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Post and Telecommunications: July-September 2006

Postal traffic in Jul-Sep 2006 totalled 12.5 million items while total telephone minutes amounted to 201 million.

National Post and Courier Services

Total postal traffic for the third quarter of 2006 amounted to around 12.5 million items of which the absolute bulk represented letters and other printed items. In the same reference period, courier traffic totalled just over 61,000 items, of which 53 per cent were letters or documents and the rest parcels. Courier traffic in the reference period was 5.6 per cent less than in the previous quarter.

Mobile and Fixed Telephony, VOIP Usage

In the reference period, around 55.6 million minutes were consumed in mobile telephony, a 12.4 per cent increase over the previous quarter. Of this, 90 per cent was consumed in local networks. Total minutes consumed in fixed telephony amounted to 145.4 million, a percentage decrease of 11.4 per cent over the second quarter of 2006■

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Post and Telecommunications Indicators

	2006			Total
	Q1	Q2	Q3	
National Post				
Total Traffic:	11,253,602	12,905,156	12,511,496	36,670,254
Letters,printed paper,newspapers and postcards	11,243,000	12,894,000	12,500,000	36,637,000
Parcels and other Items	10,602	11,156	11,496	33,254
Courier Service				
Total Traffic:	59,829	64,877	61,251	185,957
Letters/documents	33,344	33,681	32,018	99,043
Parcels	26,485	31,196	29,233	86,914
Mobile Telephony				
Minutes consumed:	46,676,407	49,465,650	55,597,174	151,739,231
local	44,364,205	45,615,765	50,081,309	140,061,279
international	2,312,202	3,849,885	5,515,865	11,677,952
WAP	49,029	38,382	36,972	124,383
SMSs	106,608,359	103,946,326	119,077,335	329,632,020
MMSs	192,154	177,565	223,707	593,426
Fixed Telephony				
Minutes consumed:	173,189,214	164,123,621	145,386,829	482,699,664
local	171,370,273	162,316,071	143,728,285	477,414,629
international	1,818,941	1,807,550	1,658,544	5,285,035
Internet				
VOIP minutes consumed	1,960,169	2,233,341	2,632,442	6,825,952

Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release are based on a quarterly census among fixed and mobile telephone, cable television and internet and Voice Over Internet Protocol service providers. Other data were obtained from the Department of Wireless and Telegraphy.
2. These statistics are as at the end of every quarter.
3. The statistics in this release should be considered as current and are therefore subject to revision. Each release may include revisions of past quarterly data. Revisions may be carried out in respect of a rolling, two-year period.
4. VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) minutes consumed are inclusive of both services provided by ISP and fixed telephony providers as from Quarter 3 2005.