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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Release Results of Environmental Economic Survey 2009

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics release a special environmental report about the environment of the economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory. This report depends on the Environmental Economic Survey which implemented during the period 22/03/2009 to 28/05/2009. The survey aimed at covering the whole economic sectors. It provided data on the main indicators of environment in the economic establishments, including water, management of solid waste and wastewater.

Survey results showed that the average quantity of water consumed by economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 was 3,071 thousand cubic meters per month. Geographically, the average quantity of water consumed by the economic establishments in the West Bank was 1,664 thousand cubic meters per month, and 1,407 thousand cubic meters per month in Gaza Strip.

Results showed that the main source for obtaining water in the economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 was the public water network; 92.0% used this source compared with 87.5% in 2008. Geographically, the percentage of economic establishments that obtain water from the public water network in the West Bank was 92.7% of economic establishments, compared with 90.6% in Gaza Strip.

Data indicated that the percentage of economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 that used wastewater network to dispose wastewater was 59.9%, compared with 29.9% using porous cesspits.

The results indicated that the economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory produced 7,807 tons of solid waste per month, divided into 6,308 tons produced by the economic establishments in the West Bank and 1,499 tons produced by the economic establishments in Gaza Strip.

The results indicated that the percentage of economic establishments that treat solid waste in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 was 2.2%, 61.7% of these economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 use the open burning method in treating the solid waste, and 16.2% of the economic establishments used chemical treatment.

Data revealed that the percentage of the economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 that dispose of their solid waste themselves was 6.0%, whereas the percentage of the economic establishments served by local authority disposal services was 86.3%. Also, data showed that 7.6% of the total economic establishments in the West Bank dispose of their solid waste by themselves compared with 2.1% of the total economic establishments in Gaza Strip.