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1. Passenger Traffic

1.1 Total Passenger Traffic

Passenger traffic for the period January to September 2003 totalled 1,312,199, made up of 650,517 arrivals and 661,682 departures. Compared to the same period of 2002, these figures represent increases of 2.3% in arrivals and 1.6% in departures. Movements by sea accounted for 3% of both arrivals and departures. Table 1 shows monthly details of passenger traffic.

1.2 Excursionists

Total arrivals by air included 7,636 “excursionists”, i.e. visitors arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 2,300 (30.1%) came from Reunion Island while 1,425 (18.7%) came from France. Total arrivals by sea included 9,072 "cruise excursionists" (5,153 passengers and 3,919 crews) aboard 12 cruise ships which visited our port during the first nine months of 2003.

1.3 Mauritian Residents

During the period under review, the number of Mauritian residents travelling abroad regressed by 1.3% from 121,705 in 2002 to 120,180 in 2003 and accounted for 18.2% of total departures. The following trends were recorded in the number of Mauritians visiting the major destinations: Malagasy Republic (+69.5%), United Kingdom (+13.2%), Australia (+4.9%), India (+1.2%), Republic of South Africa (-1.6%), France (-2.0%), Reunion Island (-5.7%) and Singapore (-49.2%). Table 2 shows a more detailed distribution of countries visited.

1.4 Tourist Arrivals

Tourist arrivals for the first nine months of 2003 rose by 3.8% from 482,585 in 2002 to 500,846 in 2003. Further details are given in Tables 3 to 6.
Around 90% of the tourists came mainly for holidays while 4.6% were on business/conference trips, and another 3.4% were in transit (Table 4).

Arrivals from Europe, which accounted for 65.3% of total tourist arrivals, grew by 3.9% to 327,041 during the first nine months of 2003 compared to 314,863 in the same period of 2002. Arrivals from France, our leading market, representing 27.1% of total tourist arrivals and 41.5% of the European market, slipped by 2.0% to reach 135,707. Among the other major markets, growth was registered in arrivals from United Kingdom (+16.5%), Italy (+2.8%) and Germany (+1.0%). Trends among the other European countries were as follows: Spain (+24.8%), Switzerland (+9.9%), Sweden (+9.2%), Austria (-1.7%), Netherlands (-2.7%) and Belgium (-3.7%).

For the period January to September 2003, arrivals from Africa, with a share of 25.5% of total tourist arrivals, registered a growth of 1.1% to attain 127,952. Arrivals from Reunion Island, the major generating country of the region, were down by 1.2%, while those from the Republic of South Africa were up by 5.1%. Changes in arrivals from other African countries were as follows: Comoros (+72.8%), Malagasy Republic (+27.5%), Kenya (-1.4%), Seychelles (-18.8%) and Zimbabwe (-37.3%).

Tourist arrivals from the Asian market expanded by 10.0% during the reference period and constituted 6.5% of total tourist arrivals. Arrivals from India, our major source on this continent, rose by 26.2% to reach 19,577. Among the other Asian countries, the following trends were noted: United Arab Emirates (+161.0%), People's Republic of China (-23.3%), Japan (-24.8%), Malaysia (-27.9%), Singapore (-44.5%) and Hong Kong (-50.3%).

Arrivals from Oceania increased by 16.1% due mainly to a rise of 17.0% in arrivals from Australia.

Arrivals from the continent of America grew by 11.6% being the result of growths from USA (+14.0%), Canada (+0.2%) and other American countries (+18.3%).
2. Tourist Nights

The number of nights spent by tourists during the period January to September 2003 is estimated at 5.0 million, up by 3.5% over the same period of 2002 (Table 6).

3. Hotel Statistics

At the end of September 2003, there was a total of 96 registered hotels in operation. Owing to renovation, four hotels were not operational. The total room capacity for these registered hotels in operation was 9,425 with 19,249 bed places (Table 7). The room occupancy rate for all hotels for the first nine months of 2003 averaged 61% while the bed occupancy rate was 54% (Table 8).

"Large" hotels, i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms, numbered 36 (38% of all registered hotels). These "Large" hotels had a room capacity of 6,856 with 13,994 bedplaces, representing 72.7% of both total room capacity and total bedplaces. The average room occupancy rate for these hotels for the first nine months of 2003 was of the order of 63%, while bed occupancy rate averaged 56% (Table 8).

4. Gross Tourism Receipts

Data from the Bank of Mauritius indicate that gross tourism receipts for the period January to September of 2003 were of the order of Rs 13,253 million, edged 0.6% lower when compared to Rs 13,329 million for the corresponding period of 2002.

5. Employment

According to the Survey of Employment and Earnings, direct employment in travel and tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more, stood at 22,261 at the end of March 2003, that is 5.4% higher than last year. Of this number, 74.1% or 16,497 were engaged in hotels (Table 9).
6. Forecast Year 2003

Based on the information obtained from the major stakeholders of the tourist industry, the initial forecast of tourist arrivals (700,000) for the year 2003 has been revised upwards to 705,000, i.e. 3.4% more than the figure of 681,648 registered in the preceding year. According to the Bank of Mauritius, the initial estimate of tourism receipts (Rs 18,100 million) is maintained.

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Explanatory Notes

1. Tourist
A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying for more than 24 hours but less than a year, who is not involved in any gainful occupation in the country during his/her stay.

2. Transit
A transit passenger is one who stops over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:
- **Type I**: Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the harbour.
- **Type II**: Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country for more than 24 hours but only for flight connection purposes.
Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor
Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who stay in the country for less than 24 hours. They also include passengers as well as crews of cruise ships.

4. Tourist Nights
"Tourist nights" means the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists, as defined above, during the period under review.

5. Large Hotels
Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

6. CIS
CIS denotes the Commonwealth of Independent States, which consists of the states of the former Soviet Union.
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Table 2: Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation, January - September of 2002 and 2003

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All Countries                      | 121,705        | 120,180        | -1.3     |

¹ Special Administrative Region of China  
² Including United Arab Emirates
Table 3: Tourist arrivals by month, 2001 - 2003

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Table 4: Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January - September of 2002 and 2003

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Chart 1 - Monthly Distribution of Tourist Arrivals, January - September of 2002 and 2003

Chart 2 - Tourist Arrivals from Top Ten Markets, January - September of 2002 and 2003
### Table 6: Selected Tourism Statistics, 2000 - 2003

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¹ Source: Bank of Mauritius

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### Table 7: Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2000 - 2003

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Table 9: Employment in the tourist industry as at end of March, 1999 - 2003

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\(^1\) Revised in the light of new classification based on International Standard Industrial Classification Rev. 3

\(^2\) Provisional

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)
CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX
(Input Cost Index for the construction of a single storey house)
3rd Quarter 2003

1. Introduction

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents the monthly Construction Price Index (residential) for the third quarter of 2003 with fourth quarter 2001 as base period. Figures showing the evolution of the index during the past twelve months are also included. A description of the model dwelling used for constructing the index is given in Annex. Figures have been rounded to one decimal place although they have been calculated to many decimal places.

2. Changes in the Construction Price Index.

The Construction Price Index, which stood at 107.1 at the end of June 2003, increased to 108.1 in July, 108.6 in August and 109.4 in September 2003.

The 1.0% increase in July was mainly the result of higher wages following the 2003/2004 salary compensation.

Higher prices of iron bars contributed most to the 0.5% increase in August.

The 0.7% rise in September was attributable to increases in the prices of sand, aggregate and block.

Compared to the corresponding months of 2002, the index shows increases of 2.6% for July, 3.0% for August and 3.8% for September 2003.

3. Changes by Input Categories

Changes by input categories are shown in Tables 1.1 to 1.5.

In July 2003, the “Labour” sub-index stood at 106.5, representing an increase of 2.9% from the figure of 103.4 registered in June 2003 as a result of wage increases ranging between 2.5% and 3.4%. This level remained unchanged in August and September.

Higher prices of paint (4-5%) in July moved the “Materials” category sub-index slightly up from 109.7 to 109.8. The sub-index
attained a level of 110.6 in August following increases in the prices of iron bars (6-7%). It increased further to 111.9 in September as a result of higher costs of sand (4%), aggregate (7-8%), and block (3%).

The net monthly contributions of the input categories to the index during the period October 2002 to September 2003 are shown in Table 1.4.

Quarterly averages of the monthly indices by input categories and the percentage change from quarter to quarter are shown in Table 1.5. During the third quarter of 2003, no change was registered in the sub-indices for “Hire of Plant” and “Transport” categories.

4. Changes by Work Categories

Changes by work categories are shown in Tables 2.1 to 2.5.

In July 2003, all work categories were affected by higher wages. The effect was more pronounced in those categories where labour has important weights, e.g. “Site preparation, excavation and disposal, hardcore filling” (2.1%) and “Rendering to wall and ceiling” (2.0%). A 2.0% rise was registered in “Painting”, being the combined effect of higher wages and costs of paint.

The higher costs of iron bars in August resulted in an increase of 3.8% in the work category “Reinforcement”.

In September, several work categories were affected by increases in the prices of sand, aggregate and block, the most important being “Blockwork” (2.0%), “Concrete” (1.9%), “Bed and screed to floor and roof” (1.1%) and “Drainage” (1.0%).

Table 2.4 shows the net monthly contributions of the work categories to the index since October 2002.

Quarterly averages of the monthly indices by work categories and the percentage change from quarter to quarter are shown in Table 2.5.

5. Past Trends

Table 3 summarises the monthly indices, the quarterly and yearly averages as well as the percentage changes in the yearly average since 1998. Indices for the years 1998 to 2001 have been worked out using as base the fourth quarter of 1993, while the base period for the calculation of the index from 2002 onwards is the fourth quarter of 2001.

The two series are not strictly comparable. A crude method of converting an index from the new base to the old base is to multiply the new index by 1.282. Conversely, an index on the old base can be converted to the new base by dividing the old index by 1.282.

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(Base: 4th Quarter 2001 = 100)

Table 1.1: Monthly sub-indices by input categories, October 2002 to September 2003

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(Base: 4th Quarter 2001 = 100)

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Table 1.3: Percentage change from corresponding month of previous year by input categories, January 2003 to September 2003

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## Input Cost Index for the construction of a single storey house

(Base: 4th Quarter 2001 = 100)

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(Base: 4th Quarter 2001 = 100)

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Input Cost Index for the construction of a single storey house  
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(Base: 4th Quarter 2001 = 100)

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Description of the model used for establishing the
Construction Price Index

The model used is a single storey (ground floor) detached house of 128.30 square metres (1,381 square feet) in floor area measured at plinth level to the external face of the external walls. The overall area is inclusive of 18.55 square metres (200 square feet) in respect of a garage.

It comprises two bedrooms, a living-dining room, a kitchen, a toilet, a bathroom, a verandah and an attached garage. The building has concrete block walls, reinforced concrete flat roof, internal flush plywood doors, glazed metal openings, screeded floor and roof, tiling to floor and walls of w.c. and bathroom and kitchen worktop; the ceilings and walls are rendered and painted both internally and externally. Plumbing, sanitary installation and electrical installation are included as well as drainage which is to be connected to the sewerage system.

Provision has been made, in the form of more substantial foundations and of stub columns on the roof, for converting the single into a two-storey house eventually. Site works are restricted to spreading and levelling surplus excavated material around the site.

The Index excludes the cost of the building permit and the draughtman's fee; these two items represent 0.47% and 1.30% of the total cost respectively.

It is assumed that although the house is not constructed by a contractor, the client has recourse to the services of a foreman.