

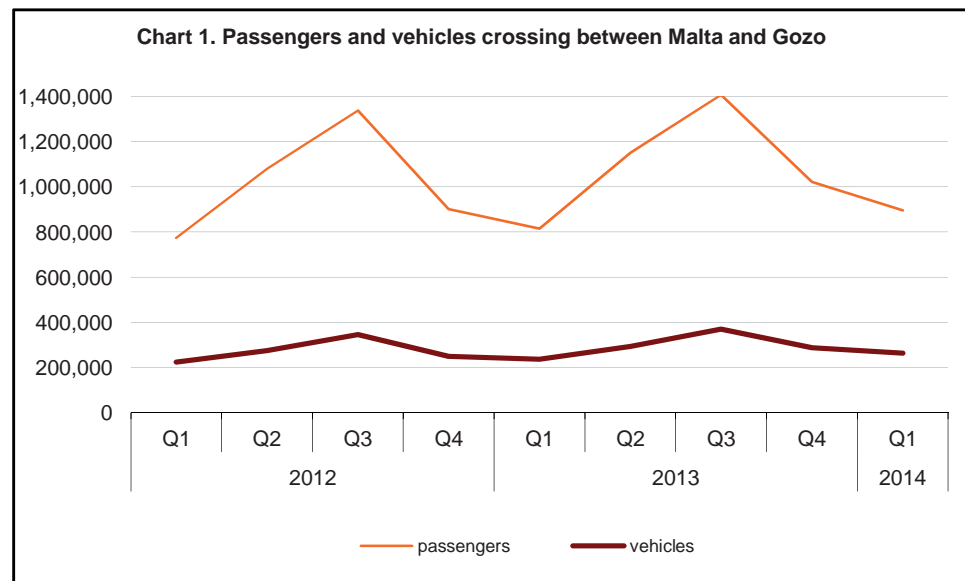
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In the first quarter, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding period last year.

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q1/2014

A total of 895,824 commuters travelled between Malta and Gozo during the first quarter this year, up by 10.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2013. This sharp increase is in part due to various activities held in Gozo and initiatives taken by the operator. The highest number of commuters was recorded in March - 356,208, or 39.8 per cent of the total for the quarter. Total vehicles carried by scheduled vessels advanced by 11.7 per cent, totalling 263,680 (Table 1).

The number of trips in the period under review stood at 4,634, an increase of 1.1 per cent over the corresponding period in 2013 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in March - 1,636 or 35.3 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2) ■



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Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2012-2014

		Quarterly			absolute change	percentage change
		2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
		Trips	Total	19,515	19,630	
	Jan-Mar	4,798	4,582	4,634	52	1.1
	Apr-Jun	4,742	4,792			
	Jul-Sep	5,363	5,484			
	Oct-Dec	4,612	4,772			
Vehicles	Total	1,092,241	1,186,411			
	Jan-Mar	223,866	236,051	263,680	27,629	11.7
	Apr-Jun	274,123	293,446			
	Jul-Sep	345,098	369,042			
	Oct-Dec	249,154	287,872			
Passengers	Total	4,092,529	4,395,105			
	Jan-Mar	774,147	814,754	895,824	81,070	10.0
	Apr-Jun	1,079,367	1,150,990			
	Jul-Sep	1,337,755	1,407,746			
	Oct-Dec	901,260	1,021,615			

Chart 2. Average number of passengers per vehicle crossing between Malta and Gozo

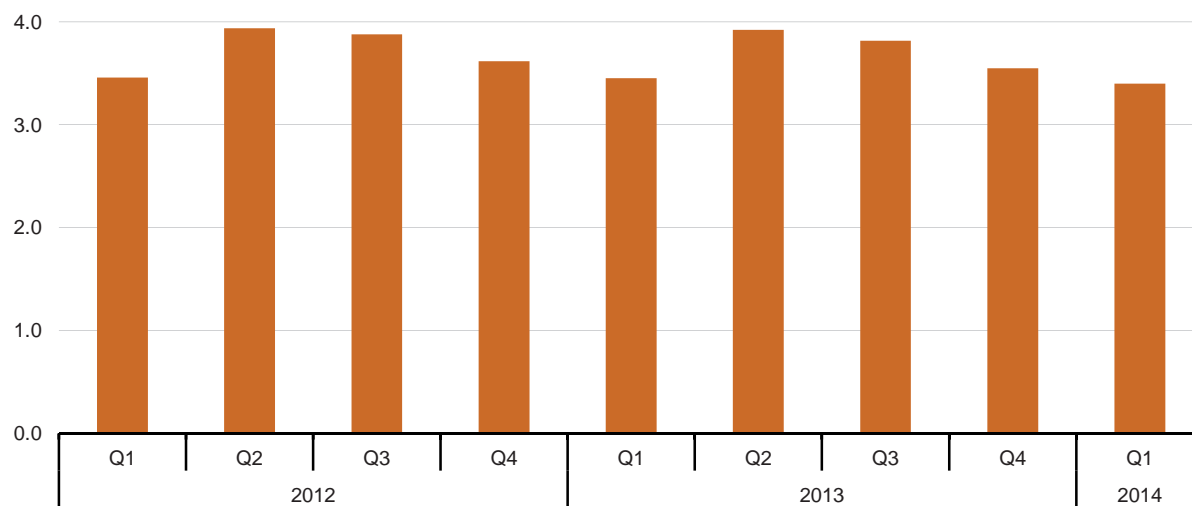


Table 2. Monthly sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2013-2014

		Year		absolute change	percentage change
		2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
Trips	Total	19,630			
	January	1,532	1,578	46	3.0
	February	1,454	1,420	-34	-2.3
	March	1,596	1,636	40	2.5
	April	1,532			
	May	1,600			
	June	1,660			
	July	1,846			
	August	1,872			
	September	1,766			
	October	1,590			
	November	1,598			
	December	1,584			
Vehicles	Total	1,186,411			
	January	71,310	81,761	10,451	14.7
	February	78,561	83,130	4,569	5.8
	March	86,180	98,789	12,609	14.6
	April	92,780			
	May	97,196			
	June	103,470			
	July	120,555			
	August	130,623			
	September	117,864			
	October	100,959			
	November	94,517			
	December	92,396			
Passengers	Total	4,395,105			
	January	235,571	269,585	34,014	14.4
	February	259,152	270,031	10,879	4.2
	March	320,031	356,208	36,177	11.3
	April	363,629			
	May	390,095			
	June	397,266			
	July	456,588			
	August	500,226			
	September	450,932			
	October	389,513			
	November	321,182			
	December	310,920			

Table 3. Monthly sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2013-2014

		Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		absolute change	percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		absolute change	percentage change
		2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
Trips	Total	9,815				9,815			
	January	766	789	23	3.0	766	789	23	3.0
	February	727	710	-17	-2.3	727	710	-17	-2.3
	March	798	818	20	2.5	798	818	20	2.5
	April	766				766			
	May	800				800			
	June	830				830			
	July	923				923			
	August	936				936			
	September	883				883			
	October	795				795			
	November	799				799			
	December	792				792			
Vehicles	Total	601,044				585,367			
	January	35,040	40,787	5,747	16.4	36,270	40,974	4,704	13.0
	February	39,353	43,566	4,213	10.7	39,208	39,564	356	0.9
	March	44,065	48,147	4,082	9.3	42,115	50,642	8,527	20.2
	April	46,720				46,060			
	May	49,545				47,651			
	June	52,557				50,913			
	July	61,059				59,496			
	August	67,703				62,920			
	September	58,459				59,405			
	October	51,112				49,847			
	November	47,872				46,645			
	December	47,559				44,837			

Methodological Notes

1. For the purposes of this News Release, Scheduled Sea Transport refers to the services of the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
2. The data in this release are compiled from administrative information provided by the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
3. The data are not normally subject to revision.
4. The table below illustrates the passenger and vehicle capacity by each Gozo Channel vessel:

Carrying capacity

Vessel	Vehicles	Passengers
Gaudos	72	900
Malita	138	900
Ta' Pinu	138*	900

* MV Ta' Pinu was out of service for upgrading purposes twice between the 22/2/2012-29/3/2012 and 11/4/2012-14/6/2012.