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Transport

Motor Vehicles: October-December 2006

The stock of motor vehicles rose by 1,021 in the fourth quarter of 2006 to stand at 278,421.

At the end of December 2006, the stock of licensed motor vehicles stood at 278,421. Of these, 76.1 per cent were private vehicles, while commercial vehicles made up 16.3 per cent.

New licences

New licences issued during the fourth quarter of 2006 amounted to 2,973. Private vehicles accounted for 2,299 new licences, or 77.3 per cent of the total. In the reference quarter, private vehicles falling within class 1 (<1300 cc) registered the highest increase. This class accounted for 1,444 new licences in October-December 2006, while vehicles in class 2 (1301-1449 cc) accounted for 273. Compared to the third quarter, the total number of newly licensed new motor vehicles registered a decrease of 456 or 21.6 per cent. The total number of newly licensed used motor vehicles decreased by 1 vehicle when compared with the previous quarter.

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Table 1. Stock of motor vehicles (*)

Year	Agric.	Coach	Comm. veh.	G/Hire	Mini bus	Motor cycle	Private vehicle classes								Route bus	Self drive cars	Self drive motor cycles	Taxi	Totals
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric cars	Total					
2002																			
March	1,077	156	43,672	1,129	396	12,719	99,655	19,406	16,251	25,320	23,363	6,145	0	190,140	573	5,423	220	247	255,752
June	1,080	157	43,664	1,156	396	12,782	99,536	19,773	16,918	25,687	23,805	6,189	0	191,908	574	5,818	263	247	258,045
September	1,091	157	43,802	1,167	397	12,971	99,365	20,196	17,774	25,978	24,228	6,243	0	193,784	575	5,920	268	247	260,379
December	1,099	157	43,852	1,165	399	13,097	98,995	20,461	18,472	26,204	24,599	6,324	0	195,055	577	5,454	227	247	261,329
2003																			
March	1,117	156	43,934	1,164	406	13,149	98,781	20,755	19,102	26,506	24,840	6,400	4	196,388	577	5,373	218	247	262,729
June	1,150	156	44,186	1,176	406	13,203	98,897	21,167	19,786	26,751	25,139	6,481	4	198,225	578	5,820	265	247	265,412
September	1,164	156	44,458	1,194	413	13,318	99,125	21,549	20,525	26,975	25,419	6,560	4	200,157	575	5,975	268	247	267,925
December	1,176	156	44,657	1,194	413	13,420	99,287	21,917	21,136	27,194	25,716	6,665	9	201,924	581	5,447	237	247	269,452
2004																			
March	1,196	156	44,726	1,189	417	13,382	99,027	22,133	21,555	27,257	25,867	6,760	9	202,608	582	5,321	231	248	270,056
June	1,210	156	44,714	1,212	421	13,069	98,790	22,440	21,868	27,399	26,088	6,840	10	203,435	582	5,813	209	248	271,069
September	1,224	156	44,562	1,215	422	12,714	98,732	22,715	22,043	27,428	26,179	6,862	13	203,972	582	5,903	199	246	271,195
December	1,239	155	44,575	1,190	422	12,639	98,704	23,015	22,149	27,577	26,316	6,928	13	204,702	581	5,245	143	246	271,137
2005																			
March	1,242	155	44,704	1,159	422	12,619	98,969	23,348	22,234	27,718	26,438	7,007	14	205,728	581	5,312	120	247	272,289
June	1,267	155	45,054	1,168	422	12,588	99,593	23,623	22,288	27,908	26,538	7,092	13	207,055	581	5,715	103	247	274,355
September	1,281	154	45,424	1,665	422	12,621	100,516	23,917	22,365	28,095	26,688	7,161	14	208,756	582	5,774	92	247	277,018
December**	1,270	144	44,371	1,133	422	11,905	98,283	24,047	22,098	27,869	26,602	7,234	15	206,148	577	5,034	88	246	271,338
2006																			
March	1,277	143	44,693	1,100	423	11,954	98,937	24,281	22,153	27,993	26,734	7,338	15	207,451	579	4,891	91	246	272,848
June	1,293	143	45,013	1,115	425	12,071	99,938	24,556	22,250	28,198	26,893	7,463	15	209,313	580	5,504	96	247	275,800
September	1,304	144	45,220	1,125	426	12,151	100,575	24,790	22,281	28,345	26,997	7,526	15	210,529	577	5,580	97	247	277,400
December	1,329	144	45,505	1,123	426	12,192	101,164	25,090	22,309	28,517	27,139	7,604	17	211,840	578	4,943	94	247	278,421

(*) As at end of period

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Table 2. Newly licensed motor vehicles

Year	Agric.	Coach	Comm. veh.	G/Hire	Mini bus	Motor cycle	Private vehicle classes								Route bus	Self drive cars	Self drive motor cycles	Taxi	Totals
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric cars	Total					
2002																			
Jan-Mar	21	2	345	15	8	128	543	319	582	331	451	91	0	2,317	2	103	0	3	2,944
Apr-June	21	1	304	18	5	195	613	416	599	323	444	64	0	2,459	2	219	23	4	3,251
Jul-Sep	10	1	344	21	5	284	695	486	664	259	425	77	0	2,606	0	122	10	3	3,406
Oct-Dec	16	3	300	17	6	179	735	357	562	248	387	92	0	2,381	2	50	0	5	2,883
Total	68	7	1,293	71	24	786	2,586	1,578	2,407	1,161	1,707	324	0	9,763	6	494	33	15	12,484
2003																			
Jan-Mar	36	2	447	19	8	121	656	413	433	188	286	78	4	2,058	4	67	0	2	2,764
Apr-June	23	0	455	15	4	234	903	452	506	192	273	91	0	2,417	32	273	24	2	3,479
Jul-Sep	16	0	451	24	9	208	1,092	449	593	204	281	93	0	2,712	24	220	3	3	3,670
Oct-Dec	20	0	491	14	2	143	1,329	451	411	203	308	127	5	2,834	46	95	0	1	3,646
Total	95	2	1,844	72	23	706	3,980	1,765	1,943	787	1,148	389	9	10,021	106	655	27	8	13,559
2004																			
Jan-Mar	39	3	488	13	13	90	1,048	312	353	129	223	90	0	2,155	5	127	0	3	2,936
Apr-June	34	0	522	33	10	99	1,109	370	199	169	231	100	1	2,179	0	327	0	2	3,206
Jul-Sep	50	1	519	23	2	180	1,261	350	167	178	187	86	2	2,231	0	194	4	6	3,210
Oct-Dec	13	0	430	19	2	104	1,139	346	147	202	174	79	0	2,087	6	73	0	4	2,738
Total	136	4	1,959	88	27	473	4,557	1,378	866	678	815	355	3	8,652	11	721	4	15	12,090
2005																			
Jan-Mar	60	0	443	18	3	52	1,272	364	94	186	160	68	1	2,145	2	294	0	6	3,023
Apr-June	22	1	616	33	9	129	1,605	334	88	213	136	62	0	2,438	0	267	0	6	3,521
Jul-Sep	16	0	625	19	7	124	1,507	329	85	244	211	77	1	2,454	0	155	2	2	3,404
Oct-Dec	31	0	596	16	14	103	1,299	241	81	222	196	140	1	2,180	0	62	1	2	3,005
Total	129	1	2,280	86	33	408	5,683	1,268	348	865	703	347	3	9,217	2	778	3	16	12,953
2006																			
Jan-Mar	20	0	538	18	1	90	1,287	214	72	218	162	96	0	2,049	1	132	0	4	2,853
Apr-June	14	0	485	25	9	150	1,525	293	84	253	182	103	0	2,440	0	424	5	6	3,558
Jul-Sep	20	0	451	13	5	196	1,697	290	96	244	172	75	0	2,574	0	165	2	4	3,430
Oct-Dec	26	1	444	8	0	108	1,444	273	90	250	167	74	1	2,299	0	82	0	5	2,973
Total	80	1	1,918	64	15	544	5,953	1,070	342	965	683	348	1	9,362	1	803	7	19	12,814

Note: Figures include both new and second-hand registered motor vehicles

Table 3. Newly licensed new motor vehicles

Year	Agric.	Coach	Comm. veh.	G/Hire	Mini bus	Motor cycle	Private vehicle classes								Route bus	Self drive cars	Self drive motor cycles	Taxi	Totals
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric cars	Total					
2004																			
Jan-Mar	5	0	113	13	11	67	502	286	109	93	167	73	0	1,230	5	127	0	3	1,574
Apr-June	2	0	106	30	9	80	560	360	106	133	190	76	1	1,426	0	327	0	2	1,982
Jul-Sep	3	0	78	23	0	149	639	330	83	141	156	74	2	1,425	0	194	4	6	1,882
Oct-Dec	2	0	78	18	1	66	541	328	77	170	141	60	0	1,317	6	73	0	4	1,565
Total	12	0	375	84	21	362	2,242	1,304	375	537	654	283	3	5,398	11	721	4	15	7,003
2005																			
Jan-Mar	3	0	79	17	1	40	571	353	65	155	139	60	1	1,344	2	294	0	6	1,786
Apr-June	9	0	166	32	7	95	661	324	75	162	111	49	0	1,382	0	267	0	6	1,964
Jul-Sep	9	0	219	19	5	96	806	320	66	166	155	49	1	1,563	0	155	2	2	2,070
Oct-Dec	1	0	188	15	10	83	672	230	67	146	156	114	1	1,386	0	62	1	2	1,748
Total	22	0	652	83	23	314	2,710	1,227	273	629	561	272	3	5,675	2	778	3	16	7,568
2006																			
Jan-Mar	1	0	175	17	1	66	690	203	52	135	116	67	0	1,263	1	132	0	4	1,660
Apr-June	8	0	126	23	7	126	942	280	53	128	141	70	0	1,614	0	424	5	6	2,339
Jul-Sep	2	0	144	13	2	150	964	278	57	148	128	55	0	1,630	0	165	2	4	2,112
Oct-Dec	6	0	119	8	0	81	707	256	67	146	127	51	1	1,355	0	82	0	5	1,656
Total	17	0	564	61	10	423	3,303	1,017	229	557	512	243	1	5,862	1	803	7	19	7,767

Table 4. Newly licensed used motor vehicles

Year	Agric.	Coach	Comm. veh.	G/Hire	Mini bus	Motor cycle	Private vehicle classes								Route bus	Self drive cars	Self drive motor cycles	Taxi	Totals
							Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Electric cars	Total					
2004																			
Jan-Mar	34	3	375	0	2	23	546	26	244	36	56	17	0	925	0	0	0	0	1,362
Apr-June	32	0	416	3	1	19	549	10	93	36	41	24	0	753	0	0	0	0	1,224
Jul-Sep	47	1	441	0	2	31	622	20	84	37	31	12	0	806	0	0	0	0	1,328
Oct-Dec	11	0	352	1	1	38	598	18	70	32	33	19	0	770	0	0	0	0	1,173
Total	124	4	1,584	4	6	111	2,315	74	491	141	161	72	0	3,254	0	0	0	0	5,087
2005																			
Jan-Mar	57	0	364	1	2	12	701	11	29	31	21	8	0	801	0	0	0	0	1,237
Apr-June	13	1	450	1	2	34	944	10	13	51	25	13	0	1,056	0	0	0	0	1,557
Jul-Sep	7	0	406	0	2	28	701	9	19	78	56	28	0	891	0	0	0	0	1,334
Oct-Dec	30	0	408	1	4	20	627	11	14	76	40	26	0	794	0	0	0	0	1,257
Total	107	1	1,628	3	10	94	2,973	41	75	236	142	75	0	3,542	0	0	0	0	5,385
2006																			
Jan-Mar	19	0	363	1	0	24	597	11	20	83	46	29	0	786	0	0	0	0	1,193
Apr-June	6	0	359	2	2	24	583	13	31	125	41	33	0	826	0	0	0	0	1,219
Jul-Sep	18	0	307	0	3	46	733	12	39	96	44	20	0	944	0	0	0	0	1,318
Oct-Dec	20	1	325	0	0	27	737	17	23	104	40	23	0	944	0	0	0	0	1,317
Total	63	1	1,354	3	5	121	2,650	53	113	408	171	105	0	3,500	0	0	0	0	5,047

**Table 5. Stock of licensed motor vehicles
(comparative analysis)**

Type of vehicle	December			Dec 2006/Dec 2005*		Dec 2006 % Distribution
	2004	2005	2006	Absolute change	% Change	
Agriculture	1,239	1,270	1,329	59	4.65	0.48
Coach	155	144	144	0	0.00	0.05
Commercial Vehicle	44,575	44,371	45,505	1,134	2.56	16.34
Garage Hire	1,190	1,133	1,123	-10	-0.88	0.40
Mini-bus	422	422	426	4	0.95	0.15
Motor-cycle	12,639	11,905	12,192	287	2.41	4.38
Private Cars	204,702	206,148	211,840	5,692	2.76	76.09
Route Bus	581	577	578	1	0.17	0.21
Self Drive	5,245	5,034	4,943	-91	-1.81	1.78
Self Drive motor-cycle	143	88	94	6	6.82	0.03
Taxi	246	246	247	1	0.41	0.09
Totals	271,137	271,338	278,421	7,083	2.61	100.00

* In the fourth quarter of 2005, the stock of motor vehicles was re-assessed in view of an improvement in the computation of the number of cars that were scrapped in past years.

Methodological Notes

1. This release is based on data provided by the Malta Transport Authority.
2. Data are final and are not normally subject to revision.
3. Definitions:

Agric.	Motor vehicles, normally tractors, designed exclusively or primarily for agricultural purposes. Licensed to use roads open to public traffic.
Coach	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to seat more than 18 persons (including the driver).
Comm. Veh.	Road vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to carry goods.
G/Hire	Chauffeur driven cars for hire.
Mini Bus	Passenger road motor vehicle designed to seat up to 18 persons (including the driver).
Motor Cycle	Two wheeled road motor vehicle with or without side-car, including motor scooter, or three-wheeled road motor vehicle.
Private Vehicles	Road motor vehicle, other than a motor cycle, intended for the carriage of passengers and designed to seat no more than nine persons. This category is sub-divided into further classes according to engine capacity: Class 1: < 1300 cc Class 2: 1301 - 1449 cc Class 3: 1450 - 1500 cc Class 4: 1501 - 1800 cc Class 5: 1801 - 2000 cc Class 6: > 2000 cc Electric cars
Route Bus	Buses licensed to operate on established bus routes.
Self Drive Cars	Passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (without chauffeur).
Self Drive Motor Cycles	Same as motor cycles above, available for hire.
Taxi	Passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (with chauffeur).
Semi Trailer	Goods road vehicle with no front axle which is designed to be hauled by a road motor tractor, which also carries a substantial part of the loaded weight. Semi-trailers are excluded from the totals on the accompanying tables as these are not self-propelled.