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In the quarter under review, 4,523 trips were made between Malta and Gozo, representing an increase of 4.9 per cent over the same quarter in 2006. The M.V. Malita carried 332,691 passengers or 46.7 per cent of the total passengers in this quarter. The other two Gozo Channel ferries, M.V. Ta' Pinu and M.V. Gaudos, carried 207,087 and 172,184 passengers respectively ■

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Table 1. Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo

Year	Trips	Total vehicles	Total passengers
2002			
January-March	4,602	171,101	616,707
April-June	4,656	209,927	856,287
July-September	5,670	280,622	1,180,524
October-December	4,423	183,263	666,222
Total	19,351	844,913	3,319,740
2003			
January-March	4,298	173,242	605,036
April-June	4,769	231,201	908,402
July-September	5,623	293,599	1,169,993
October-December	4,166	201,179	704,671
Total	18,856	899,221	3,388,102
2004			
January-March	4,470	195,552	656,446
April-June	4,504	234,135	927,583
July-September	5,588	286,461	1,207,099
October-December	4,264	197,976	721,272
Total	18,826	914,124	3,512,400
2005			
January-March	4,238	180,357	625,998
April-June	4,472	220,910	899,959
July-September	5,562	289,632	1,219,075
October-December	4,517	198,906	717,569
Total	18,789	889,805	3,462,601
2006			
January-March	4,310	184,172	618,760
April-June	4,650	236,439	947,273
July-September	5,558	298,066	1,216,257
October-December	4,691	218,461	772,424
Total	19,209	937,138	3,554,714
2007			
January-March	4,523	210,814	711,961

Source: Gozo Channel

The passenger and vehicle numbers as reported are on a single way basis, meaning that passengers and vehicles are counted on both their departure and return trips.

Table 2. Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo

	Jan-Mar 2005	Jan-Mar 2006	Absolute Change	% Change	Jan-Mar 2006	Jan-Mar 2007	Absolute Change	% Change
Trips	4,238	4,310	72	1.70	4,310	4,523	213	4.94
Passenger vehicles	180,357	184,172	3,815	2.12	184,172	210,814	26,642	14.47
Total passengers	625,998	618,760	-7,238	-1.16	618,760	711,961	93,201	15.06

Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release are compiled from administrative information provided by the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
2. The data are full and are not normally subject to revision.