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FEWER PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED IN MARCH 1997

The total number of passengers transported during March 1997 (80,7 million) reflected a decrease of 15,0% compared with March 1996 (95,0 million). The number of passengers transported by private undertakings, municipal passenger transport departments and Transnet Ltd decreased by 21,6%, 17,6% and 10,2% respectively, over this period.

The number of buses in stock of private transport undertakings increased by 2,9% from 8 126 in March 1996 to 8 363 in March 1997 and revenue-earning kilometres travelled increased by 4,4% (1,3 million kilometres). Total transport earnings increased by 14,7% over the same period.

The number of passengers transported during the three months ended March 1997 by private undertakings and municipal passenger transport departments decreased by 12,4% and 8,5% respectively, after seasonal adjustment, compared with the previous three months. The number of passengers transported by Transnet Ltd increased slightly by 0,2% over the same period.

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED BY BUS/TRAIN FOR REWARD

PERIOD			TYPE OF TRANSPORTER		
			PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS	TRANSNET LTD	MUNICIPAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENTS
ACTUAL FIGURES					
JAN. 1997 – MAR. 1997	1 000		78 864	124 252	22 301
JAN. 1996 – MAR. 1996	1 000		96 960	122 677	25 776
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	%		-18,7	+1,3	-13,5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES					
JAN. 1997 – MAR. 1997	1 000		79 030	114 262	21 468
OCT. 1996 – DEC. 1996	1 000		90 242	114 025	23 468

| PERCENTAGE CHANGE | % | -12,4 | +0,2 | -8,5 |

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This statistical release contains data on the transport of passengers for reward by transporters which include private sector   institutions (private undertakings which operate a public passenger transport service for reward), Transnet Ltd and municipal passenger transport departments.

2. In the case of public transport by private sector institutions the estimates are based on particulars collected by means of a monthly sample survey based on the results of the 1986 Census of transport and allied services.

3. Actual figures often show a seasonal pattern which means that every year figures show a specific repetitive tendency. An example is the fact that salaries and wages usually show a peak during December months. This seasonal effect is eliminated to produce seasonal adjusted figures which could be compared with that of the previous month.

4. As seasonally adjusted figures are recalculated monthly, small adjustments may occur each month.

5. To calculate the year figures, the following figures are used:

   (i)   Number of passenger buses: Average of year in question.

   (ii) Number of persons employed: June figure.

6. Salaries and wages relate to gross salaries and wages and include, inter alia, overtime payments, allowances, commission and bonuses.

7. The average salaries and wages at constant 1990 prices is obtained by deflating the average salaries and wages at current prices by means of the consumer price index

for the higher income group for Whites, that for the middle income group for Coloureds and Asians and that for the lower income group for Blacks on base 1990=100.

In order to improve timeliness, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late response. The information for the latest month is therefore preliminary and subject to revision.

8. Symbols used

  .. = not available
  *   = revised

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     1.1   PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS
           WORK PERFORMANCE STATISTICS
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     |                      |         |       1997          |1996     |       |
     |        ITEM          |         |---------------------|---------|       |
     |                      | UNIT    | MAR.    | FEB.      | MAR.    | 1997  |
     |----------------------|---------|-------------------------------------- |
     |PASSENGER BUSES       |         |         |           |         |       |
     |IN STOCK              | NUMBER  |  8 363  |  8 461    |  8 126  | 8 107 |
     |                      |         |         |           |         |       |
     |PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED| 1 000   | 26 635  | 26 769    | 33 992  |377 461|
     |                      |         |         |           |         |       |
     |REVENUE-EARNING       |         |         |           |         |       |
     |KILOMETRES TRAVELLED  | 1 000   | 30 058  | 29 265    | 28 801  |348 833|
     |                      |         |         |           |         |       |
     |UNLADEN KILOMETRES    |         |         |           |         |       |
     |TRAVELLED             | 1 000   |  3 763  |  3 699    |  3 245  | 36 459|
     |                      |         |         |           |         |       |
     |TOTAL TRANSPORT       |         |         |           |         |       |
     |EARNINGS              | R1 000  |173 980  |167 385    |151 642  |1869 812|
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NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED BY BUS/TRAIN FOR REWARD

1 000

	TYPE OF TRANSPORTER					
YEAR AND MONTH	PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS		TRANSNET LTD		MUNICIPAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENTS	
	ACTUAL FIGURES	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES	ACTUAL FIGURES	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES	ACTUAL FIGURES	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES

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|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    1994        | 375 435                      405 581                      101 015                                          |
|    1995        | 347 809                      453 218                      100 197                                          |
|    1996        | 377 461                      468 725                       96 948                                          |
|                |                                                                                                                   |
|  1996 - J      |  30 330        32 230         29 900        35 197          8 088          8 306                            |
|         F      |  32 638        32 744         40 584        36 464          8 902          8 402                            |
|         M      |  33 992        31 869         52 193        39 871          8 786          7 971                            |
|         A      |  31 511        34 249         26 420        38 031          7 929          8 920                            |
|         M      |  33 232        33 693         38 587        39 817          9 205          8 731                            |
|         J      |  32 687        31 660         41 048        41 544          7 848          7 381                            |
|         J      |  29 049        29 868         37 274        38 678          7 759          8 133                            |
|         A      |  30 655        30 282         42 554        41 143          8 353          7 824                            |
|         S      |  32 274        30 652         47 082        41 911          7 897          7 764                            |
|         O      |  33 032        31 557         40 704        38 407          8 582          8 222                            |
|         N      |  32 140        30 749         42 929        40 117          7 939          7 864                            |
|         D      |  25 921        27 934         29 450        35 499          5 660          7 381                            |
|                |                                                                                                                   |
|  1997 - J      |  25 460        27 106         30 842        36 405          7 697          7 882                            |
|         F      |  26 769        26 851        *46 551        42 108         *7 368          6 961                            |
|         M      |  26 635        25 071         46 859        35 747          7 236          6 624                            |
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