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Environmental protection expenditure by local councils : 2002

This news release focuses on environmental protection expenditure incurred by local councils in 2002.

During 2002 total environmental protection expenditure incurred by all 68 local councils increased marginally from Lm2,832,314 in 2001 to 2,846,838 in 2002 - an increase of Lm14,524 (or 0.01%). Increases were registered in bulky refuse collection; cleaning services; [maintenance of] countryside, parks and gardens; and road and street cleaning. On the other hand hiring of skips, public conveniences, rain water drains, refuse collection, verges and soft areas, and waste disposal all registered decreases.

Table 1 shows the distribution of expenses incurred by local councils in Malta. Out of the Lm2.6 million expended in 2002, Lm0.9 million (or 36.7%) was directed towards refuse collection, Lm0.8 million (29.3%) was spent on road and street cleaning and Lm 0.3 million (11.2%) on parks and gardens. Relatively less was spent on all other categories, with waste disposal and rain water drains attracting only 0.2% and 0.1% of total expenditure respectively. An increase of Lm34,611 (or 1.4%) was registered in the overall expenditure incurred by Maltese local councils over the previous year. Chart 1 shows a graphical representation of the expenditure by category as incurred in 2001 and 2002.

Environmental protection in Gozo was mostly directed towards refuse collection with 39.8% of the total expenditure in 2002. Road and street cleaning and public convenience took up Lm0.09 million (or 32.9%) between them. No expenditure was registered on cleaning services and on rain water drains in Gozo. The category which attracted the least expenditure was verges and soft areas, with only Lm1,413 (or 0.5%) expended in 2002. It is to be noted that Gozitan local councils spent less on environmental protection expenditure in 2002 when compared to 2001. In fact expenditure decreased by Lm20,087 (or 0.1%) to Lm261,244.

Figures given in Table 4 show that the district which garners most environmental protection expenditure is the Northern Harbour district, followed by the Southern Harbour district. Table 3 shows that virtually all environmental protection expenditure incurred by local councils was directed towards Waste Management and Protection of Biodiversity and Landscape.

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Table 1. Environmental protection expenditure by local councils (Malta)

Lm

Type	2001	%	2002	%
Bulky Refuse Collection	97,018	3.8	109,811	4.3
Cleaning Services	17,925	0.7	32,021	1.2
Countryside [Maintenance of]	126,510	5.0	147,642	5.7
Hiring of Skips	36,463	1.4	28,674	1.1
Parks & Gardens	287,290	11.3	288,036	11.2
Public Conveniences	239,050	9.4	236,167	9.1
Rain Water Drains	1,463	0.1	1,171	0.1
Refuse Collection	963,358	37.7	948,734	36.7
Road & Street Cleaning	734,902	28.8	757,763	29.3
Verges/Soft Areas [Maintenance of]	35,617	1.4	29,539	1.1
Waste Disposal	11,407	0.4	6,056	0.2
Total	2,551,003	100.0	2,585,614	100.0

Chart 1. Environmental Protection Expenditure by Local Councils (Malta)

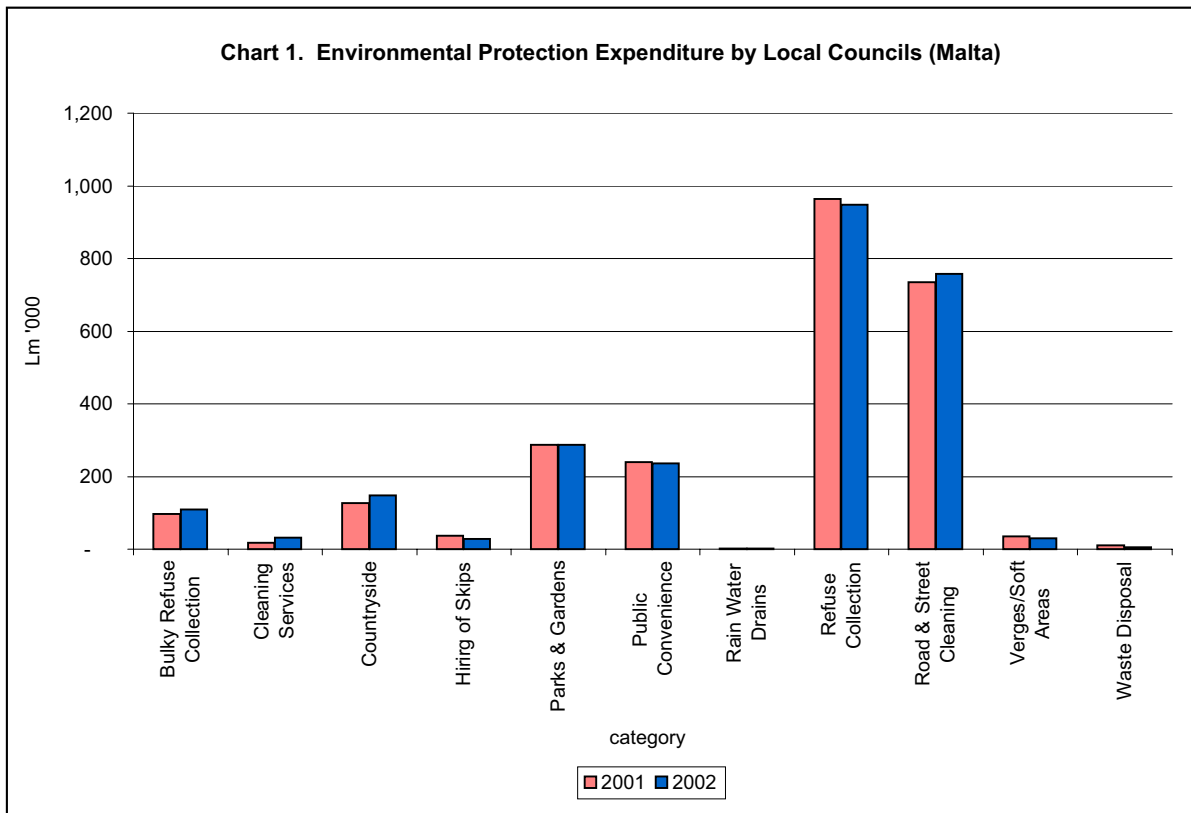


Table 2. environmental protection expenditure by local councils (Gozo)

Lm

Domain	2001	%	2002	%
Bulky Refuse Collection	7,107	2.5	6,261	2.4
Cleaning Services	-	-	-	-
Countryside [Maintenance of]	14,868	5.3	15,549	6.0
Hiring of Skips	10,945	3.9	11,209	4.3
Parks & Gardens	23,367	8.3	22,717	8.7
Public Conveniences	36,522	13.0	36,444	14.0
Rain Water Drains	-	-	-	-
Refuse Collection	109,204	38.8	104,021	39.8
Road & Street Cleaning	54,162	19.3	49,488	18.9
Verges/Soft Areas [Maintenance of]	1,743	0.6	1,413	0.5
Waste Disposal	23,393	8.3	14,122	5.4
Total	281,311	100.0	261,224	100.0

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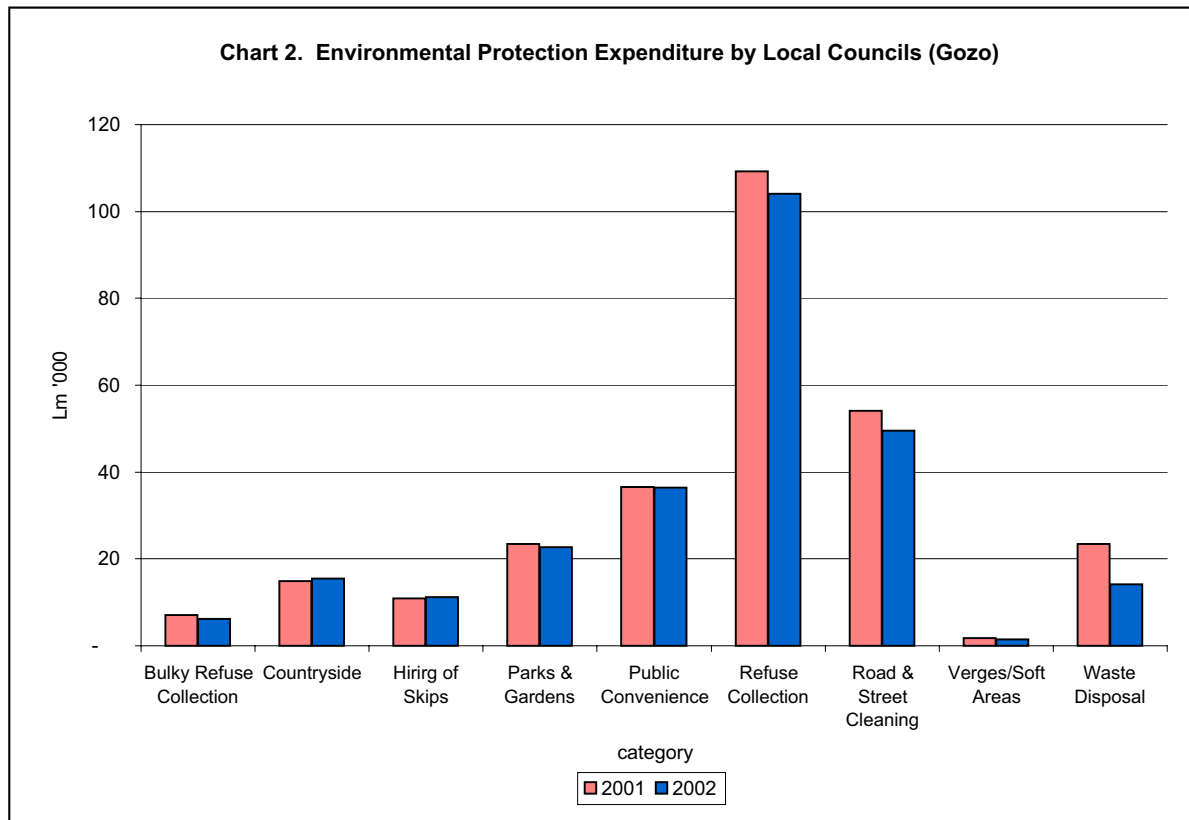


Table 3. Total environmental protection expenditure by local councils by region and district

Lm

	2001	%	2002	%
MALTESE ISLANDS	2,832,314	100.0	2,846,838	100.0
MALTA	2,551,003	90.1	2,585,614	90.8
Southern Harbour District	657,920	23.2	658,810	23.1
Northern Harbour District	715,502	25.3	720,243	25.3
South Eastern District	350,111	12.4	356,591	12.5
Western District	431,240	15.2	446,521	15.7
Northern District	396,230	14.0	403,449	14.2
GOZO & COMINO	281,311	9.9	261,224	9.2

Table 4. Recurrent environmental protection expenditure by domain

Lm

	2001	%	2002	%
Waste management	2,341,456	82.6	2,340,771	82.2
Waste water management	1,463	0.1	1,171	0.1
Pollution abatement	-	-	-	-
Protection of biodiversity and landscape	489,395	17.3	504,896	17.7
Environment research	-	-	-	-
Other environmental protection expenditure	-	-	-	-
Total	2,832,314	100.0	2,846,838	100.0

Chart 3. Recurrent environmental protection expenditure by domain : 2002 (%)

