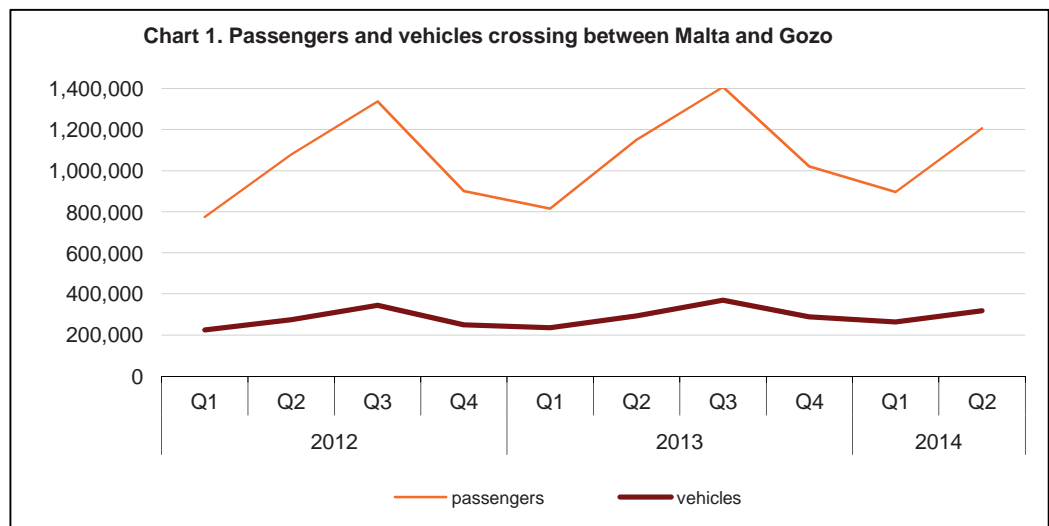


In the second quarter, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding period last year.

## Sea transport between Malta and Gozo: Q2/2014

A total of 1,207,361 commuters travelled between Malta and Gozo during the second quarter this year, up by 4.9 per cent when compared to the corresponding period in 2013. The highest number was recorded in May, with 416,710 commuters, or 34.5 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles carried by scheduled vessels increased by 8.5 per cent, to 318,514 (Table 1).

The number of trips in the quarter under review stood at 4,822, an increase of 0.6 per cent over the corresponding period in 2013 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in May, with 34.0 per cent of the total for the quarter (Table 2) ■



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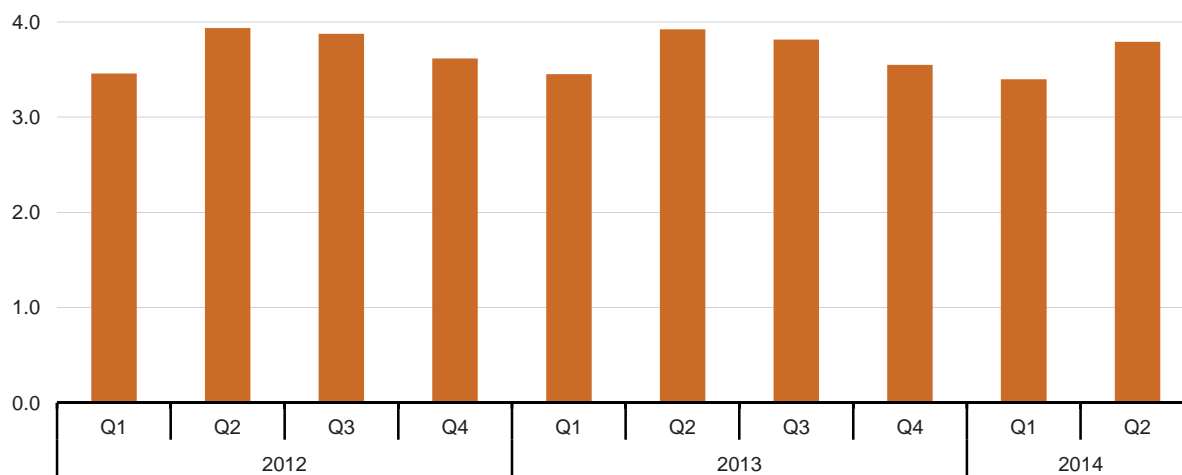
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**Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2012-2014**

		Quarterly			absolute change	percentage change
		2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
		<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,515</b>	<b>19,630</b>	
	Jan-Mar	4,798	4,582	4,634	52	1.1
	Apr-Jun	4,742	4,792	4,822	30	0.6
	Jul-Sep	5,363	5,484			
	Oct-Dec	4,612	4,772			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,092,241</b>	<b>1,186,411</b>			
	Jan-Mar	223,866	236,051	263,680	27,629	11.7
	Apr-Jun	274,123	293,446	318,514	25,068	8.5
	Jul-Sep	345,098	369,042			
	Oct-Dec	249,154	287,872			
<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,092,529</b>	<b>4,395,105</b>			
	Jan-Mar	774,147	814,754	895,824	81,070	10.0
	Apr-Jun	1,079,367	1,150,990	1,207,361	56,371	4.9
	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
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,630</b>			
	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	1,550	18	1.2
	May	1,600	1,638	38	2.4
	June	1,660	1,634	-26	-1.6
	July	1,846			
	August	1,872			
	September	1,766			
	October	1,590			
	November	1,598			
	December	1,584			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,186,411</b>			
	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	101,057	8,277	8.9
	May	97,196	108,427	11,231	11.6
	June	103,470	109,030	5,560	5.4
	July	120,555			
	August	130,623			
	September	117,864			
	October	100,959			
	November	94,517			
	December	92,396			
<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,395,105</b>			
	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	385,190	21,561	5.9
	May	390,095	416,710	26,615	6.8
	June	397,266	405,461	8,195	2.1
	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			Mġarr - Ċirkewwa					
				absolute change	percentage change					
		2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013	2013	2014	absolute change	percentage change	
		2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013	
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,815</b>			<b>9,815</b>					
	January	766	789	<b>23</b>	<b>3.0</b>	766	789	<b>23</b>	<b>3.0</b>	
	February	727	710	<b>-17</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	727	710	<b>-17</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	
	March	798	818	<b>20</b>	<b>2.5</b>	798	818	<b>20</b>	<b>2.5</b>	
	April	766	775	<b>9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	766	775	<b>9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	
	May	800	819	<b>19</b>	<b>2.4</b>	800	819	<b>19</b>	<b>2.4</b>	
	June	830	817	<b>-13</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	830	817	<b>-13</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	
	July	923				923				
	August	936				936				
	September	883				883				
	October	795				795				
	November	799				799				
	December	792				792				
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>601,044</b>			<b>585,367</b>					
	January	35,040	40,787	<b>5,747</b>	<b>16.4</b>	36,270	40,974	<b>4,704</b>	<b>13.0</b>	
	February	39,353	43,566	<b>4,213</b>	<b>10.7</b>	39,208	39,564	<b>356</b>	<b>0.9</b>	
	March	44,065	48,147	<b>4,082</b>	<b>9.3</b>	42,115	50,642	<b>8,527</b>	<b>20.2</b>	
	April	46,720	51,378	<b>4,658</b>	<b>10.0</b>	46,060	49,679	<b>3,619</b>	<b>7.9</b>	
	May	49,545	55,669	<b>6,124</b>	<b>12.4</b>	47,651	52,758	<b>5,107</b>	<b>10.7</b>	
	June	52,557	55,002	<b>2,445</b>	<b>4.7</b>	50,913	54,028	<b>3,115</b>	<b>6.1</b>	
	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

<b>Vessel</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Passengers</b>
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.