

Annual Report 2010

National Commission for Persons with Disability

COMMITMENT

KNPD commits itself to rendering Maltese society inclusive so that persons with disability can fulfil themselves as persons who enjoy a high quality of life by means of equal opportunities in all sections of society.

In order to implement this commitment, KNPD works for a society that eliminates all forms of direct or indirect discrimination against persons with disability or their families while providing them with the necessary help and support.

01 THE NATIONAL COMMISSION PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

1.1 Setting up of KNPD

The National Commission Persons with Disability (KNPD) was first set up on the 3rd of November 1987, when the then Minister for Social Policy, Dr Louis Galea, made a parliamentary statement in which he announced that he had appointed the first members of this Commission.

On the 10th February 2000, KNPD was officially constituted according to Act 1 of the year 2000, the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act. This same law established the aims of KNPD. These aims are set out in Section V, Article 22 of the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act are to:

- identify, establish and update all national policies which are directly or indirectly related to disability issues;
- identify the needs of persons with disability, their families and voluntary bodies working in the field of disability and to take all necessary steps or propose appropriate measures in order to cater for such needs as much as possible;
- ensure that all Government programmes concerning the affairs and interests of persons with disability, their families and voluntary bodies working in the field of disability, are implemented in accordance with national policies for disability issues;
- ensure that there is the necessary co-ordination between all Government departments and agencies in implementing measures, services or initiatives proposed by Government or proposed by KNPD from time to time;
- keep direct and continuous contact with local and foreign bodies working in the field of disability, and with other groups, agencies or individuals as required;
- monitor the provision of services offered by Government or its agencies or by any other person or group of persons, where the clients of such services are persons with disability;
- work towards the elimination of discrimination against people with disability;
- carry out general investigations with a view to determining whether the provisions of this Act are being complied with;
- investigate complaints made to KNPD about individual non compliance with any provision of this Act and, where it seems appropriate, act as a conciliator in relation to such complaints;
- inquire into, and make determinations on, matters referred to it by the Minister;

- provide, where and as appropriate, assistance, including legal and financial assistance, to persons with disability in enforcing their rights under this Act;
- keep under review the enforcement of this Act and, when deemed fit by KNPD or so required by the Minister, draft and submit to the Minister proposals for amendments to the Act;
- examine laws, and (when requested to do so by the Minister) propose laws, with the purpose of ascertaining whether the laws or proposed laws are or would be, inconsistent with or contrary to the objects of this Act, and to report to the Minister the results of any such examination;
- provide all such services that may be necessary or required for KNPD to attain its objectives;
- collate, analyse and publish statistics related to the disability sector which, among others, indicate the national level achieved in the policy regarding inclusion.

1.2. The Period of this Annual Report

This report covers the calendar year 2010 and is being drawn up according to Article 30 of the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act. This report does not include the work carried out by KNPD with respect to the implementation of the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act. A report about this was published separately in February 2011, which also commemorated the 10th anniversary of this act. Since this act came into being in October 2000, the annual work report covers the period starting October and following through to September of the following year. A copy of this report may be obtained from the KNPD Secretariat and can also be downloaded from the KNPD website www.knpd.org.

1.3. KNPD Structure

The members of KNPD are appointed by the Prime Minister on the advice of the Minister for Social Policy for a two-year period. The 2010 board members are presented in Table 1.1.

1.4 KNPD Meetings

During 2010, the KNPD board held 11 meetings and discussed the following subjects:

- KNPD's plan of action for the year 2010
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
- Complaints presented to the Equal Opportunities Act Section
- The implementation of the Policy on Persons with Disability and Employment

- The 16+ Steering Committee
- Persons with Disability in Gozo
- The Foundation for Respite Care Services
- The National Budget
- The Week of Persons with Disability
- KNPD projects funded by the EU
- Access for All guidelines, including the revision of guidelines for hotels
- Monitoring of the use of the Blue Sticker
- Entry of persons with disability into secondary Church schools
- The Road Licensing and Registration Tax Exemption service
- The University of Malta Disability Studies Programme

There was also a presentation of a report by the Consultative Committee of Persons with Intellectual Disability regarding 'Where We Would Like to Live'.

TABLE 1.1: COMPOSITION OF KNPD BOARD 2010	
Name	Status
Mr Joseph M. Camilleri ^(a)	Chairman
Ms Rita Vella ^(a)	Vice-Chairman
Mr George A, Borg	Ministry of Education, Youth and Employment
Dr Victoria Farrugia Sant'Angelo	Ministry of Health, the Elderly and Community Care
Mr Alfred Bezzina	Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment
Ms Mary Rose Attard	Ministry for Gozo
Mr Anthony Mifsud	Local Councils Association
Dr Marie Alexander	University of Malta
Fr Martin Micallef	Archdiocese of Malta
Ms Marica Gatt ^(a)	Voluntary Sector
Ms Tessa Anastasi ^(a)	Voluntary Sector
Mr Ronald Galea ^(a)	Voluntary Sector
Ms Marchita Mangiafico ^(a)	Voluntary Sector
Mr Joseph Stafrace ^(a)	Voluntary Sector
Ms Anne-Marie Callus	Secretary/Executive Director

(a) These are persons with disability or family members of persons with disability

The Equal Opportunities Act (Article 21) stipulates that half the members of KNPD have to be persons with disability or parents of persons with disability. The present membership of KNPD satisfies this criterion because five members are persons with disability and three members are parents of persons with mental disability.

1.5 The Consultative Committee

The composition of the Consultative Committee changed in 2009. A call for applications was issued in May for persons with intellectual disability to apply for membership. Due to the strong response (more than 30 people), the Committee was divided into three groups. The first of these is the Core Committee, which meets in order to plan the meetings scheduled with the other members. The Core Committee is composed of:

Mr Omar Jelassi	Chair
Mr Brian Micallef	Vice Chair
Ms Marthese Deguara	Secretary
Ms Isabelle Bonello	Assistant Secretary
Ms Isabel Bonello	Members
Ms Lisa Borg	
Ms Lourdes Farrugia	

Throughout 2010, this Committee held 9 meetings. Three of these were by the Core Committee during which the meetings for the members of the Full Committee were planned. These meetings discussed the following subjects:

- When people do not treat us well
- Going out and friendship
- Education

A meeting was also held during which the Full Committee chose the members of the Core Committee, as shown above.

The Committee also took part in the Week of Persons with Disability where it presented research regarding the life of persons with intellectual disability in Malta. This took place in the presence of the Hon. Dolores Cristina, Minister of Education, Employment and the Family.

1.6 The KNPD Secretariat

KNPD has a permanent secretariat that operates from the Ċentru Hidma Soċjali, Istituto Vincenzo Bugeja in St Venera. At present, this secretariat has 23 members of staff: 18 full-timers, and 5 staff members who are working part-time or on reduced hours. 11 of these workers are persons with disability. Apart from this, in order to be able to provide the best services possible, KNPD purchases the services of various professionals including lawyers, doctors, paramedics, accountants, architects and Maltese Sign Language interpreters.

Ms Anne-Marie Callus was appointed Executive Director from January 2010, while Ms Alison Zammit was appointed Manager (Research and Policy) and Mr

Elvin Sciberras was appointed Assistant Manager (Administration and Finance). Ms Victoria Grech was employed as Assistant Services Officer, Ms Marie Portelli as Draughtsperson (as part of the MEPA reform), and Mr Bernard Busuttill as Progress Project Administrator. Ms Mary Rose Meli terminated her contract as Administrator of the European Regional Development Fund Programme.

KNPD encourages its staff members to continue their professional and personal development in various ways. This includes:

- 3 members of staff have been given the possibility of working flexible hours and having study leave so that they can continue with their academic studies;
- a Staff Development Day was organised for all staff members of the Secretariat, with training sessions focusing on communication with other people and assertiveness. There was also a training session regarding the Freedom of Information Act;
- 4 members of staff attended courses organised by the Staff Development Organisation;
- 4 members of staff participated in study visits abroad, which allowed them to develop their professional skills. These visits were financed by the EU's Leonardo Programme as part of the Capacity Building for KNPD Staff Project.

1.7 2009 Annual Report

During a press conference in March 2010, KNPD presented a report of the work carried out in the previous year to all media present. The press conference, attended by the Hon. Dolores Cristina, was held at the premises of the Independent Living Section, which KNPD is building and furnishing with funds received from ERDF.

This report, available in Maltese, English, easy-to-read (Maltese) and audio, is available from the KNPD Secretariat. The first three formats are also available on KNPD's website www.knpd.org.

02 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION INITIATIVES

2.1 Investigations of Complaints According to the Equal Opportunities Act

KNPD is in charge of ensuring that the Equal Opportunities Act is observed in a reasonable manner. For this purpose, KNPD receives complaints from disabled persons who feel they have been discriminated against on grounds of their disability. KNPD investigates these complaints, tries to mediate in order to find a reasonable solution in the shortest time possible, and where this is not possible, it also takes complaints to the Arbitration Centre or to Court.

As reported in Section 2.1., the annual report regarding this work is presented separately. Because of this, the KNPD Annual Report does not provide an account of the work that KNPD has carried out on this Act. This applies also for work related to the Test of Reasonableness Board, which is also reported in the Equal Opportunities Act Annual Report.

This year KNPD published an easy-to-read version and issued an audio format and a DVD in Maltese Sign Language of the Equal Opportunities Act, thanks to funds received from the EU's Progress Programme.

2.2 Vetting of MEPA Applications

As part of the enforcement of this Act, MEPA is bound to consult with KNPD regarding applications for developments of buildings which are open to the public and which are of major use. This consultation consists of two exercises:

- a) MEPA sends development plans to KNPD for its technical personnel to examine, in order to check whether they conform to the guidelines published by KNPD in the 'Access for All – Design Guidelines', which are available on the KNPD website.
- b) MEPA requires developers to obtain a certificate from KNPD that says that the finished building is in line with these guidelines before issuing the Compliance Certificate. In this way, developers can then apply for water and electricity supplies.

Table 2 shows the work that KNPD has carried out during this year regarding vetting of MEPA development permits.

TABLE 2.1: VETTING OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS			
	2008	2009	Diff
Applications	766	719	-6%
Recommended with conditions	261	285	+9%
Not recommended	361	308	-15%
More information requested	144	121	-16%
Pending	39	5	-87%

This table shows a substantial increase of 39% in the number of applications that KNPD vetted in 2009, when compared to 2008. Despite this, there was a decrease in the amount of applications that were recommended by KNPD subject to certain conditions (6% less), and an increase of 5% in the amount of those that were not recommended and 5% increase in the applications about which KNPD required further information.

Graph 2.1

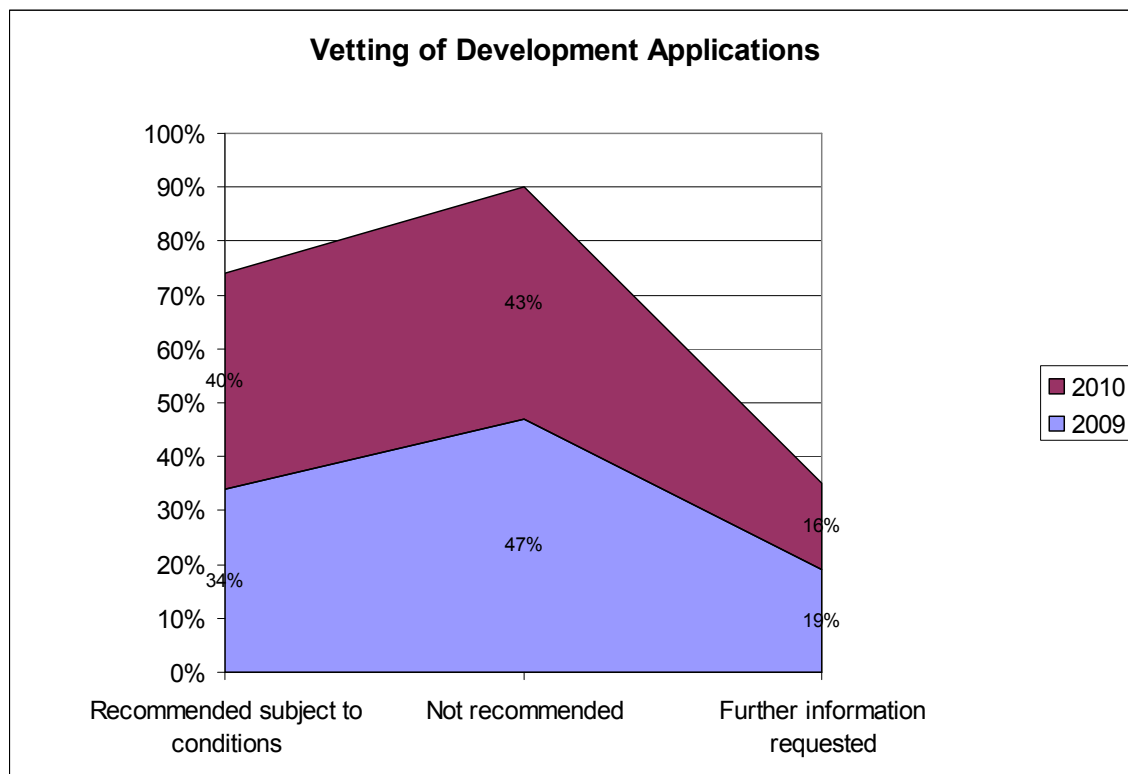


Table 2.1 and Graph 2.1 show that this year there was a 6% decrease in the number of applications vetted by KNPD in 2010 when compared to 2009. At the same time, there was an increase of 6% in applications that received recommendations subject to certain conditions from KNPD, and a 5% decrease in those that were not recommended and a decrease of 3% in those about which

further information was requested. A substantial number of applications are vetted by KNPD more than once. The data in this regard are presented below.

Table 2.2

Number of Times the Application was Vetted				
	Once	Twice	Three times	More than three times
Applications 2009	344	249	121	52
Applications 2010	310	203	104	97

Graph 2.2

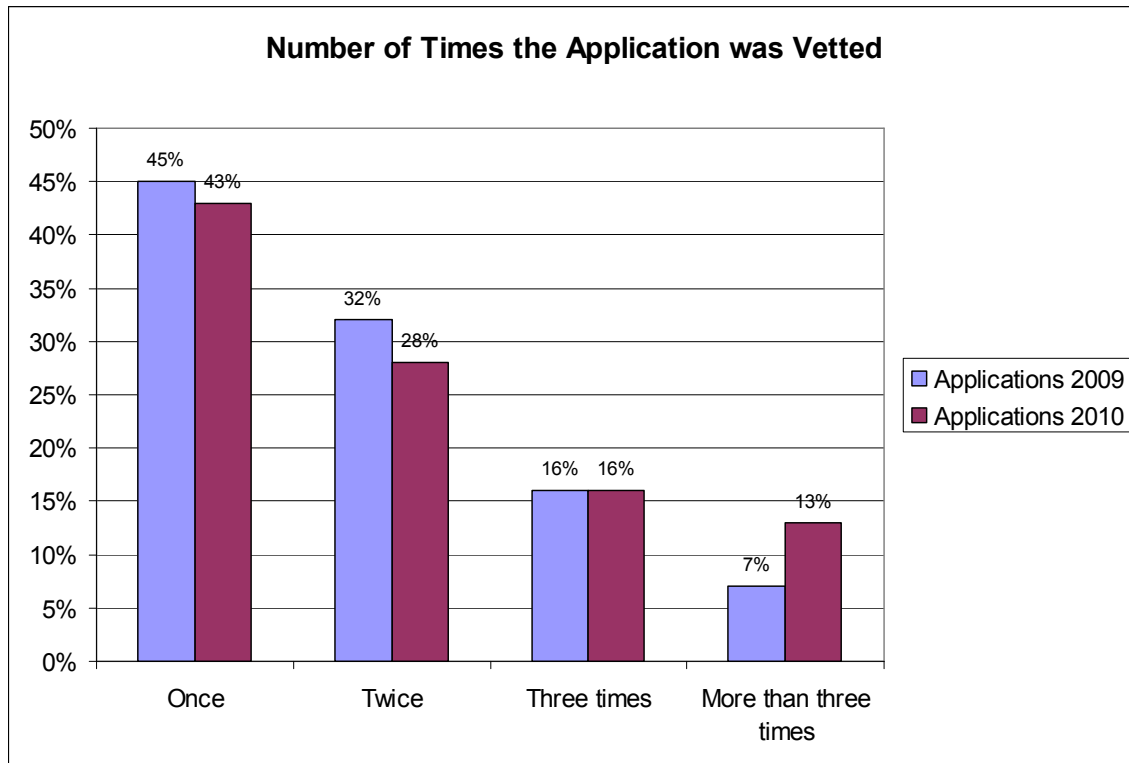


Table 2.2 and graph 2.2 show that more than half of the applications are being vetted by KNPD more than once, with 13% being vetted more than 3 times. This rate is higher than that for 2009.

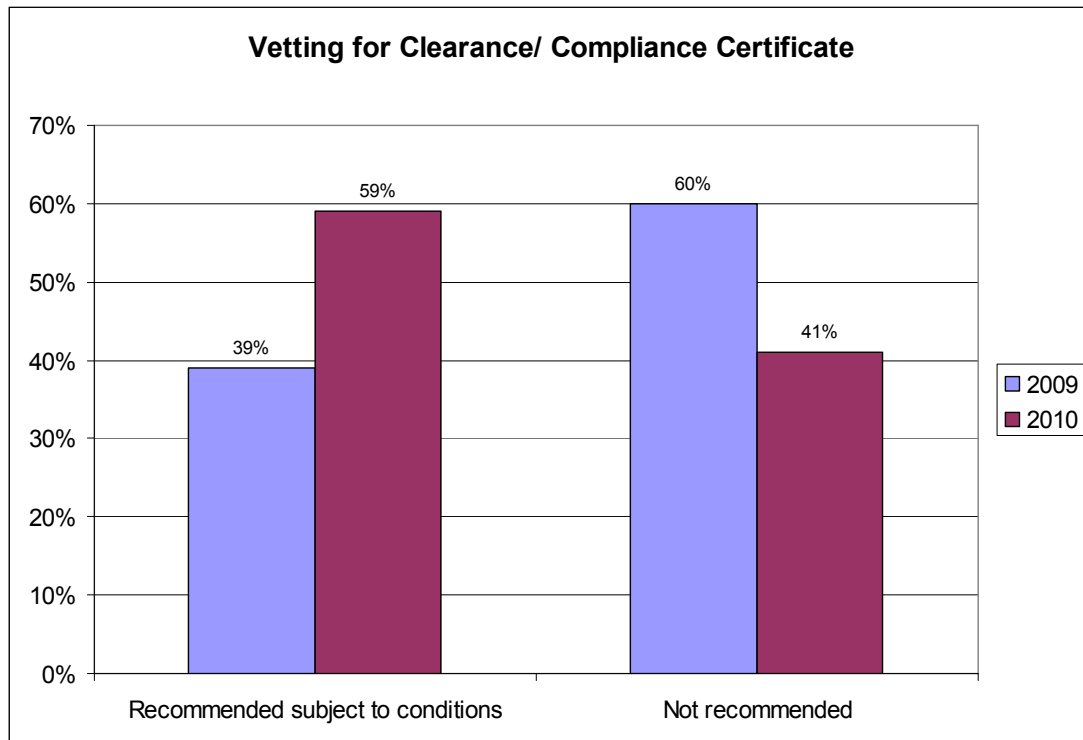
From October 2010, KNPD in collaboration with MEPA started offering a service. This involves the KNPD draughtsperson, who is present at the MEPA offices on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings, giving advice regarding physical accessibility to those who are about to submit an application for development.

The percentage of applications increases throughout the year, especially because of applications that are vetted more than once. This results in a waste of time and resources for all parties concerned, especially in view of the fact that only 40% of applications are ultimately recommended anyway.

During this year KNPD was requested to also vet the building upon completion for MEPA to issue the Compliance Certificate. Data regarding this work is presented below.

TABLE 2.3: VETTING OF BUILDINGS FOR CLEARANCE/ COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE			
	2009	2011	Diff.
Applications	67	49	-27%
Recommended with conditions	26	29	+12%
Not recommended	40	20	-50%
Pending	1	0	--

GRAPH 2.3



The table and graph show that the number of buildings inspected by KNPD decreased since 2009. More than half of these were recommended subject to certain conditions.

2.3 Tourism for All

KNPD participated in a seminar regarding Accessible Tourism attended by the Hon. Dr Mario DeMarco, Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism. Presentations on behalf of KNPD were given by Mr Joseph M. Camilleri and architect Dr Joseph Spiteri. Throughout the year meetings with this secretariat continued to be held so that tourism in Malta would be more accessible to all.

2.4 United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability

The Interministerial report on this convention was finalised. The report was presented to the Office of the Prime Minister. KNPD then started working with the Ministry of Education, Employment and the Family in order to carry out the legislative amendments required for Malta to be able to ratify the convention.

In November, KNPD took part in a Work Forum in Brussels, regarding the implementation of Article 33 of the Convention. This article regards the monitoring and the implementation of the Convention itself.

2.5 Training Session Organised by NCPE

EOA officials underwent training which focused on laws in Malta that safeguard persons from minorities against discrimination in various aspects of life. Among other aspects discussed were the representation of these minorities in the media, the provision of services especially housing, and employment discrimination. KNPD was also represented at the final conference which was held as part of this training.

2.5 Study Visit to the Equality and Human Rights Commission

The second visit to the Equality and Human Rights Commission took place in the UK in May 2010. KNPD's Executive Director Ms Anne-Marie Callus as well as EOA officials Ms Marianne Debono and Mr Elvin Sciberras went on this visit.

2.6 EU Directives and Regulations

Throughout 2010, KNPD continued to contribute to the discussion regarding the European Commission's proposal of a Directive to implement the principle of equal treatment of people, irrespective of their religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation (known as the Anti-Discrimination Directive). KNPD is helping

the cause by a representation on board the Inter-Ministerial Committee on the Anti-Discrimination Directive.

KNPD also submitted feedback regarding documents issued by the EU, among which were:

- The rights of authors and how laws within the sector affect persons with disability, especially in regard to accessibility for persons with reading difficulties;
- The draft of the Resolution of the Council of the European Union and of the Government Representatives of member states who meet at the Council on a new European Disability Framework;
- The Millennium Development Goals for the United Nations.

03 POLICY MAKING

KNPD has the role of developing and coordinating work on policy making within the disability sector. This is done by ensuring that all the programmes, measures, services and initiatives of Government and its agencies that concern the persons with disability sector take into consideration the rights and needs of persons with disability. KNPD also works in order to ensure that there is coordination among these entities in this regard.

3.1 The 16+ Steering Committee

This was set up by KNPD in July 2009. It includes representatives of various institutions that are in some way involved in the transition of persons with disability who have finished their secondary school to continuous education, employment or day services.

- i. Throughout 2010, the 16+ Steering Committee (KK16+) held meetings where the needs for support of students with disability who are pursuing their studies at post-secondary and tertiary levels were discussed. The presence of representatives of various educational institutions on the Committee enabled discussions regarding ways in which such institutions could collaborate more to increase equal opportunities for persons with disability. Post-secondary education was the most frequently discussed aspect, and it clearly emerged that complete coordination among the entities responsible for the education of students up to the age of 16 and those who continue studying is very important. Proposals regarding a more efficient and practical form of coordination are being discussed.
- ii. In July 2010, a meeting was held between the CC16+ and representatives of entities who do similar work in Gozo. This meeting was part of KNPD's project financed by the EU's Progress Programme.
- iii. CC16+ began discussions on the implementation of recommendations in the National Policy for Persons with Disability and Employment, which was published by KNPD. The first meeting focused on what must be done in order that the public sector may hold a better representation of employees with disability.

3.2 Inclusive Education

- i. Several meetings were held with the Malta Qualifications Council with regard to the National Qualification Framework Inclusive project, which is enabling persons with learning difficulties – including those with intellectual disability – to learn, obtain certificates that reflect and value their skills and knowledge acquired over time. KNPD collaborated with the MQC on the organisation of a seminar on the National Qualifications Framework and on how this could be inclusive and

- recognised such non-formally acquired skills and knowledge. The seminar was addressed by KNPD Chairman Mr Joe Camilleri, MQC Director Dr James Calleja, and MQC Manager Mr Richard Curmi.
- ii. KNPD continued to cooperate on the Statementing Appeals Board through Mr Joseph M. Camilleri, who is a member of the board. Those who disagree with the decisions taken by the Statementing Moderating Panel with regard to the support required by students with individual educational needs can appeal for a re-examination of their request by the said board. A decision can then be made about the support required, which includes that provided by learning support assistants.
 - iii. At post-secondary level, KNPD works closely with MCAST in order to ensure that students with disability are able to follow courses offered by the college's various institutes. This work is being carried out mainly through the contribution of Mr Joseph M. Camilleri and Ms Anne-Marie Callus on the MCAST Inclusive Vocational Educational Training Working Group.
 - iv. KNPD also gives its support so that the University of Malta ensures that students with disability have equal opportunities within this institution. Mr Joseph M. Camilleri is a member of Access: Disability Support Committee. Ms Anne-Marie Callus was also on the Board of Referrals, which examines appeals for decisions taken with regard to special arrangements for MATSEC examinations. She was appointed instead of Mr Fred Bezzina who was member of this board until the end of 2009.
 - v. KNPD played a part in the drafting of a policy that would provide individualised transport to students with disability who wish to attend post-secondary and tertiary level courses. Such transport would be specifically adapted to accommodate persons who cannot use other forms of transport and for whom accessible transport would be the main obstacle preventing them from continuing their education.

3.3 Employment

This is another very important sector that is related to education.

- i. A National Policy on Employment and Persons with Disability was finalised following the closing of a consultation process during the Week of Persons with Disability in 2009. The policy was later published in Maltese and English, and can be found on www.knpd.org. Accessible formats of this document were also created through funding by the EU's Progress Programme. These include an easy-to-read version, audio and a DVD in Maltese Sign Language.
- ii. Discussions began with ETC on how to best revise the Register of Persons with Disability kept by the corporation. This revision is in fact one of the recommendations in the National Policy.

- iii. Meetings were held with the Office of the Prime Minister and ETC, where a proposal for an initiative that would increase the employment of persons with disability at all levels of the civil and public sectors. This is one of the recommendations in the National Policy on Employment of Persons with Disability. The initiative was presented during a seminar addressed by Dr Godwin Grima, Head Parliamentary Secretary.
- iv. KNPD collaborated with the Inland Revenue Department in order to vary the Scheme for Tax Incentives for Providing Business Accessibility. The aim of this scheme is to enable the employer to implement such changes for the benefit of persons with disability. The scheme is based on Legal Notice 428 of the 2010 Income Tax Act (Chap. 123), 2010 Rules on Tax Incentives for Providing Business Accessibility. More information on this scheme and an application form can be obtained from the KNPD website www.knpd.org.
- v. KNPD is also a partner in the Employee Support Programme project, also financed by the EU. This project is managed by the Employee Relations Department within the Office of the Prime Minister and it is geared towards providing support to employees in public administration who are having difficulties for some reason or other. It also aims to carry out research on the current support needs and to provide training for managers and employees within public administration in this sector.
- vi. Mr Joe Camilleri, Mr Gordon Cardona and Mr Omar Jelassi participated in a conference organised by the Ministry of Education, Employment and the Family, which regarded young people with disability and the world of employment. This conference formed part of the Pass It On project, which is financed by the EU and which has the aim of increasing awareness about other projects that have been set up in relation to employment and training for persons with disability. Mr Camilleri, Mr Cardona and Mr Jelassi spoke about the challenges that persons with disability have to face in the workplace and about the legislation that protects the rights of persons with disability in this sector.

3.4 Day Services

These are meant for persons whose severe disability prevents them from being included in the employment world, even if within a protected environment.

- i. KNPD finalised the Study on the Development of Day Services in order to discuss it with entities that could help in the development of this sector, primarily *Aġenzija Sapport*. The report includes a proposal about how these services could help persons with intellectual disability to move closer to the community through individualised programmes. A

proposal for a pilot project in this regard was presented to the Ministry of Employment, Education and the Family.

- ii. KNPD continued to contribute to the ME2 project, which is co-financed by the European Structural Funds, as partner. Ms Anne-Marie Callus, who represents KNPD in this project, took part in meetings with parents of persons with disability who attend Day Centres run by *Aġenzija Sapport*. In addition to this, KNPD sent a letter about this project to all persons between 16 and 55 who are registered with the commission, and who had accepted to receive further information from KNPD. In this way the latter could reach persons with disability in the community. As part of this project, a conference was set up and addressed the work carried out so far through this project and its future plan of action. Ms Anne-Marie Callus addressed the conference and delivered a presentation on the rights of persons with disability in education and employment, according to the EOA.

3.5 Working Group on Disability Issues

KNPD is actively participating in the Workgroup on Disability Issues set up by the Minister of Employment, Education and the Family, the Hon. Dolores Cristina. This was done in order to discuss the sector involving pensions and benefits for persons with disability and to come up with concrete proposals for the necessary changes within the sector. During the meetings held so far, the required reforms in the disability pension and initiatives that could help more persons with disability find employment were discussed. A focus group was set up within this workgroup to formulate proposals regarding such initiatives. KNPD is also contributing in this focus group.

3.6 National Cultural Policy

KNPD was involved in the consultation process regarding the National Cultural Policy draft, in order to ensure that the disability sector would be mainstreamed in this policy. After giving its feedback, KNPD was also asked to make a formal presentation, which was done by Mr Gordon Caruana during a policy consultation meeting.

3.7 The National Budget 2011

KNPD made recommendations to the Government regarding the national budget for 2011 in order to strengthen the disability sector. It also participated in a meeting organised by the Minister of Finance on this budget.

3.8 Research

Research is a very important tool in the development of policy. It helps determine the needs of persons with disability and of their families, how well these needs are being addressed, and the extent to which the rights of persons with disability are being safeguarded.

- i. KNPD worked closely with the University of Malta in order to set up the Study Programme on Disability within the Department of Social Policy and Social Work. This programme aims to offer courses on sectors of disability; carry out and promote research on these sectors, especially from a social, economical and cultural point of view; and organise seminars and international conferences.
- ii. KNPD worked on research through the drafting of reports for the Academic Network of Experts on Disability (ANED), a European network of which KNPD is a member. The research carried out focused on benefits and services for persons with disability in Malta. The information gathered regarded:
 - Disability pension
 - Carer's pension
 - Special children's allowance
 - Invalidity benefit
 - Special identity card and Blue Sticker
 - Road license and vehicle registration tax exemption
 - Bridging the Gap scheme
 - Subsidies on structural works on residences of persons with disability
 - Subsidy schemes for loans for persons with disability
 - PEKTUR
 - Special Assistance Services and VAT refund

Mr Gordon Caruana attended the ANED Annual General Meeting held in Brussels in December 2010.

04. DIRECT AND INDIRECT SERVICES

In order to ensure that persons with disability have a better quality of life, the KNPD Secretariat offers a number of services which are directly administered by KNPD or on behalf of other entities, as explained below. Whoever applies for a service administered by KNPD is included in the Register of Persons with Disability, which is included in the Appendices section of this report.

4.1 The Special Identity Card

The Special Identity Card is issued for persons with disability who are registered with KNPD and choose to obtain this card. When a person with disability is deceased, the relatives are requested to return their SIC. If this is not returned, a legal notice is issued. In the case of lost SICs, the relatives issue an affidavit. Table 4.1 denotes the work carried out on the SIC throughout 2010.

4.2 Special Apparatus Fund

The Special Apparatus Fund provides advice and financial assistance to persons with disability so that these can purchase assistive equipment to help them improve their quality of life. In 2010, the Fund was administered as indicated in Table 4.2.

Tables 4.2.1 and 4.2.3 and the corresponding graphs present the data regarding the financial aid granted, the age of beneficiaries, and the kinds of equipment purchased.

From these figures one may notice that the demand for this service is increasing, particularly where persons with disability over 60 are concerned.

TABLE 4.1: SPECIAL IDENTITY CARD			
	2009	2010	Diff.
New applications	1271	1554	+22%
Accepted applications	1054	1079	+2%
Refused applications	45	33	-27%
Renewed Special Identity Cards	547	516	-6%
Returned Special Identity cards	*	317	*
Declaration regarding lost SICs	*	139	*
Legal notice regarding SIC returns	42	96	+129%
Total no. of persons with disability who have this card	9431	10304	+9%
Total no. of expired SICs	*	1413	*

*There was a change in the way the data for 2010 was collected and therefore, in this case, this information cannot be compared with the data gathered for the previous year.

TABLE 4.2

SPECIAL APPARATUS FUND	Total 2009	Total 2010	Diff
New applications	286	345	+17%
Number of beneficiaries	245	283	+13%
Non-eligible applications	*	33	*
Discarded applications	*	5	*
Applications on waiting list	11	15	+26%
Returned equipment that was redistributed to others applicants	22	13	-59%
Other returned equipment	11	9	-18%

*There was a change in the way the data for 2010 was collected and therefore, in this case, this information cannot be compared with the data gathered for the previous year.

Table 4.2.1

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS	Total 2009	Total 2010	Diff
Funds disbursed	€177,577	€208,213	+€15%
Number of beneficiaries	245	283	+13%
Average sum disbursed	€725	€736	+2%

Table 4.2.2

AGES OF BENEFICIARIES	Total 2009	Total 2010
0-5	13	18
6-16	34	31
17-30	13	27
31-60	65	61
61+	116	147
Total	245	283

Graph 4.2.2

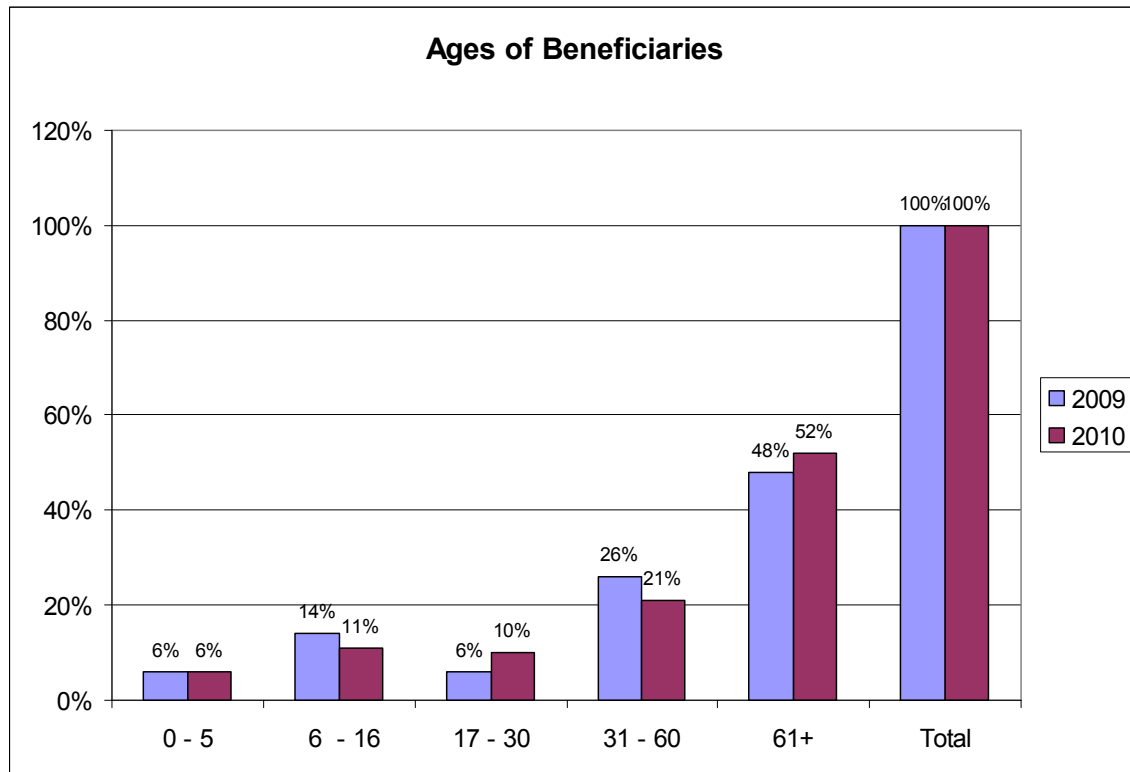


Table 4.2.3

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED	Total 2009	Total 2010
Wheelchairs and walking aids	96	103
Beds and seating equipment	137	141
Personal hygiene	20	22
Communication equipment	34	43
Lifting equipment	34	32
Other equipment	3	4
Total	324	341

Graph 4.2.3

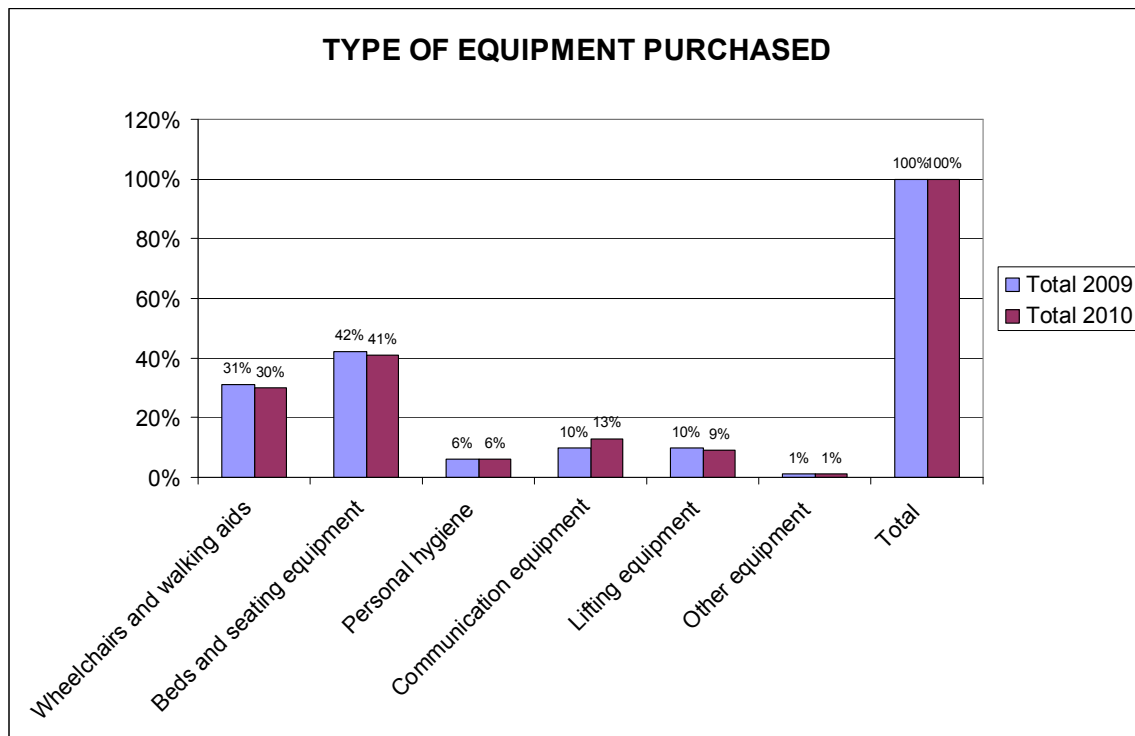


Table 4.3

REFUND ON EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS	Total 2009	Total 2010	Diff
Refund	€60,228	€57,185	-5%
Number of beneficiaries	448	399	11%
Average refund	€135	€143	6%

4.3 VAT Refund

This is given on equipment that is for specific use by persons with disability as well as for the purchase of computers. Details regarding how refunds were given during these two months are present in Table 4.3.

4.4. Blue Badge

This is a service that KNPD administers on behalf of the Police Commissioner. It makes recommendations to the Commissioner in order to issue the Blue Stickers to persons with severe mobility problems. In the name of the Police Commissioner, KNPD requests that Blue Stickers of deceased persons with disability are returned. If the Blue Sticker is not returned, a legal notice is sent by the Police Commissioner. In the case of a lost Blue Sticker, the relatives issue an affidavit. During the period covered in this report, work in this regard was carried out in Table 4.4.

As of this year, the Blue Sticker regular collection system was consolidated and therefore there was a considerable increase in returned documents as well as in the number of notices sent by the Police Commissioner in relation to Blue Sticker returns.

- i. Persons who are not given the Blue Sticker can appeal the decision through the Blue Sticker Appeals Board, which is led by KNPD and the Police Commissioner. Data regarding such appeals made in 2010 are presented in Table 4.4.1.

Table 4.4

BLUE STICKER	Total 2009	Total 2010	Diff
New applications	1064	1514	+42%
Recommended			
- Permanent	454	472	+4%
- Temporary	219	184	-16%
Applications not recommended	165	126	-24%
Applicants who were not present for appointment	93	61	-34%
Applicants who requested a new appointment	143	140	-2%
Renewed Blue Stickers	*	613	*
Blue Stickers kept	*	9	*
Returned Blue Stickers	180	655	+264%
Affidavit regarding lost Blue Stickers	44	46	+5%
Letter from Police Commissioner regarding Blue Sticker return	33	157	+376%
Number of Blue Stickers currently in use	*	5864	*

*There was a change in the way the data for 2010 was collected and therefore, in this case, this information cannot be compared with the data gathered for the previous year.

Table 4.4.1

APPEALS BOARD	Total 2009	Total 2010	Diff
New appeals	120	83	-31%
Confirmation of initial decision	93	61	-34%
Initial decision changed	24	22	-8%

Table 4.5.1

EXEMPTION FROM ROAD LICENSE PAYMENT	Total 2010
New applications	257
Recommended	185
Not recommended	11
Dropped applications	7
New appointment requested	17

Table 4.5.2

EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION TAX	Total 2010
New applications	183
Recommended	154
Not recommended	1
Dropped applications	30
New appointment requested	16

4.5 Exemptions on Road Licence Fee and Vehicle Registration Tax

The Ministry of Finance grants Road Licence Fee and Vehicle Registration Tax exemption. KNPD administers these services and makes recommendations regarding these two services to the Ministry. Data in this regard for 2010 appears from Tables 4.5.1 to 4.5.3.

There was a change in the data collection method in 2010 and therefore, in this case, the information obtained cannot be compared to that for the previous year in Tables 4.5.1 to 4.5.3.

Table 4.5.3

TYPES OF EXEMPT VEHICLES	Total 2010	
	Manual car	52
Modified manual car	2	1%
Automatic car	71	44%
Modified automatic car	12	7%
Wheelchair accessible vans	25	16%
Total	162	100%

4.6 Reserved Parking and Keep Clear Bays

Throughout this year, KNPD continued to collaborate with Transport Malta in order to allocate Reserved Parking and Keep Clear Bays in front of the homes of persons with severe mobility impairments. Those who are not given this service may appeal the decision through the Review Panel, which is managed by KNPD and Transport Malta. Throughout this year, the appeals heard were as presented in Table 4.6.

Table 4.6

REVIEW PANEL	Total 2009	Total 2010
New appeals	22	22
Initial decision confirmed	15	15
Initial decision changed	7	6
Keep Clear Bay given	0	1

4.7 Collaboration with Other Entities

As in previous years, KNPD continued to collaborate with the Respite Care Services Foundation in order to provide personalised transport for persons with disability.

05 AWARENESS RAISING

KNPD fully believes that in addition to services offered to persons with disability, work on policy, measures and programmes in favour of persons with disability, and the implementation of the EOA, it is important that one increase their knowledge about the rights and needs of persons with disability in different sectors of society.

5.1 Disability Issues Training Programme

This offers training as regards equality of persons with disability. This training is given to a variety of audiences and is involves the full participation of persons with disability and the parents of persons with disability who cannot represent themselves. The training sessions held within the period covered in this report appear in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1

TRAINING ON DISABILITY ISSUES	Number of Students
B.Ed. (Hons) (Primary)	68
B. Eds. (Hons) (Secondary)	90
Institute of Health Care	50
Social Work/Social Policy	39
Law	12
St Ignatius College students	75
Seminarians	9
Police officials	30
San Gwann Primary School	264
Graduate doctors	10
Care workers (MUHC course)	12
Learning Support Assistants	65
HSBC Bank employees	60
Virtu Ferries employees	40
Mobility and Orientation Training	20
Independent Living Services	15
Number of students 2010	924
Number of students 2009	969
Difference	+5%

5.2 Wenzu Dalli Resource Centre

The centre is housed within the KNPD Secretariat and is open to the public. Throughout this year a stocktaking exercise was carried out in order to verify the information in the Centre's database. Through the loaning of resources in this centre, members can remain updated on the disability sector. The available resources until the end of 2010 appear in Table 5.2.

The Centre is utilised by persons with disability, their family members, members of organisations who work within the disability sector, people who work within this sector, students and other people who are interested in this sector. Throughout this year, the use of this centre was as shown in Table 5.2.1.

Table 5.2

Resources and New Members	Total 2010	Global Total 2009	Global Total 2010	Diff
Books	191	4670	5075	+8%
Periodicals	56	367	423	+13%
CDs	31	109	140	+22%
DVDs	7	40	51	+22%
Members	33	1447	1480	+2%

Table 5.2.1

LOANING OF RESOURCES	Total 2009	Total 2010	Diff
Books	550	335	-39%
Periodicals	150	131	-13%
CDs	10	14	+28%
DVDs	8	2	-75%
Members using the centre	116	134	+13%

5.3 Different Persons, Different Needs, One Society

KNPD received funds through the EU's Progress Programme in order to come up with a year's programme of activities through the Different Persons, Different Needs, One Society project. This project started during the Week of Persons with Disability in December 2009 and continued throughout 2010. In addition to what was reported in other sections of this report with regard to activities and publications financed through this project, the following activities were also held:

- i. On May 15, KNPD in collaboration with the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) organised a seminar titled Fighting Poverty and Exclusion through Anti-discrimination, held at The Victoria Hotel in Sliema. The seminar was addressed by KNPD Chairman Mr Joseph M. Camilleri, NCPE Director Ms Therese Bugeja, and Director of EU Affairs and Policy Development within the Ministry of Education, Employment and the Family, Mr George Sultana. There were also speakers who delivered their message against discrimination. These speakers represented persons from various minorities and spoke about their experiences and those of others. Workshops were also held during which participants could develop their discussion on similar experiences of people from different minorities and also on how these can experience discrimination in various ways. There was agreement on the notion that discrimination is directly related to poverty and social exclusion. While the legislation is very important in the fight against discrimination, the change in attitude towards people from minorities is crucial to true social inclusion of persons with disability.
- ii. The Second Book of Sign Language and an accompanying DVD were issued. This book was presented during a seminar held in October, which was attended by persons with disability and their families, people working within the education sector, speech therapists, occupational therapists, and people who work with NGOs. The speakers include Parliamentary Secretary Hon. Clyde Puli, Dr Nicola Grove from City University, London, those who worked on the sign language book, professionals who use it in their work, people with hearing impairment who use Maltese Sign Language, and the parents of persons with disability who use this language signing system.
- iii. KNPD produced a DVD regarding Training on Disability Sectors. Persons with disability were interviewed as regards their personal experiences. A training weekend was held in November during which persons with disability who are speakers in the Training on Disability Sectors programme were given training with regard to how to use the DVD during the sessions they are involved in. The DVD was launched in December during the Week of Persons with Disability.

5.4 Week of Persons with Disability 2010

This was held between December 3 (the International Day of Persons with Disability) and December 10 (International Human Rights Day). The theme for this week was Living Fully in Society. This is also the subject of the awareness campaign being run throughout 2011. The activities of this campaign, including the Week of Persons with Disability, are co-financed by the new EU project of the Progress Programme – Living Fully in Society. The activities held by KNPD during this week are indicated in Table 5.4.

Table 5.4

WEEK OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY 2010 ACTIVITIES	Date
Press Conference	22 November
National Conference: Living Fully in Society (beginning of consultation on supported living)	3 December
Message from Minister Dolores Cristina and Sean Grima	
Training session on disability sectors with HSBC staff	6 December
Presentation of the children's message at Stella Maris School, Balzan	
Presentation of DVD on Training on Disability Sectors	7 December
Thanksgiving ceremony for work within the disability sector	
Meeting of Consultative Committee of Persons with Disability	9 December
Launch of Scheme for Employment of Persons with Disability in Public Administration	10 December
Message for the Week of Persons with Disability Poster, billboards and newspaper and radio adverts	

5.5 Children's Commissioner

KNPD participated in an activity organised by the Children's Commissioner at Verdala Palace. KNPD set up a stand with information regarding the persons with disability sector and distributed information and publications on the subject.

5.6 Mons Mikiel Azzopardi Award

This is awarded by *Dar tal-Providenza* and this year it was given to Mons. Lawrence Gatt and Fr Ġużepp Borg Micallef. For this occasion, a meeting about bio-ethics and persons with disability was organised. KNPD

Chairman Mr Joe Camilleri and Rev. Prof. Manwel Agius were present as speakers.

5.7 European Year of Fighting Poverty and Social Exclusion

In his role of ambassador for the disability sector for the European Year Against Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010, KNPD Chairman Mr Joe Camilleri took part in various activities throughout the year, including the national conference which ended the year. This was held on Friday 10th December 2010.

5.8 Visit to the Secretariat

Italian Ambassador, his Excellency Efsio Luigi Marras, visited the KNPD Secretariat. During this visit a meeting was held regarding the work being carried out in favour of the improvement of the quality of life of persons with disability.

06 OTHER WORK

6.1 Independent Living Centre and Services for Independent Living

KNPD continued to work on the Centre for Independent Living and Services for Independent Living, for which it received EU funds, namely the European Regional Development Fund and the European Structural Fund respectively. The construction of the centre is now in its final stages. The contracts for the purchase of equipment have been signed. A lot of the equipment has already been received and installed in the centre. As regards training, this project was officially inaugurated at a breakfast launch at Hotel Phoenicia in June. The main speakers were KNPD Chairman Mr Joe Camilleri, Project Leader Ms Vickie Gauci, Major Peter Ripard from Transport Malta, OT Services Manager Ms Joanna Chetcuti, Physiotherapy Services Manager Ms Margaret Muscat, and Parliamentary Assistant within the Ministry of Education, Dr Stephen Spiteri MD. So far, 82 occupational therapists and physiotherapists, 6 driving instructors and 2 KNPD members of staff received training on the various aspects of the services to be offered at this centre. These are Wheelchairs and Seating, Adaptive Driving, and Adaptive Equipment.

6.2 Mobility and Orientation for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons Project (MOBAVIP)

MOBAVIP, which is financed by the EU's Leonardo programme, continued to be implemented. The project came to an end in November 2010. Throughout the year the following work on this project was carried out:

- An introductory meeting was held for students who were about to follow a preparatory course on Training in Mobility and Orientation. The practical sessions were held in February and April. These were led by Provision Solutions, an English organisation that acts as a partner on this project.
- The study on the situation in Malta regarding Training in Mobility and Orientation for blind and visually impaired persons was finalised and published. The report was distributed to a number of entities. It was also translated into Maltese and can be obtained from the KNPD website www.knpd.org.
- KNPD held meetings with the aim of passing on the message regarding the need for the provision of training in Mobility and Orientation in Malta. Among these were meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Education, Employment and the Family as well as University of Malta representatives. Meetings were also held with the Student Services Department.
- A meeting was attended by visually impaired persons who were interested in participating in the second part of the course, during which students doing the preparatory course were allocated two visually impaired persons

- in order to work together on the training in mobility and orientation. This took place in June 2010 at The Victoria Hotel in Sliema.
- Two short publications on the social disability model were developed; one is aimed at those who are following the course while the other is for persons who are visually impaired. These books were given to the people involved on the course and to visually impaired persons who are taking part in the course in order to increase their awareness with regard to the social disability model. Linked to this activity was a seminar which was attended by those enrolled in the preparatory course and visually impaired persons who are involved in this project. The seminar focused on training in the disability sectors. During this seminar activists with disability spoke about the social disability model, services and benefits for visually impaired persons, and also discussed the use of technology as assistive apparatus for the visually impaired.
 - Those who followed the course also received training in tactile mapping. This training helped them learn how to produce accessible maps for use by visually impaired people. This training involved the direct participation of visually impaired persons who, together with those following the course, could be trained on the use of such maps. The organisation responsible for this training was the University of Karlsruhe.
 - The third International Partners Meeting was held in Karlsruhe, Germany, where, among other subjects, the organisations involved discussed the conference which would end this project, planned for the end of November 2010. Ms Mary Rose Attard, Marchita Mangiafico and Alison Zammit attended this meeting.
 - The final conference on the project was attended by the partner organisations and the project beneficiaries.

6.3 Disability and Personal Autonomy through Education, Universal Accessibility and Employment

This was the title of a conference organised by the Spanish EU Presidency in Zaragoza, Spain, between the 20th and 21st of May, which was attended by Ms Vickie Gauci. The conference focused on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability and the European Strategy on Disability, as well as the European Strategy 2010 and the new European Social Agenda. The delegates discussed how the implementation of the convention and the strategy can help in order that persons with disability benefit from an inclusive education, universal accessibility and equal employment opportunities. The conference speakers included European Commission representatives, technical experts and representatives of organisations of persons with disability.

6.4 Study Visit at the Gestalt Centre in London

Ms Rosanne Fenech, KNPD's Human Resources Manager, went on a study visit at the Gestalt Centre in London. During this week she had various meetings with professionals working at the centre as teachers and psychotherapists. She also had a meeting with students who had reached their fourth year of training in Gestalt psychotherapy. This greatly helped Ms Fenech further her knowledge about this form of therapy.

During this visit she also had an important meeting with the coordinator responsible for the therapy provided by the Low Cost Services at the Centre. Ms Fenech also attended a two-day workshop on Conflict, Challenge & Confrontation in Groups, led by Michael Ellis, one of the Centre's directors and a professional who is trained in the use of Gestalt psychotherapy within organisations. Ms Fenech also had the opportunity of carrying out research at the centre's library.

6.5 High Officials Group on Disability

KNPD participated in the three meetings of the High Officials Group on Disability held throughout 2010. Group member Ms Anne-Marie Callus and alternative member Vickie Gauci attended these meetings. Among other things, discussions on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability and the European Strategy on Disability 2010-2020 were held.

6.6 Call for Applications by the European Structural Fund

A call for applications was issued by the European Structural Fund and KNPD worked closely with other entities on applications for two projects, whose aim is to provide training for those who work with persons with disability in order to improve the services currently being offered to these people. The applications were made as follows:

- A proposal for a project led by KNPD together with *Aġenzija Sapport* and the Ministry for Gozo, titled Promoting the Social Inclusion of Disabled Persons with Challenging Behaviour.
- A proposal for a project led by *Aġenzija Sapport* together with KNPD and the Malta Guide Dogs Foundation, entitled Training Rehabilitation Workers for Persons with Visual Impairment.

6.7 SMS Service for Persons with Hearing Impairment

Upon the request of the Deaf People Association, KNPD launched an SMS service for persons with hearing impairment. The aim of this SMS service for the hearing impaired is to provide full access to services offered by KNPD's Secretariat, so that, among other things, they will be able to:

- inquire about services it offers

- make complaints regarding discrimination on grounds of disability, or
- make contact with regard to other things that concern them.

The number for this service is 79788555. This number should be used for SMS communication only.

6.8 Members of Boards and Committees of Various Entities

The Chairman, Executive Director and staff members of the KNPD Secretariat are members of Boards and Committees of Various Entities. These are as follows:

- The Malta Council for Economic and Social Development (MCESD)
- The Employment and Training Corporation (ETC)
- The Malta University Council and Senate
- The Malta College of Art, Science and Technology (MCAST)
- The Family Commission
- The Committee for the Allocation of Services by *Aġenzija Sapport*
- The Health Division Consultative Committee
- The Housing Authority Schemes Board
- The Malta Community Chest Fund

6.9 Founding Entity

KNPD is also represented as one of the founding entities of the Respite Care Services Foundation, which is managed by *Dar il-Kaptan*, and of the Foundation for Information Technology Accessibility (FITA).

6.10 Working Closely with Other Entities

In order for KNPD to be able to carry out its work effectively, it works closely with other entities. Most of this work is described earlier in this report. In addition to the entities already mentioned in this report, meetings were also held and work carried out with various other entities.

- Arthritis and Rheumatism Association (Malta)
- Campus FM
- Malta Deaf Association
- NCPE
- Office of the Disability Coordinator for Gozo
- Ministry of Finance
- Workgroup on the Retirement Pension

6.11 International Disability Sector

KNPD stays up to date with all that occurs within the international disability sectors through its close connections with the European Disability Forum, the Disability Rights Committee within the UK's Equality and Rights Commission, Disability Wales and Inclusion Europe, among others.

More information about KNPD's work can be obtained from KNPD's website www.knpd.org or from KNPD's Secretariat in St Venera.

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Appendix: Statistics from the National Register of Persons with Disability

Table 19: Statistics According to Age and Gender

Age	Females	Males	Total	%		Difference
				2010	2009	
0-4	49	60	109	0.91	0.89	0.02
5-9	94	157	251	2.10	2.07	0.03
10-14	137	220	357	2.99	3.27	-0.28
15-19	165	217	382	3.20	3.12	0.08
20-24	149	242	391	3.27	3.24	0.04
25-29	166	263	429	3.59	3.67	-0.07
30-34	190	273	463	3.88	3.87	0.01
35-39	199	257	456	3.82	3.86	-0.04
40-44	203	244	447	3.74	3.41	0.33
45-49	215	352	567	4.75	5.17	-0.43
50-54	319	447	766	6.42	6.31	0.11
55-59	358	514	872	7.30	7.37	-0.06
60-64	444	627	1071	8.97	8.72	0.25
65-69	416	548	964	8.07	7.80	0.27
70-74	510	574	1084	9.08	9.06	0.02
75-79	603	463	1066	8.93	9.06	-0.14
80-84	707	524	1231	10.31	10.27	0.04
>85	612	368	980	8.21	8.17	0.03
Unknown			54	0.45	0.65	
Total	5536	6350	11940			

Graph 1: Statistics according to Age

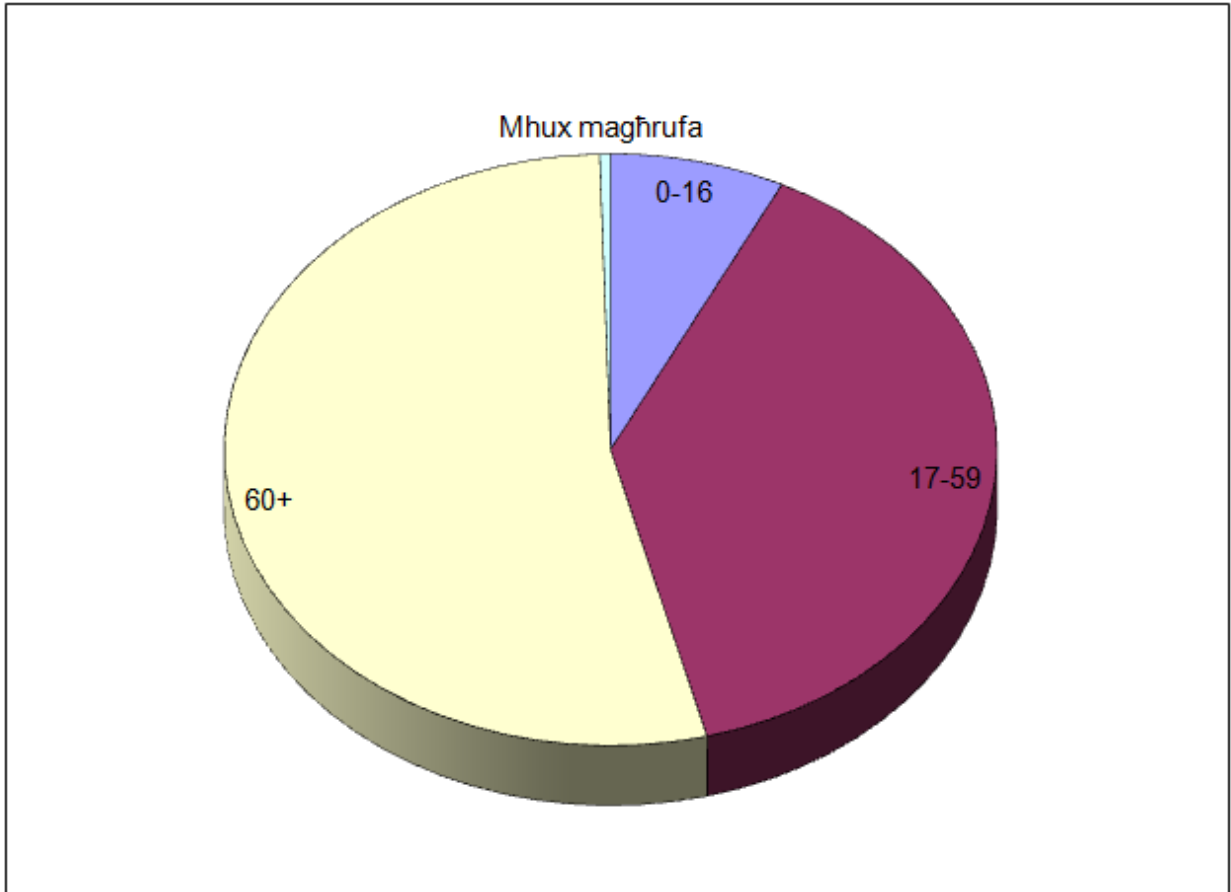


Table 20: Statistics According to Age over the Years

Year	0-16		17-59		60+		Not Known	Total
	Number	%	No.	%	No.	%		
1994	815	24.5	1839	55.2	651	19.5	25	3330
1999	1089	17.2	2961	46.7	2286	36.1	4	6340
2003	1260	16.6	3388	44.5	2962	38.9	0	7610
2005	764	8.4	3854	42.5	4388	48.4	57	9063
2006	807	8.4	4030	41.7	4771	49.4	55	9663
2007	819	8.0	4188	40.7	5227	50.8	57	10291
2008	837	7.3	4449	38.6	6193	53.7	54	11532
2009	864	7.4	4535	38.9	6198	53.1	76	11673
2010	874	7.3	4616	38.7	6396	53.6	54	11940

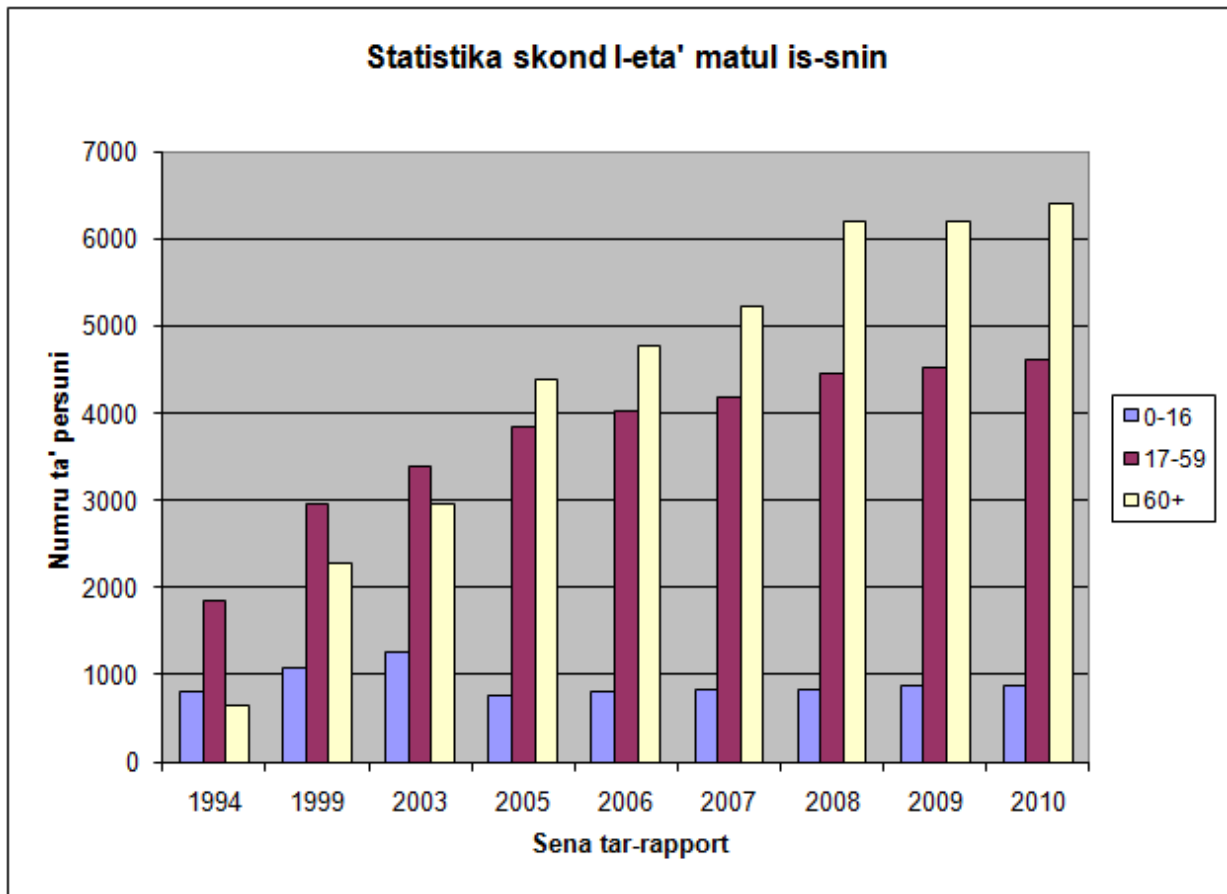


Table 21: Statistics According to Disability

	No					%		Difference 2008 - 2009
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2010	2009	
Physical	8470	8190	7801	6556	5953	70.94	70.16	0.78
Intellectual	2269	2234	2184	2052	1964	19.00	19.14	-0.13
Psychological	1214	1182	1166	1054	946	10.17	10.13	0.04
Visual	1138	1166	1236	1159	1129	9.53	9.99	-0.46
Hearing	1019	1060	1128	1062	1025	8.53	9.08	-0.55
More than one	2286	2292	2284	2022	1881	19.15	19.64	-0.49
Not specified	886	903	1140	1279	1383	7.42	7.74	-0.32

Note: The totals are greater because of a number of persons with more than one form of disability

Graph 3

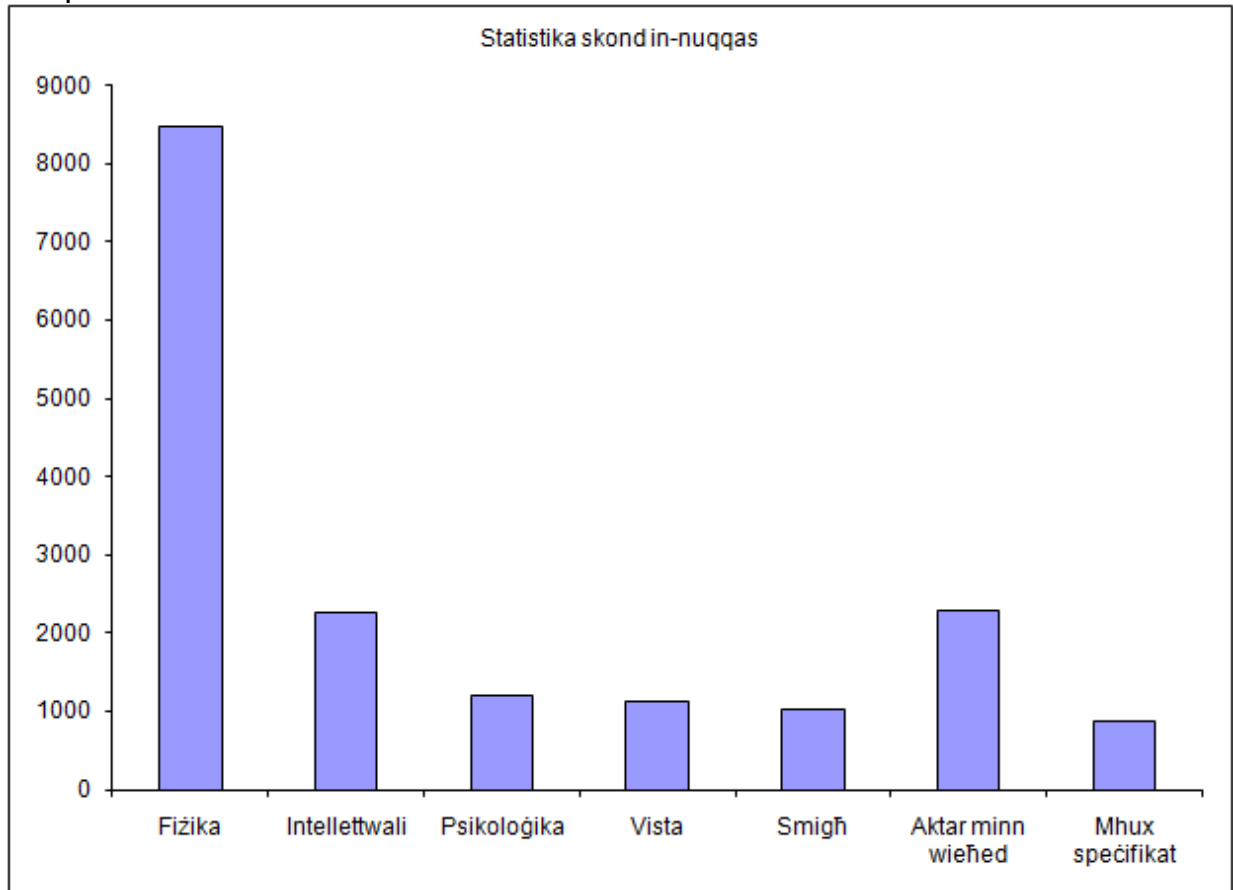


Table 22: Statistics According to Disability and Age Every Five Years

	Physical	%	Psychological	%	Intellectual	%	Hearing	%	Visual	%	More than one	
0-4	63	0.74	29	2.39	59	2.60	5	0.49	11	0.97	47	2
5-9	90	1.06	77	6.34	158	6.96	21	2.06	16	1.41	97	4
10-14	156	1.84	79	6.51	194	8.55	37	3.63	33	2.90	118	5
15-19	157	1.85	78	6.43	202	8.90	44	4.32	24	2.11	109	4
20-24	189	2.23	65	5.35	193	8.51	37	3.63	34	2.99	104	4
25-29	220	2.60	57	4.70	184	8.11	49	4.81	32	2.81	108	4
30-34	219	2.59	59	4.86	171	7.54	48	4.71	42	3.69	91	3
35-39	248	2.93	68	5.60	145	6.39	43	4.22	43	3.78	94	4
40-44	285	3.36	57	4.70	130	5.73	24	2.36	28	2.46	79	3
45-49	340	4.01	72	5.93	120	5.29	57	5.59	59	5.18	110	4
50-54	527	6.22	108	8.90	141	6.21	52	5.10	75	6.59	146	6
55-59	634	7.49	96	7.91	119	5.24	71	6.97	79	6.94	137	5
60-64	848	10.01	102	8.40	118	5.20	67	6.58	94	8.26	163	7
65-69	797	9.41	56	4.61	67	2.95	56	5.50	87	7.64	124	5
70-74	926	10.93	51	4.20	64	2.82	78	7.65	86	7.56	149	6
75-79	919	10.85	39	3.21	52	2.29	76	7.46	105	9.23	146	6
80-84	903	10.66	48	3.95	69	3.04	78	7.65	118	10.37	183	8
>85	949	11.20	73	6.01	83	3.66	176	17.27	172	15.11	281	1
	8470	100.00	1214	100.00	2269	100.00	1019	100.00	1138	100.00	2286	10

Note: The totals are greater because of a number of persons with more than one form of disability

Table nn: Statistics According to Disability and Age (Children, Adults and the Elderly)

	Physical	%	Psychological	%	Intellectual	%	Hearing	%	Visual	%	More than one	%
0-16	371	4.38	220	18.12	499	21.99	80	7.85	73	6.41	312	13.65
17-59	2757	32.55	625	51.48	1317	58.04	408	40.04	403	35.41	928	40.59
60+	5342	63.07	369	30.40	453	19.96	531	52.11	662	58.17	1046	45.76
	8470	100.00	1214	100.00	2269	100.00	1019	100.00	1138	100.00	2286	100.00

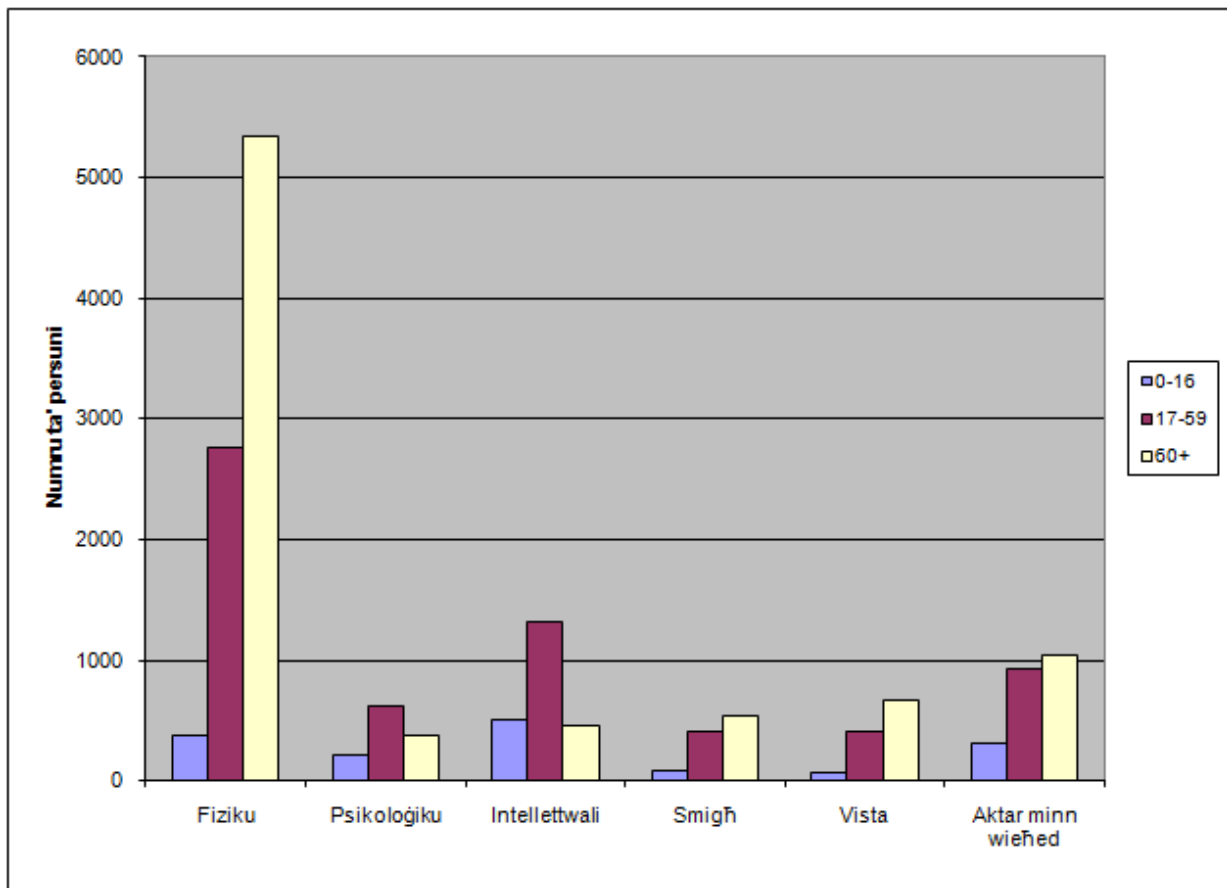


Table 23: Prevalence of Disability Compared with Population

Year	Prevalence
1994	0.9
1999	1.6
2003	1.9
2005	2.3
2006	2.4
2007	2.5
2008	2.8
2009	2.8

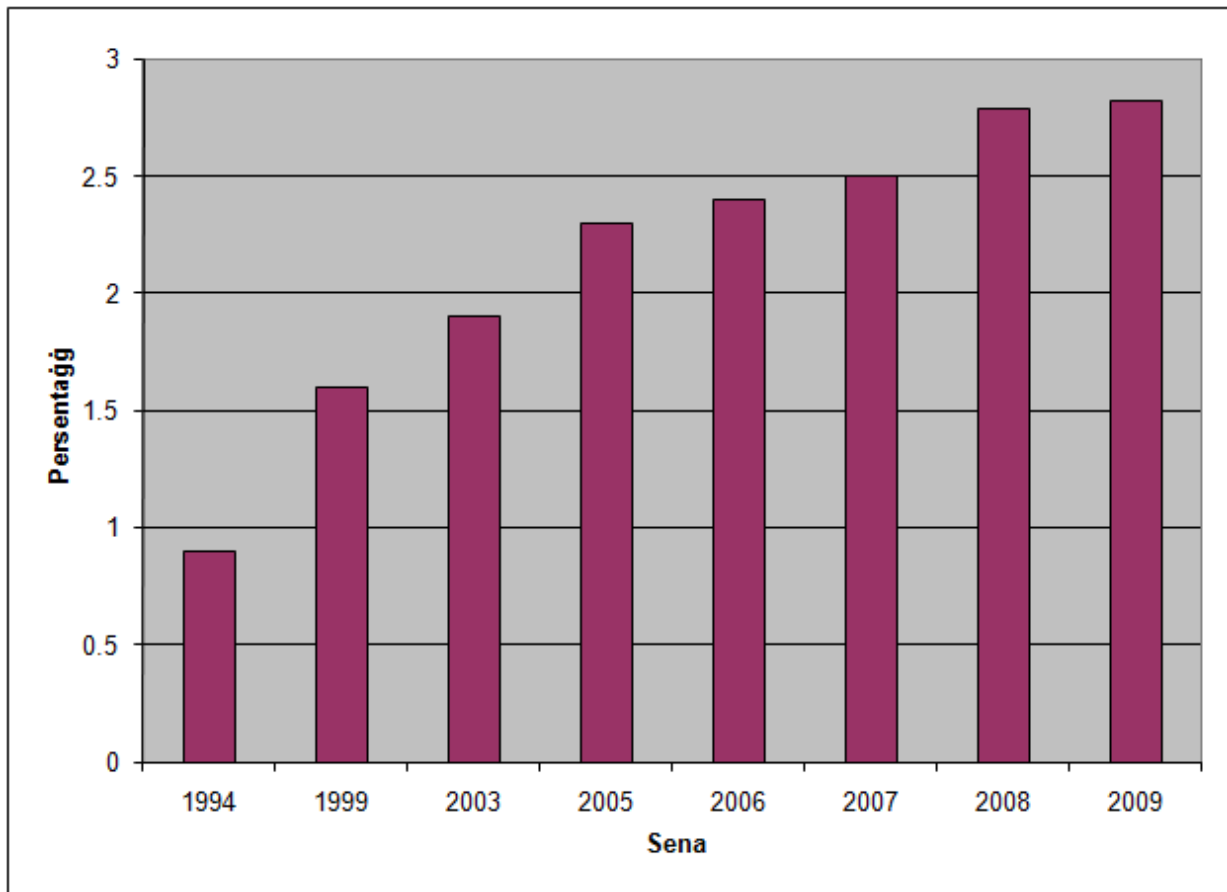


Table 24: Prevalence According to Locality

ATTARD	213	LIJA	67	ST JULIANS	262
BALZAN	132	LUQA	145	SAN GWANN	302
BIRGU	103	MARSA	232	SAN LAWRENZ	20
BIRKIRKARA	668	MARSASCALA	250	ST PAUL'S BAY	457
BIRZEBBUGIA	233	MARSAXLOKK	75	SANNAT	48
BORMLA	214	MDINA	16	SIGGIEWI	290
DINGLI	83	MELLIEHA	226	SLIEMA	572
FGURA	333	MGARR	71	STA LUCIA	97
FLORIANA	110	MOSTA	468	ST VENERA	244
FONTANA	25	MQABBA	69	SWIEQI	156
GHAJNSIELEM	65	MSIDA	206	TA' XBIEX	64
GHARB	40	MTARFA	72	TARXIEN	220
GHARGHUR	58	MUNXAR	25	VALLETTA	265
GHASRI	9	NADUR	106	VICTORIA	185
GHAXAQ	94	NAXXAR	264	XAGHRA	91
GUDJA	57	PAOLA	328	XEWKIJA	75
GZIRA	241	PEMBROKE	64	XGHAJRA	22
HAMRUN	398	PIETA'	143	ZABBAR	403
IKLIN	46	QALA	44	ZEBBUG	297
ISLA	89	QORMI	518	ZEBBUG (GHAWDEX)	48
KALKARA	69	QRENDI	74	ZEJTUN	345
KERCEM	39	RABAT	479	ZURRIEQ	235
KIRKOP	42	SAFI	44		