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TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: January - March 2004

During the first quarter of 2004, 656,446 passengers used the Malta-Gozo ferries to cross from one island to the other; a decrease of 9,776 passengers or 1.5 per cent over the same period the year before. The total number of passenger vehicles carried by the ferries increased by 22,310 to 195,552, an increase of 12.9 per cent over the corresponding period in 2003. In the quarter under review, 4,470 trips were made between Malta and Gozo; an increase of 172 or 4.0 per cent over the same period the year before. The M.V. Ta' Pinu carried 279,234 passengers or 42.5 per cent of the total passengers in this period. The other two main Gozo Channel ferries M.V. Gaudos and M.V. Malita carried 200,412 and 162,060 passengers respectively.

Table 1. Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo

Year	Trips	Passenger vehicles	Cargo vehicles	Total vehicles	Total passengers
2000					
January-March	4,578	133,145	4,825	137,970	540,198
April-June	5,547	181,487	5,251	186,738	828,949
July-September	6,806	245,398	5,916	251,314	1,084,970
October-December	4,999	156,591	5,169	161,760	614,399
Total	21,930	716,621	21,161	737,782	3,068,516
2001					
January-March	4,506	149,505	4,985	154,490	565,939
April-June	5,441	199,400	5,405	204,805	862,555
July-September	6,795	262,588	5,783	268,371	1,129,517
October-December	5,014	163,899	5,155	169,054	620,102
Total	21,756	775,392	21,328	796,720	3,178,113
2002					
January-March	4,602	166,425	4,676	171,101	616,707
April-June	4,656	204,757	5,170	209,927	856,287
July-September	5,670	274,718	5,904	280,622	1,180,524
October-December	4,423	178,195	5,068	183,263	666,222
Total	19,351	824,095	20,818	844,913	3,319,740
2003					
January-March	4,298	173,242	n/a	n/a	605,036
April-June	4,769	231,201	n/a	n/a	908,402
July-September	5,623	293,599	n/a	n/a	1,169,993
October-December	4,166	201,179	n/a	n/a	704,671
Total	18,856	899,221	n/a	n/a	3,388,102
2004					
January-March	4,470	195,552	n/a	n/a	656,446

Source: Gozo Channel

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Table 2. Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo

	Jan. - Mar. 2002	Jan. - Mar. 2003	Absolute Change	% Change	Jan. - Mar. 2003	Jan. - Mar. 2004	Absolute Change	% Change
Trips	4,602	4,298	-304	-6.61	4,298	4,470	172	4.00
Passenger Vehicles	166,425	173,242	6,817	4.10	173,242	195,552	22,310	12.88
Total Passengers	616,707	666,222	49,515	8.03	666,222	656,446	-9,776	-1.47

