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Motor Vehicles: Q4/2015

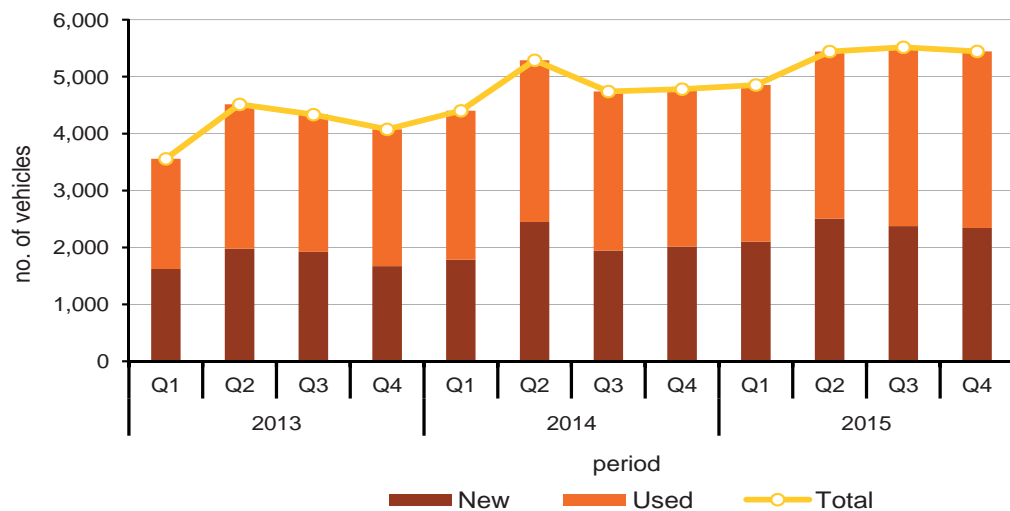
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At the end of December last year, the stock of licensed motor vehicles stood at 346,918. Of these, 79.4 per cent were passenger cars, 13.7 per cent were commercial vehicles, 5.8 per cent were motorcycles, while buses and minibuses accounted for less than one per cent (Table 1).

New licences

New licences issued during the period under review amounted to 5,445. The majority of new licences (4,360 or 80.1 per cent of the total) were issued to passenger cars, followed by motorcycles with 528. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles amounted to 2,342, or 43.0 per cent of the total, and newly licensed 'used' motor vehicles totalled 3,103 (Tables 2-4).

Chart 1. Newly-licensed motor vehicles



Exported, garaged and scrapped

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In the fourth quarter last year, 106 vehicles were exported. Garaged vehicles amounted to 2,139, while scrapped vehicles totalled 3,431 (Table 5).

Engine type

As at the end of December last year, 210,289 vehicles, or 60.6 per cent of the total, had petrol engines. Vehicles with diesel engines reached 135,150, or 39.0 per cent of the total (Table 6) ■

Table 1. Stock of licensed motor vehicles by vehicle group and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus		Route bus	Motorcycle			Passenger car					Commercial vehicle			Total	
			Garage hire	Other		Self-drive	Leased	Other	Garage hire	Self-drive	Leased	Taxi	Other	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor		
2013																		
Q1	1,715	341	266	845	293	57	179	15,745	875	2,879	3,530	292	242,996	41,655	3,145	1,062	315,875	
Q2	1,724	342	266	853	303	60	204	16,074	894	2,983	3,931	291	244,704	41,894	3,129	1,068	318,720	
Q3	1,738	347	265	857	307	53	232	16,393	907	2,982	4,069	292	246,622	42,148	3,131	1,082	321,425	
Q4	1,758	344	263	860	238	50	231	16,620	908	2,551	4,100	292	248,245	42,286	3,118	1,096	322,960	
2014																		
Q1	1,774	343	256	873	240	50	247	16,851	915	2,453	4,179	293	250,089	42,380	3,124	1,091	325,158	
Q2	1,797	352	249	886	285	48	273	17,310	945	2,636	4,725	293	252,447	42,536	3,152	1,119	329,053	
Q3	1,814	361	246	891	284	39	305	17,691	954	2,614	4,882	293	254,997	42,790	3,175	1,119	332,455	
Q4	1,829	361	236	908	284	36	276	18,088	975	2,293	4,938	293	257,451	42,974	3,182	1,125	335,249	
2015																		
Q1	1,837	364	231	920	311	36	301	18,400	981	2,241	5,257	292	258,905	43,117	3,188	1,125	337,506	
Q2	1,864	367	229	935	309	28	367	18,952	1,011	2,327	5,614	293	261,018	43,366	3,193	1,108	340,981	
Q3	1,874	372	222	943	420	28	399	19,354	1,044	2,300	5,780	292	263,552	43,658	3,202	1,103	344,543	
Q4	1,905	356	220	971	408	19	348	19,721	1,057	1,974	5,794	291	266,264	43,026	3,439	1,125	346,918	

Table 2. Newly-licensed motor vehicles by category and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2013	65	15	36	8	1,438	13,092	1,667	101	58	16,480
Q1	19	8	9	-	229	2,846	414	21	11	3,557
Q2	13	3	15	8	435	3,561	448	22	9	4,514
Q3	15	3	4	-	451	3,437	387	22	15	4,334
Q4	18	1	8	-	323	3,248	418	36	23	4,075
2014	76	36	41	45	1,798	15,439	1,610	100	67	19,212
Q1	20	5	7	-	312	3,615	410	24	8	4,401
Q2	24	13	13	45	565	4,152	416	29	32	5,289
Q3	16	9	8	-	472	3,814	385	24	12	4,740
Q4	16	9	13	-	449	3,858	399	23	15	4,782
2015										
Q1	11	9	15	32	403	3,936	413	26	10	4,855
Q2	19	6	24	-	672	4,224	457	24	17	5,443
Q3	11	1	14	142	573	4,257	479	27	13	5,517
Q4	30	2	21	1	528	4,360	457	36	10	5,445

Note: Figures include 'new' and 'used' licensed motor vehicles.

Table 3. Newly-licensed 'new' motor vehicles by category and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2013	8	3	12	-	873	5,749	536	8	4	7,193
Q1	4	1	1	-	145	1,288	180	2	-	1,621
Q2	1	-	8	-	283	1,553	130	2	-	1,977
Q3	2	2	3	-	282	1,508	121	4	1	1,923
Q4	1	-	-	-	163	1,400	105	-	3	1,672
2014	9	2	8	-	1,148	6,451	544	13	16	8,191
Q1	6	-	1	-	194	1,439	137	5	1	1,783
Q2	-	2	1	-	367	1,919	143	2	13	2,447
Q3	3	-	1	-	306	1,506	126	2	2	1,946
Q4	-	-	5	-	281	1,587	138	4	-	2,015
2015	7	2	34	143	1,385	7,121	608	13	8	9,321
Q1	2	2	4	-	258	1,687	142	1	4	2,100
Q2	2	-	20	-	445	1,868	162	4	4	2,505
Q3	1	-	4	142	348	1,723	152	4	-	2,374
Q4	2	-	6	1	334	1,843	152	4	-	2,342

Table 4. Newly-licensed 'used' motor vehicles by category and period

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
2013	57	12	24	8	565	7,343	1,131	93	54	9,287
Q1	15	7	8	-	84	1,558	234	19	11	1,936
Q2	12	3	7	8	152	2,008	318	20	9	2,537
Q3	13	1	1	-	169	1,929	266	18	14	2,411
Q4	17	1	8	-	160	1,848	313	36	20	2,403
2014	67	34	33	45	650	8,988	1,066	87	51	11,021
Q1	14	5	6	-	118	2,176	273	19	7	2,618
Q2	24	11	12	45	198	2,233	273	27	19	2,842
Q3	13	9	7	-	166	2,308	259	22	10	2,794
Q4	16	9	8	-	168	2,271	261	19	15	2,767
2015										
Q1	9	7	11	32	145	2,249	271	25	6	2,755
Q2	17	6	4	-	227	2,356	295	20	13	2,938
Q3	10	1	10	-	225	2,534	327	23	13	3,143
Q4	28	2	15	-	194	2,517	305	32	10	3,103

Table 5. Vehicles by main active 'Out-of-Action' restriction by category and period: 2015

Period	Agricultural	Coach and private bus	Minibus	Route bus	Motorcycle	Passenger car	Goods-carrying vehicle	Special purpose vehicle	Road tractor	Total
Exported	2	3	1	45	27	209	74	3	42	406
Q1	1	-	-	-	2	33	8	-	-	44
Q2	-	1	-	-	9	67	15	-	22	114
Q3	-	1	-	32	10	60	31	1	7	142
Q4	1	1	1	13	6	49	20	2	13	106
Garaged	75	22	39	0	1,155	5,538	1,020	168	51	8,068
Q1	27	5	8	-	233	1,584	277	39	14	2,187
Q2	21	4	7	-	256	1,336	263	48	16	1,951
Q3	1	6	15	-	306	1,205	202	41	15	1,791
Q4	26	7	9	0	360	1,413	278	40	6	2,139
Scrapped	7	42	10	84	142	5,934	750	87	40	7,096
Q1	-	9	2	9	23	936	115	10	1	1,105
Q2	-	29	-	-	5	918	57	4	-	1,013
Q3	-	2	3	39	29	1,309	152	10	3	1,547
Q4	7	2	5	36	85	2,771	426	63	36	3,431

Note: Data as at end of reference period.

Table 6. Stock of licensed vehicles by category and type of fuel used: Q4/2015

Vehicle group	Petrol	Diesel	Electric	Hybrid	LPG	Gas	Paraffin	Combined	Unknown	Total
Agricultural	21	1,881	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1,905
Coach and private bus	3	353	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	356
Minibus	10	1,181	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,191
Route bus	0	402	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	408
Motorcycle	20,016	13	47	1	0	1	9	1	0	20,088
Passenger vehicle	188,922	85,169	136	432	2	1	14	704	0	275,380
Goods-carrying vehicle	1,259	41,733	13	0	0	0	0	17	4	43,026
Special purpose vehicle	57	3,297	50	0	17	13	0	5	0	3,439
Road tractor	1	1,121	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1,125
Total	210,289	135,150	246	439	19	15	23	730	7	346,918

Note: Data as at end of reference period.

Methodological Notes

1. This news release is based on data provided by Transport Malta.
2. Data in this news release is subject to regular revisions by the data provider. For this reason, the data shown are updated as per cut-off date indicated and are to be considered as provisional.
3. Data are being presented in alignment with international counterparts (Eurostat/ITF/UNECE) according to the 4th edition of the Illustrated Glossary for Transport Statistics (<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/main/wp6/pdfdocs/glossen4.pdf>).

4. Definitions:

a. Vehicle categories and classifications

- **Agricultural:** motor vehicle, normally a tractor, designed exclusively or primarily for agricultural purposes; licensed to use roads open to public traffic.
- **Passenger road vehicle:** a road vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to carry one or more persons. Included are: motorcycles, mopeds, passenger cars, vans designed and used primarily for transport of passengers, taxis, hire cars, ambulances, buses, coaches and minibuses, motor homes.
- **Passenger car:** road motor vehicle, other than a moped or a motorcycle, intended for the carriage of passengers and designed to seat no more than 9 persons (including the driver). Included are: passenger cars, vans designed and used primarily for transport of passengers, taxis, hire cars, ambulances, motor homes (not caravans), hearses, microcars (needing no permit to be driven).
- **Moped:** two-, three- or four-wheeled road motor vehicle which is fitted with an engine having a cylinder capacity of less than 50cc and a maximum authorised design speed in accordance with national regulations.
- **Motorcycle:** two-, three- or four-wheeled road motor vehicle not exceeding 400kg of unladen weight. All such vehicles with a cylinder capacity of 50cc or over are included, as are those under 50cc which do not meet the definition of moped.
- **Coach and private bus:** passenger road motor vehicle designed to carry more than 24 persons (including driver), and with provision to carry seated and standing passengers.
- **Minibus/mini-coach:** passenger road motor vehicle designed to carry 10-23 seated or standing persons (including the driver).
- **Route bus:** bus licensed to operate on established bus routes.
- **Goods road vehicle:** road vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to carry goods. Included are: (a) light goods vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of not more than 3,500 kg, designed exclusively or primarily to carry goods, e.g. vans and pick-ups; (b) heavy goods road vehicles with a gross vehicle weight above 3,500 kg, designed to carry goods; (c) road tractors; (d) agricultural tractors permitted to use roads open to public traffic.
- **Road tractor:** road motor vehicle designed, exclusively or primarily, to haul other road vehicles which are not power driven (mainly semi-trailers).
- **Special purpose vehicle:** road motor vehicle for purposes other than the carriage of passengers or goods. This category includes: fire brigade vehicles; mobile cranes; self-propelled rollers; bulldozers with metallic wheels or track; vehicles for recording film, radio and TV broadcasting; mobile library vehicles; mobile kiosks; towing vehicles for vehicles in need of repair; other special purpose road motor vehicles.
- **Garage hire:** chauffeur-driven car for hire.
- **Self-drive car:** passenger road motor vehicle available for hire (without chauffeur).
- **Self-drive motorcycle:** motorcycle available for hire.
- **Taxi:** licensed passenger car for hire with driver without predetermined routes. The method of hire is normally: (i) Flagging down the street; (ii) Picking up at a designated taxi rank; (iii) Telephoning for collection.
- **Leased:** a contract under which the owner of a motor vehicle grants to another person the exclusive possession of the motor vehicle for an agreed period, in return for a consideration, and under such conditions that the possessor of the motor vehicle will be obliged to pay the full amount of the consideration, or a penalty, to the owner of the motor vehicle, should the contract be terminated before the expiration of the agreed period. A QZ plate is assigned to all vehicles falling in this category.
- **Other:** this category includes any other use (including private), of the corresponding vehicle, not mentioned in the table.

b. **Vehicle restrictions**

- **Restrictions:** is a condition imposed on a vehicle's licence. Restrictions can be either temporary such as garaged, seized, resale, etc., or permanent (i.e. vehicle is indefinitely removed from circulation on national territory), such as exported, scrapped or destroyed. In this news release only data of the main three restrictions (exported, scrapped, garaged) are reported.
- **Garaged:** vehicle no longer licensed for use on the road. This category excludes vehicles which have been scrapped or exported. A vehicle may be garaged for a particular period, then re-licensed after this period.
- **Exported:** vehicle licensed in Malta which has been exported.
- **Scrapped:** vehicle which has been scrapped/destroyed and therefore, indefinitely removed from circulation.

c. **Alternative vehicle motorisation types**

- **Electric/battery operated:** electrically operated vehicle, totally independent of a fuel-driven engine.
- **Hybrid:** is a vehicle that uses two or more distinct power sources to move the vehicle. This term most commonly refers to hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), which combine an internal combustion engine and one or more electric motors.
- **Combined:** a combined engine vehicle is one that uses two or more distinct non-electric power sources. Combination types: Petrol/LPG, Diesel/LPG.

5. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>