02          |
| Bonus                                      | 2.28          | 2.33          | 2.26          | 2.28          | 8.78          | 8.67          | 8.77          | 8.51          |
| <b>Total Social Security Benefits</b>      | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |
| Contributory Benefits                      | 74.31         | 74.23         | 74.00         | 74.87         | 71.93         | 71.34         | 71.51         | 73.07         |
| Non-Contributory Benefits                  | 25.69         | 25.77         | 26.00         | 25.13         | 28.07         | 28.66         | 28.49         | 26.93         |

Table 4. Percentage distribution of benefits (Annual)

%

|  | 2000          | 2001          | 2002          | 2003          | 2004          | 2005          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Contributory Benefits</b>                             | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |
| Pensions in respect of Retirement                        | 58.16         | 58.80         | 58.29         | 57.30         | 57.15         | 58.25         |
| Retirement Pension                                       | 9.46          | 9.72          | 9.69          | 9.38          | 9.47          | 9.72          |
| National Minimum Pension                                 | 9.70          | 8.76          | 8.44          | 7.75          | 7.53          | 7.13          |
| Increased Retirement Pension                             | 5.79          | 6.46          | 5.49          | 5.01          | 3.89          | 3.46          |
| Two-thirds Pension                                       | 31.30         | 31.84         | 32.74         | 33.21         | 34.17         | 35.84         |
| Increased National Minimum Pension                       | 1.82          | 1.87          | 1.76          | 1.81          | 1.95          | 1.94          |
| Decreased National Minimum Pension                       | 0.09          | 0.14          | 0.17          | 0.13          | 0.13          | 0.15          |
| Pensions in respect of Invalidity                        | 8.06          | 7.95          | 8.70          | 9.67          | 10.20         | 9.87          |
| Invalidity Pension                                       | 1.45          | 1.27          | 1.45          | 1.67          | 1.64          | 1.56          |
| Increased Invalidity Pension                             | 0.82          | 0.71          | 0.59          | 0.54          | 0.47          | 0.41          |
| National Minimum Invalidity Pension                      | 5.75          | 5.93          | 6.62          | 7.42          | 8.06          | 7.88          |
| Decreased National Minimum Invalidity Pension            | 0.05          | 0.04          | 0.04          | 0.04          | 0.03          | 0.03          |
| Pensions in respect of Widowhood                         | 22.31         | 22.58         | 22.06         | 22.10         | 21.98         | 21.69         |
| Widows' Pension  | 3.45          | 3.51          | 3.09          | 3.09          | 2.63          | 2.62          |
| Early Survivors' Pension                                 | 3.05          | 3.19          | 3.16          | 3.14          | 3.16          | 3.13          |
| Survivors' Pension                                       | 4.55          | 4.90          | 5.21          | 5.60          | 6.06          | 6.24          |
| National Minimum Widows' Pension                         | 11.25         | 10.98         | 10.60         | 10.27         | 10.14         | 9.70          |
| Widows' Special Allowance                                | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Benefit in Respect of Industrial Injuries and Gratuities | 0.62          | 0.55          | 0.60          | 0.61          | 0.49          | 0.46          |
| Injury Benefit   | 0.41          | 0.37          | 0.42          | 0.41          | 0.32          | 0.32          |
| Injury Pension   | 0.12          | 0.11          | 0.11          | 0.11          | 0.10          | 0.10          |
| Injury Gratuity  | 0.09          | 0.07          | 0.08          | 0.10          | 0.07          | 0.05          |
| Other Benefits   | 2.85          | 2.67          | 3.05          | 3.01          | 2.78          | 2.59          |
| Unemployment Benefit                                     | 0.39          | 0.39          | 0.56          | 0.51          | 0.59          | 0.43          |
| Special Unemployment Benefit                             | 0.26          | 0.25          | 0.33          | 0.32          | 0.32          | 0.24          |
| Maternity Benefit  | 0.46          | 0.44          | 0.44          | 0.43          | 0.41          | 0.41          |
| Sickness Benefit   | 1.49          | 1.35          | 1.49          | 1.55          | 1.25          | 1.32          |
| Orphans' Allowance                                       | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          |
| Marriage Grant   | 0.23          | 0.21          | 0.22          | 0.18          | 0.18          | 0.18          |
| Re-Marriage Gratuity                                     | 0.02          | 0.02          | 0.00          | 0.01          | 0.01          | 0.01          |
| Bonus  | 8.00          | 7.45          | 7.30          | 7.31          | 7.40          | 7.13          |
| <b>Non-Contributory Benefits</b>                         | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |
| Children's Allowance                                     | 35.02         | 31.08         | 30.49         | 27.47         | 25.42         | 23.38         |
| Old Age  | 10.91         | 12.12         | 11.22         | 10.89         | 11.15         | 11.76         |
| Disability Pensions/Allowance                            | 5.25          | 6.09          | 5.80          | 5.96          | 6.01          | 6.40          |
| Social Assistance  | 29.35         | 30.82         | 33.11         | 35.04         | 36.96         | 37.97         |
| Medical Assistance                                       | 9.66          | 10.13         | 10.01         | 10.54         | 10.30         | 10.72         |
| Supplementary Assistance                                 | 4.47          | 4.11          | 3.71          | 4.46          | 4.50          | 4.27          |
| Bonus  | 5.33          | 5.65          | 5.66          | 5.64          | 5.65          | 5.50          |
| <b>Total Social Security Benefits</b>                    | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |
| Contributory Benefits                                    | 70.08         | 72.35         | 72.75         | 73.08         | 72.91         | 73.75         |
| Non-Contributory Benefits                                | 29.92         | 27.65         | 27.25         | 26.92         | 27.09         | 26.25         |

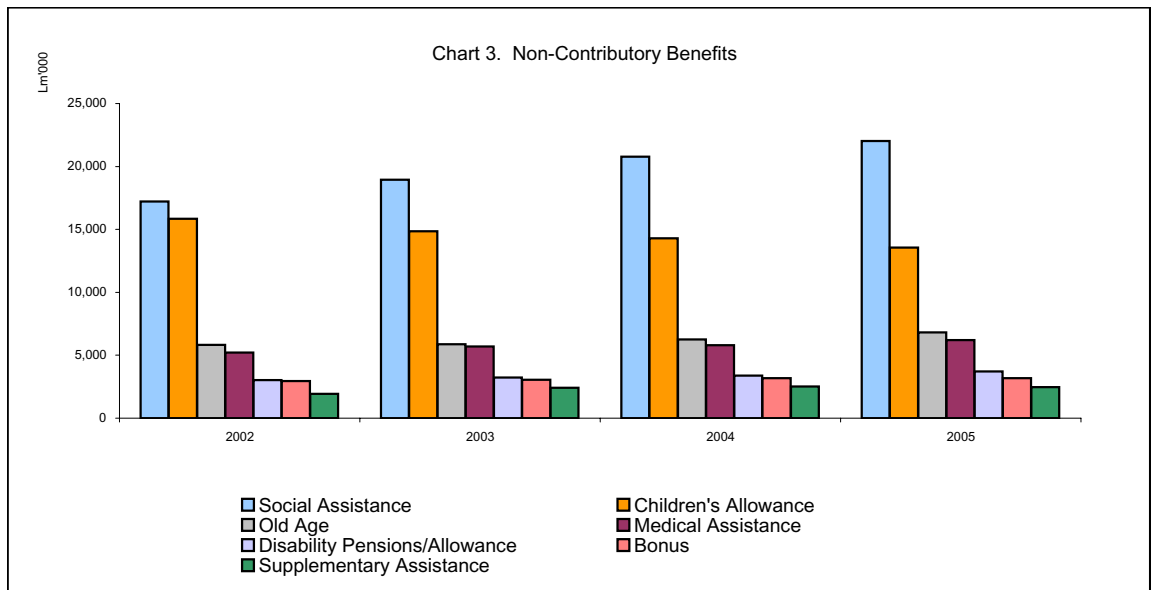
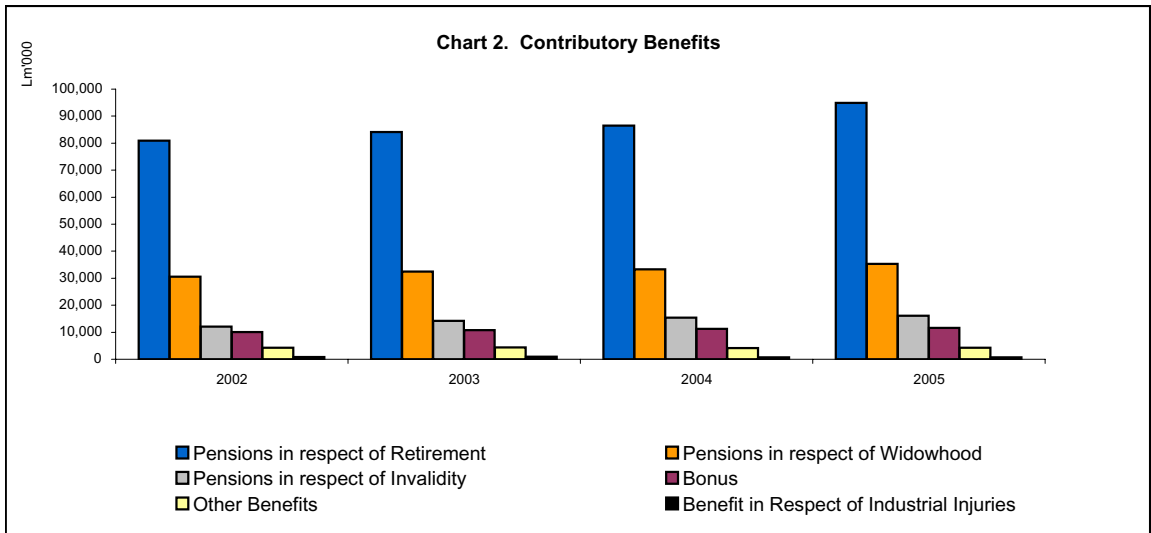
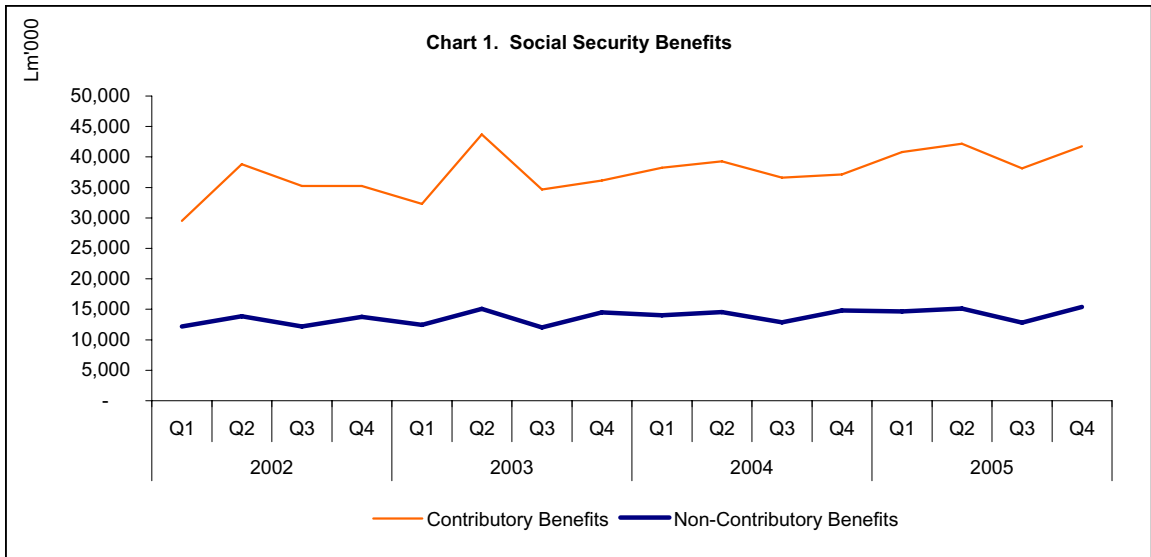
Table 5. Comparative Social Security Benefits (Jan-Dec)

| Description  | Jan-Dec<br>2003 | Jan-Dec<br>2004 | Jan-Dec<br>2005 | Jan-Dec 2004/<br>Jan-Dec 2005 |             |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
|  |                 |                 |                 | Absolute<br>Change            | % change    |
|  | Lm thousands    |                 |                 |                               |             |
| <b>Contributory Benefits</b>                             | <b>146,838</b>  | <b>151,268</b>  | <b>162,859</b>  | <b>11,592</b>                 | <b>7.66</b> |
| Pensions in respect of Retirement                        | 84,132          | 86,447          | 94,870          | 8,423                         | 9.74        |
| Retirement Pension                                       | 13,774          | 14,330          | 15,838          | 1,507                         | 10.52       |
| National Minimum Pension                                 | 11,377          | 11,393          | 11,619          | 225                           | 1.98        |
| Increased Retirement Pension                             | 7,360           | 5,887           | 5,631           | -257                          | -4.36       |
| Two-thirds Pension                                       | 48,766          | 51,684          | 58,373          | 6,689                         | 12.94       |
| Increased National Minimum Pension                       | 2,661           | 2,949           | 3,160           | 211                           | 7.16        |
| Decreased National Minimum Pension                       | 193             | 204             | 250             | 47                            | 22.92       |
| Pensions in respect of Invalidity                        | 14,196          | 15,426          | 16,081          | 655                           | 4.25        |
| Invalidity Pension                                       | 2,453           | 2,485           | 2,547           | 61                            | 2.47        |
| Increased Invalidity Pension                             | 791             | 706             | 664             | -42                           | -5.98       |
| National Minimum Invalidity Pension                      | 10,900          | 12,185          | 12,827          | 642                           | 5.27        |
| Decreased National Minimum Invalidity Pension            | 51              | 50              | 43              | -6                            | -12.85      |
| Pensions in respect of Widowhood                         | 32,453          | 33,245          | 35,319          | 2,075                         | 6.24        |
| Widows' Pension  | 4,541           | 3,972           | 4,268           | 296                           | 7.46        |
| Early Survivors' Pension                                 | 4,606           | 4,780           | 5,091           | 311                           | 6.51        |
| Survivors' Pension                                       | 8,225           | 9,161           | 10,165          | 1,004                         | 10.96       |
| National Minimum Widows' Pension                         | 15,082          | 15,332          | 15,795          | 463                           | 3.02        |
| Widows' Special Allowance                                | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                             | 0           |
| Benefit in Respect of Industrial Injuries and Gratuities | 901             | 745             | 754             | 9                             | 1.23        |
| Injury Benefit   | 599             | 484             | 521             | 37                            | 7.74        |
| Injury Pension   | 156             | 158             | 159             | 1                             | 0.47        |
| Injury Gratuity  | 146             | 103             | 74              | -29                           | -28.18      |
| Other Benefits   | 4,423           | 4,205           | 4,219           | 13                            | 0.31        |
| Unemployment Benefit                                     | 746             | 894             | 704             | -190                          | -21.28      |
| Special Unemployment Benefit                             | 474             | 485             | 389             | -97                           | -19.92      |
| Maternity Benefit  | 639             | 627             | 664             | 38                            | 6.03        |
| Sickness Benefit   | 2,273           | 1,890           | 2,149           | 259                           | 13.69       |
| Orphans' Allowance                                       | 18              | 17              | 13              | -4                            | -25.21      |
| Marriage Grant   | 264             | 278             | 285             | 7                             | 2.59        |
| Re-Marriage Gratuity                                     | 11              | 14              | 15              | 1                             | 5.34        |
| Bonus  | 10,733          | 11,200          | 11,616          | 416                           | 3.72        |
| <b>Non-Contributory Benefits</b>                         | <b>54,083</b>   | <b>56,191</b>   | <b>57,971</b>   | <b>1,781</b>                  | <b>3.17</b> |
| Children's Allowance                                     | 14,859          | 14,285          | 13,553          | -732                          | -5.12       |
| Old Age  | 5,887           | 6,268           | 6,816           | 548                           | 8.75        |
| Disability Pensions/Allowance                            | 3,222           | 3,378           | 3,708           | 331                           | 9.79        |
| Social Assistance  | 18,949          | 20,769          | 22,014          | 1,245                         | 5.99        |
| Medical Assistance                                       | 5,703           | 5,788           | 6,217           | 429                           | 7.41        |
| Supplementary Assistance                                 | 2,414           | 2,528           | 2,474           | -54                           | -2.12       |
| Bonus  | 3,049           | 3,175           | 3,189           | 14                            | 0.43        |
| <b>Total Social Security Benefits</b>                    | <b>200,922</b>  | <b>207,458</b>  | <b>220,830</b>  | <b>13,372</b>                 | <b>6.45</b> |



**Table 6. Comparative Social Security Benefits (Jan-Dec Indices)**

| Description  | Jan-Dec 2003       | Jan-Dec 2004  | Jan-Dec 2005  |
|--|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Jan-Dec 2003 = 100 |               |               |
| <b>Contributory Benefits</b>                             | <b>100.00</b>      | <b>103.02</b> | <b>110.91</b> |
| Pensions in respect of Retirement                        | 100.00             | 102.75        | 112.76        |
| Retirement Pension                                       | 100.00             | 104.04        | 114.98        |
| National Minimum Pension                                 | 100.00             | 100.15        | 102.13        |
| Increased Retirement Pension                             | 100.00             | 79.99         | 76.50         |
| Two-thirds Pension                                       | 100.00             | 105.98        | 119.70        |
| Increased National Minimum Pension                       | 100.00             | 110.82        | 118.75        |
| Decreased National Minimum Pension                       | 100.00             | 105.36        | 129.51        |
| Pensions in respect of Invalidity                        | 100.00             | 108.67        | 113.28        |
| Invalidity Pension                                       | 100.00             | 101.30        | 103.81        |
| Increased Invalidity Pension                             | 100.00             | 89.22         | 83.89         |
| National Minimum Invalidity Pension                      | 100.00             | 111.79        | 117.68        |
| Decreased National Minimum Invalidity Pension            | 100.00             | 96.42         | 84.03         |
| Pensions in respect of Widowhood                         | 100.00             | 102.44        | 108.83        |
| Widows' Pension  | 100.00             | 87.48         | 94.00         |
| Early Survivors' Pension                                 | 100.00             | 103.78        | 110.54        |
| Survivors' Pension                                       | 100.00             | 111.38        | 123.59        |
| National Minimum Widows' Pension                         | 100.00             | 101.66        | 104.73        |
| Widows' Special Allowance                                | 100.00             | -             | -             |
| Benefit in Respect of Industrial Injuries and Gratuities | 100.00             | 82.67         | 83.69         |
| Injury Benefit   | 100.00             | 80.86         | 87.11         |
| Injury Pension   | 100.00             | 100.93        | 101.40        |
| Injury Gratuity  | 100.00             | 70.50         | 50.63         |
| Other Benefits   | 100.00             | 95.07         | 95.37         |
| Unemployment Benefit                                     | 100.00             | 119.94        | 94.41         |
| Special Unemployment Benefit                             | 100.00             | 102.47        | 82.05         |
| Maternity Benefit  | 100.00             | 98.13         | 104.04        |
| Sickness Benefit   | 100.00             | 83.17         | 94.56         |
| Orphans' Allowance                                       | 100.00             | 96.38         | 72.09         |
| Marriage Grant   | 100.00             | 105.09        | 107.82        |
| Re-Marriage Gratuity                                     | 100.00             | 129.59        | 136.51        |
| Bonus  | 100.00             | 104.35        | 108.22        |
| <b>Non-Contributory Benefits</b>                         | <b>100.00</b>      | <b>103.90</b> | <b>107.19</b> |
| Children's Allowance                                     | 100.00             | 96.14         | 91.21         |
| Old Age  | 100.00             | 106.47        | 115.78        |
| Disability Pensions/Allowance                            | 100.00             | 104.84        | 115.11        |
| Social Assistance  | 100.00             | 109.60        | 116.17        |
| Medical Assistance                                       | 100.00             | 101.49        | 109.01        |
| Supplementary Assistance                                 | 100.00             | 104.69        | 102.46        |
| Bonus  | 100.00             | 104.13        | 104.57        |
| <b>Total Social Security Benefits</b>                    | <b>100.00</b>      | <b>103.25</b> | <b>109.91</b> |



## Glossary

**Contributory Benefits:** The local contributory scheme is a system where an employee, self-occupied or self-employed person pays a weekly contribution as laid down in the Social Security Act, through a 'pay as your earn' system. All the pensions and other allowances payable under this scheme are subject to some form of contribution test depending on the type of benefit claimed.

**Non-Contributory Benefits:** The non-contributory scheme was originally intended to act as a safety net by catering for those below the 'poverty line'. Unlike the contributory scheme, the benefits within the non-contributory scheme are not based on the contributions, but on a financial means-test of the person claiming the benefit.

**Retirement Pension:** is payable on reaching pension age (61 in the case of males and 60 for females). The rates and types of categories vary according to a range of statutory conditions.

**National Minimum Pension / Increased National Minimum Pension** is payable to a person who is not in receipt of a Service pension from an employer. The rates applicable are four-fifths of the National Minimum Wage in the case of a married man maintaining a wife and two-thirds of the National Minimum Wage in the case of any other person.

**Increased Retirement Pension** applies to cases where the sum total of a person's service pension together with the rate of retirement pension applicable in the case are lower than the two-thirds of the person's pensionable income.

**Decreased National Minimum Pension:** where a person is entitled to a service pension and his service pension together with the rate of retirement pension or increased retirement pension applicable in his case is less than the rate of national minimum pension in his case, such a person shall be entitled to the National minimum pension reduced by his service pension.

**Two-Thirds Pension** is a pension related to earnings, payable to persons who have retired after January 1979. This scheme provides for a pension equivalent to two-thirds of the insured person's pensionable income. Maximum and minimum rates are applicable.

**Invalidity Pension** is payable to persons deemed permanently incapable for suitable full-time or regular part-time employment. There are various rates according to different conditions.

**Widows' Pension** is payable to widows, irrespective of age, who are not gainfully occupied, who are occupied but earning less than the national minimum wage, or who are carrying out gainful activities but have the care and custody of children under 16 years of age. Rates may vary according to conditions outlined in the Social Security Act (Social Security Act, Part IV, and subsequent amendments). Any reference to a widow also means a widower.

**Survivors' Pension** is an earnings related pension payable to a widow whose husband was entitled to a two-thirds pension or whose husband would have been entitled to a pension had he reached retiring age at the time of his death.

**Injury Benefit** This benefit is payable for injury at work or contraction of industrial disease. Maximum entitlement is limited to 12 months.

**Injury Pension:** is payable if injury or disease caused or contracted whilst at work is considered to cause a loss of physical or mental faculty calculated between 20% and 89%. Rates awarded vary according to the degree of disability. Where the degree of disablement is assessed at 90% and over, the person concerned is automatically awarded an Invalidity Pension at the full rate.

**Injury Gratuity** is a lump sum payment payable to a person following injury at work and where the degree of disability is estimated as being between 1% and 19%.

**Unemployment Benefit** is payable to unemployed persons for a period of 156 days. This benefit is considered as a short-term benefit. Subsequently unemployed persons may qualify for long-term benefits under 'Social Assistance'.

**Special Unemployment Benefit:** entitlement is also for 156 days but at a higher rate. This benefit is applicable to persons who would qualify for non-contributory Social Assistance.

**Maternity Benefit** is payable to local residing pregnant citizens of Malta in respect of the last 8 weeks of pregnancy and the first 5 weeks after childbirth. This benefit is only payable if the female is not entitled to maternity leave from her employer, if employed.

**Sickness Benefit:** Entitlement of 156 days but may in certain cases be extended to 312 days. The first three days of each new claim for this benefit are not paid.

**Orphans' Allowance** is a weekly allowance paid to a guardian of a child or children who are under 16 years of age.

**Orphans' Supplementary Allowance** is a further weekly allowance paid to a guardian of a child or children aged between 16 years and 21 years who are not following any gainful occupation the gross earnings of which exceeds the national income wage.

**Marriage Grant** is a one-time payment payable upon marriage to persons ordinarily resident in Malta. To be eligible a person must be employed, self-employed or self-occupied for at least six months at any time prior to his marriage.

**Re-marriage Grant** is payable to a widow who remarries and hence forfeits her right to a widow's pension. The payment is equivalent to one year's widows' pension.

**Children's Allowance** is payable to locally residing female citizens of Malta who have the care of children under 16 years of age, and where the household income does not exceed a stipulated amount.

**Old Age Pension** is payable to citizens of Malta over 60 years of age.

**Pensions in respect of Disability** are payable to citizens of Malta over 16 years of age.

**Social Assistance** is payable to heads of households who are either unemployed or seeking employment and whose relative financial means falls below that established by the Social Security Act. This benefit is also payable to single or widowed females who lack financial resources and who are caring for an elderly or physically/mentally handicapped relative on a full-time basis.

**Supplementary Assistance** is payable to households where the total income of the members falls below the limits outlined by the Social Security Act.

**Medical Assistance** is a benefit payable to persons suffering from a chronic disease or condition that requires special diet.

**Methodological notes:**

The data provided in this release is extracted from the administrative records of the Social Security Department which are based on the Consolidated Fund of Government. As such this data is not normally subject to revision.