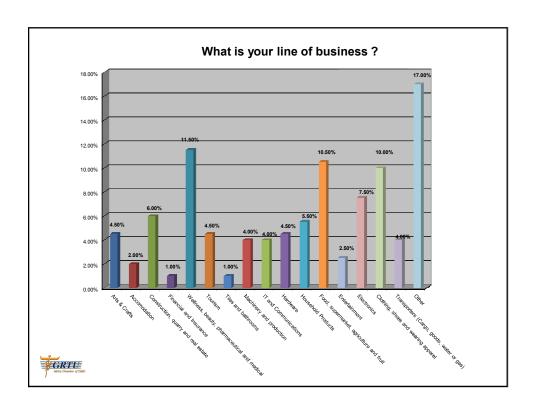
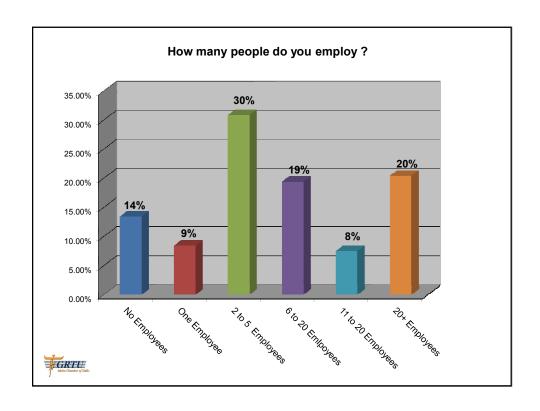
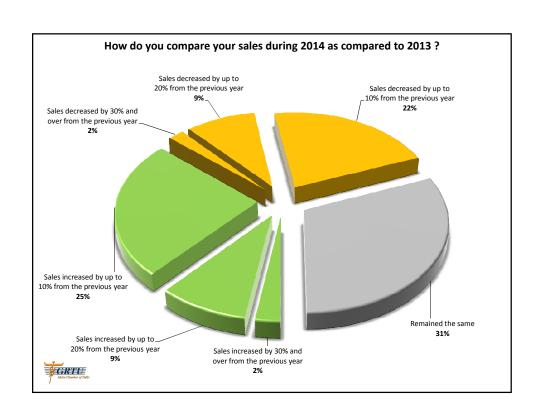


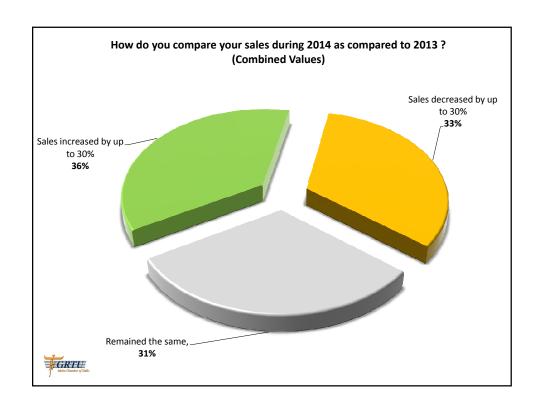
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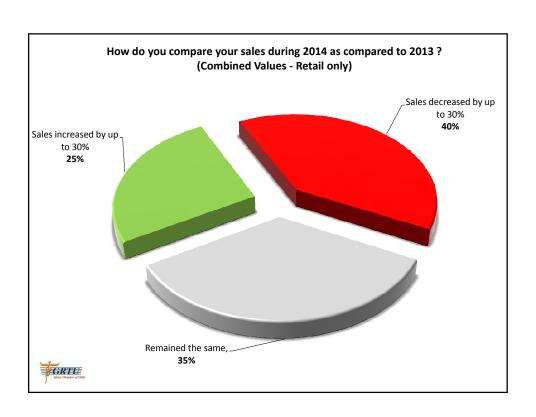
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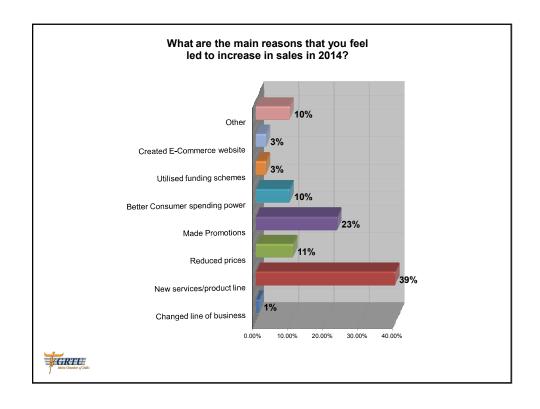


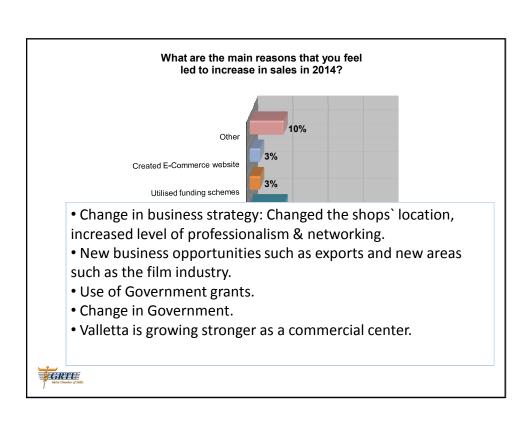


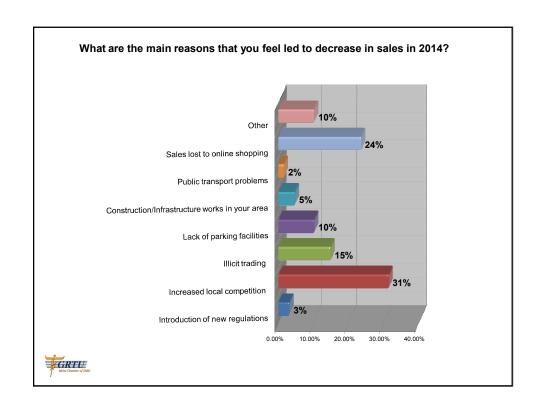


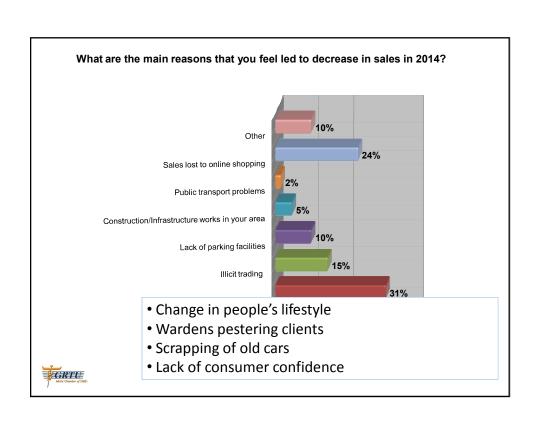


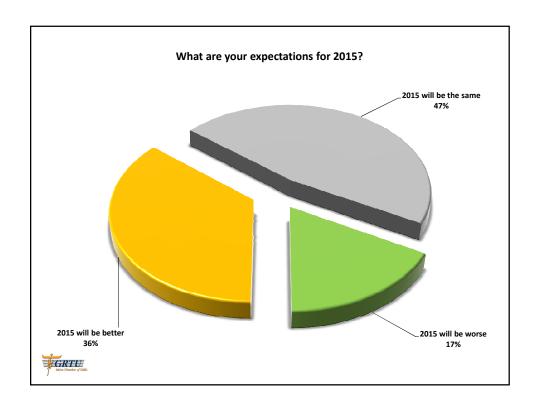


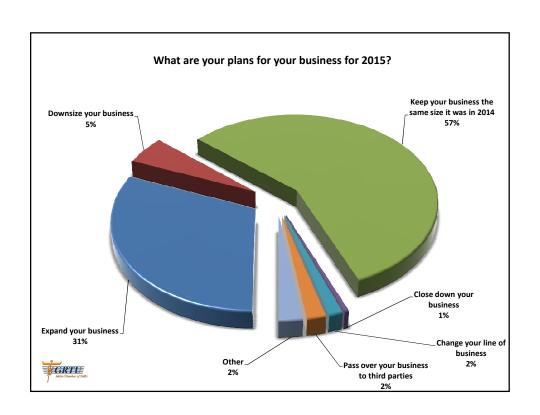


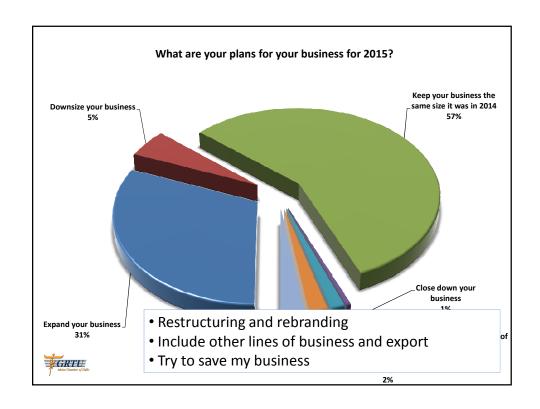


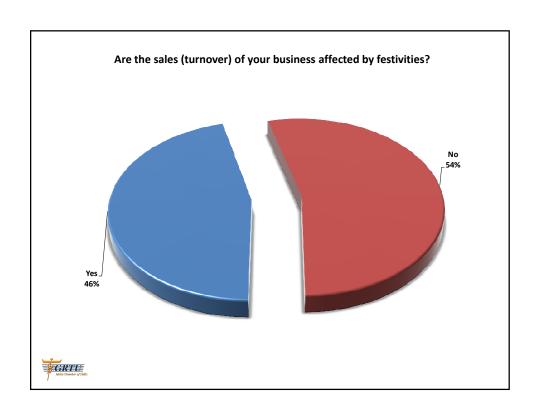


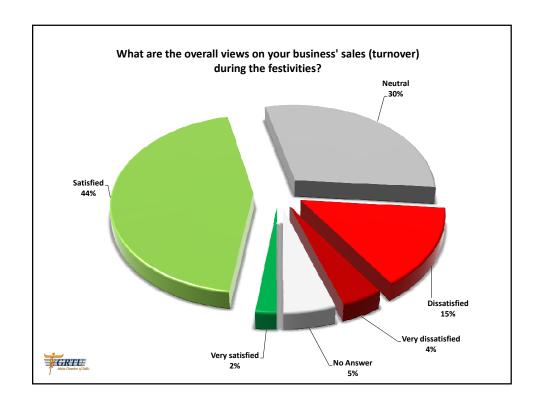


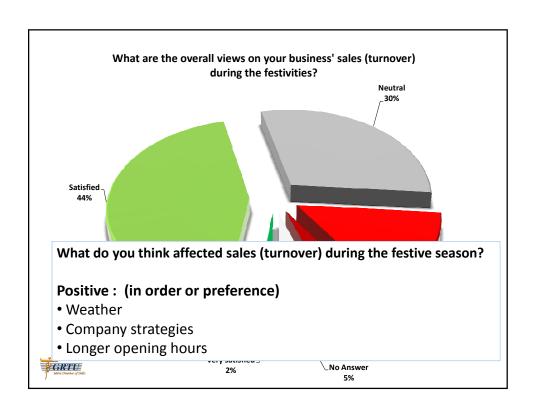


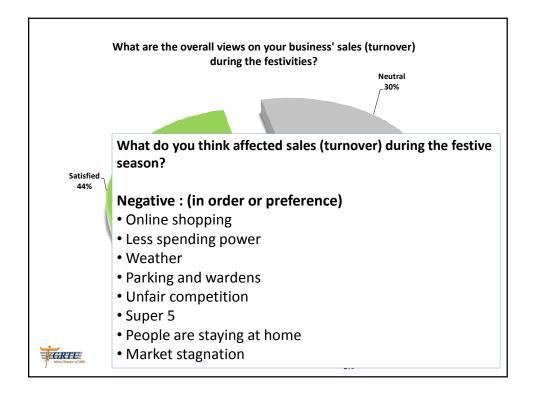


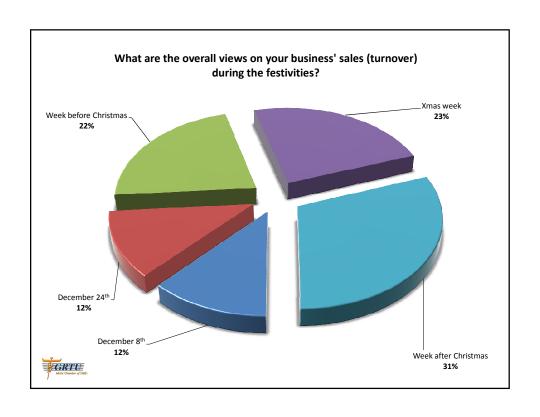


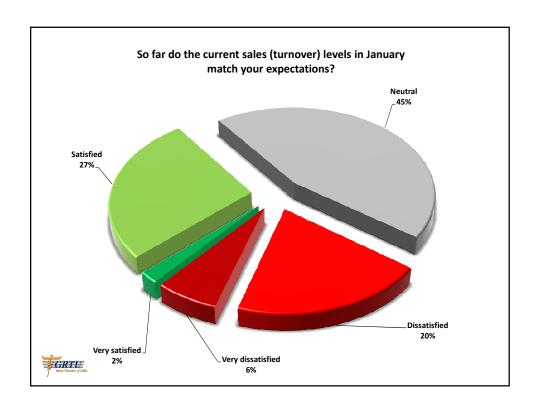


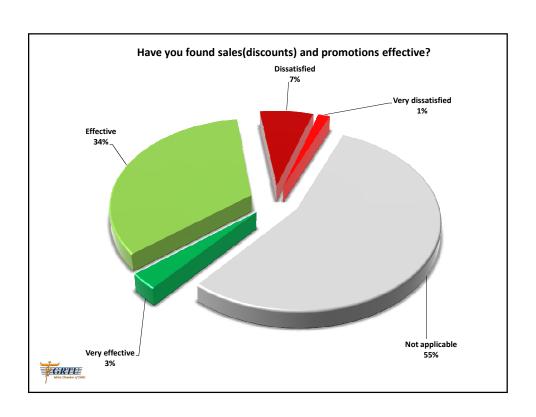


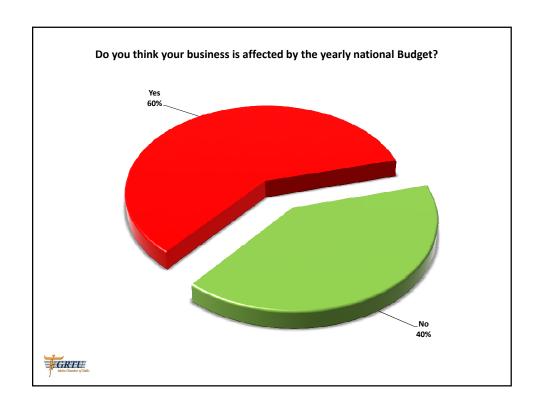


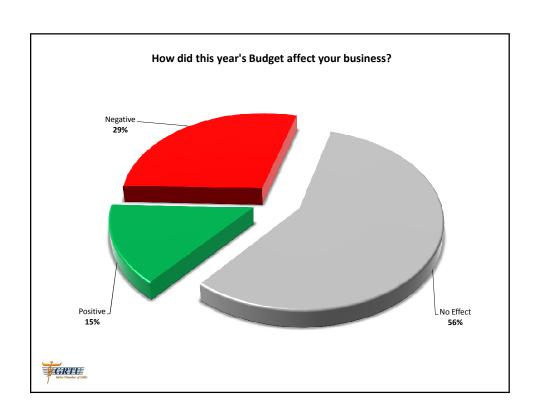












#### How did this year's Budget affect your business?



Are there any measures announced in the Budget you feel will have a positive impact on your business in the short or long run?

- Reduction in electricity prices
- Tackling unfair competition by sea
- Removal of eco tax
- Promotion of certain specific sectors
- Extension of certain schemes
- Reduction in road tax for small engine capacity motorcycles
- Addressing transport issues ease deliveries
- Everyone subject to VAT regulations
- Stamp duty of first time buyers



Scrappage scheme

#### How did this year's Budget affect your business?



Are there any particular measures announced in the Budget you feel will have a negative impact on your business in the short or long run?

- Small COLA increase = less spending power
- Excise duties on ammunition, wines, tyres, lubricants
- Fuel price did not decrease but increased
- Increase in road licenses
- All these excise duties will only aggravate the problem of unfair competition
- Few incentives to industry
- Measures re employment of people with disability
- · Increase in running costs
- · Increase in tax of cement



Change in taxation system when selling property

## Concerns for 2015

### In order of preference

- Unfair competition.
- High fuel costs.
- Parking in all localities, especially in commercial areas and Valletta.
- Reduction in bureaucracy and Government administrative charges.
- Easier access to funds and grants.
- Eco Tax.
- Saturation of market.
- Issues in relation to public procurement (fairness).
- More help for Gozo businesses.
- Tackle dominant position players and their charges.
- Help to compete online.
- Hawker permits.

## Concerns for 2015

#### In order of preference

- Attracting better quality tourists.
- Labour force limitations and lack of skills.
- Postal charges to export.
- Late payments.
- Student card issue.
- Rent laws.
- Reducing heavy vehicle licenses.
- Wardens.
- Loading and unloading issues.
- Car scrapping scheme to include also commercial sector.
- Opening Hours. (Bars want extended opening hours)

## Methodology

- Survey was conducted online through a system of tokens.
- Only members that received a token by email could participate.
- Respondents can only use their token once.
- The responses of 200 participants was recorded.
- Selection of recipients was random from GRTU's membership database.



## Thank you

Any questions please?