

Total Of 662,939 Businesses Produced Goods & Services Worth RM707.5 Billion In 2010

PUTRAJAYA, June 25 (Bernama) -- In 2010, a total of 662,939 active business entities in the country produced goods and services worth RM707.5 billion, it was reported in the 2011 Economic Census Report released Monday.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop said from the businesses, 89.2 per cent or 591,137 were from the services sector, six per cent or 39,669 from the manufacturing sector, 3.3 per cent or 22,140 from the construction sector, 1.3 per cent or 8,829 from the agriculture sector and 0.06 per cent or 418 from mining and quarry.

In terms of value, the services sector was the biggest contributor with RM371.6 billion or 52.5 per cent, followed by the manufacturing sector with RM170.7 billion or 24.1 per cent and the mining and quarry sector with RM88.7 billion or 12.5 per cent.

Nor Mohamed who presented the report said from the total number of business entities, 19.2 per cent or 127,422 businesses were owned by women, with the services sector recording the highest participation from them at 91.5 per cent followed by the manufacturing sector with 6.9 per cent and construction 1.1 per cent.

Nor Mohamed said in 2010, the number of workers in the main economic sector was 6,952,364, with 52.9 per cent of them accounted in the services sector, 26 per cent in the manufacturing sector and 14 per cent in the construction sector.

The report comprised 11 publications covering agriculture, manufacturing, food and beverage services, transportation and logistics, information and communication, construction and mining and quarrying. The data can be obtained from the Statistics Department's website at www.statistics.gov.my.