

## **MCA Market Research**

Postal Services – Large Bulk Mailers Survey Results

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# 1. Purpose & Methodology



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Assess the extent of large bulk mailers' satisfaction with the services provided by MaltaPost (USP)

Monitor a number of postal services aspects, namely price levels, quality, access and complaints handling

Provide for better regulatory decisions

Ernst & Young carried out the survey between July and August 2014 on behalf of the MCA

A **total of 40 organisations** have been selected to participate in this face-to-face survey

Each respondent (on behalf of the organisation) was the person responsible for the handling of mail & other postal articles in that organisation

To be eligible to participate in this survey the organisation had to be:

- •Using the bulk mail service to send addressed letters; and
- On average had to send more than 750 addressed letters in a year using this service (thus excluding any one-off users of the bulk mail service)



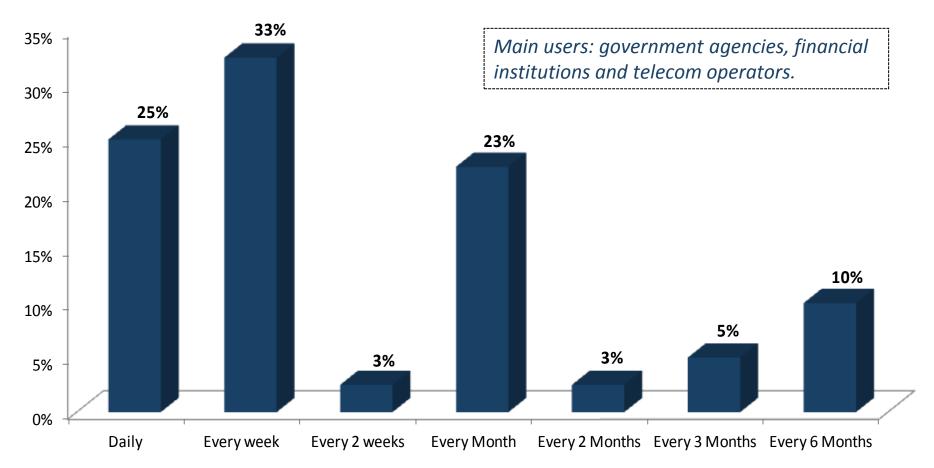
# 2. Review of Postal Services Provided to Large Bulk Mailers



## Take-up of Bulk Mail Services (1)

#### How often do you use the bulk mail service?

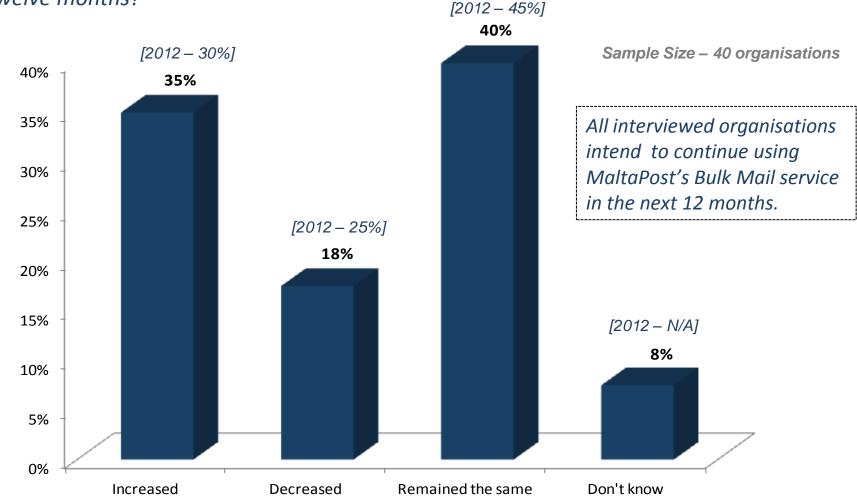
#### Sample Size – 40 organisations





## Take-up of Bulk Mail Services (2)

Did the number of addressed letters sent increase, decrease, or remain the same over the past twelve months? 12012-45%1

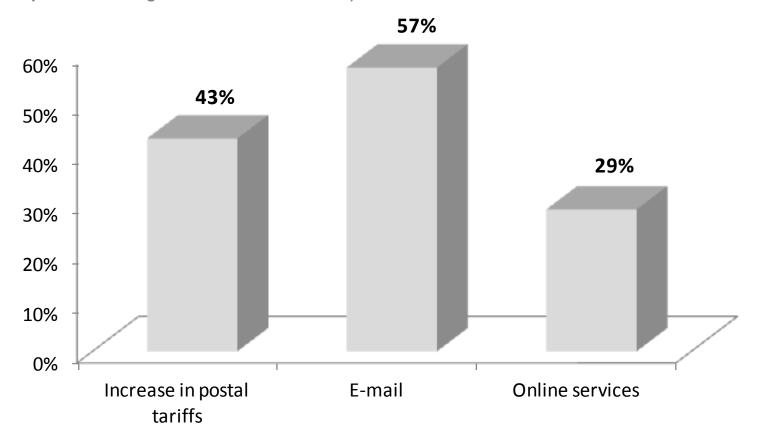




## Take-up of Bulk Mail Services (3)

If there was a decrease in the number of addressed letters sent, what are the main reasons?

Sample Size – 7 organisations (each respondent could give more than one reason)

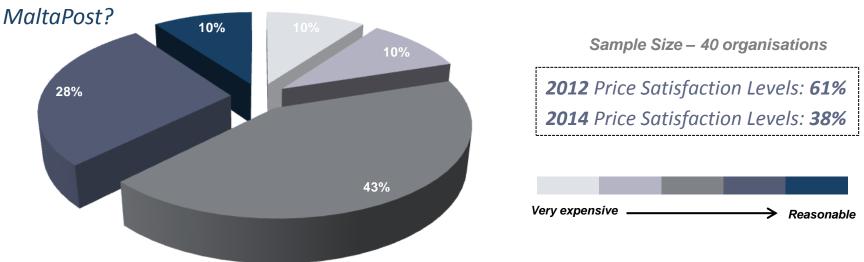




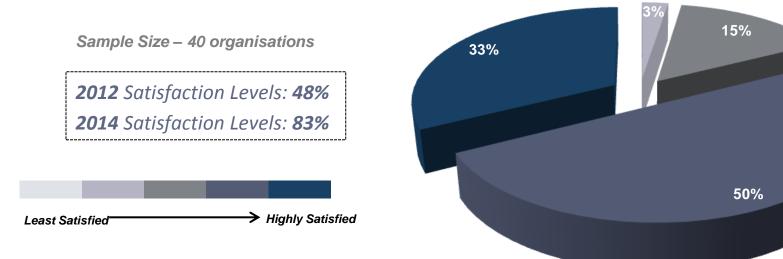
#### MaltaPost's Bulk Mail Service

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How expensive / reasonable do you find the prices of Bulk Mail services provided by



How satisfied are you with MaltaPost's Bulk Mail services?

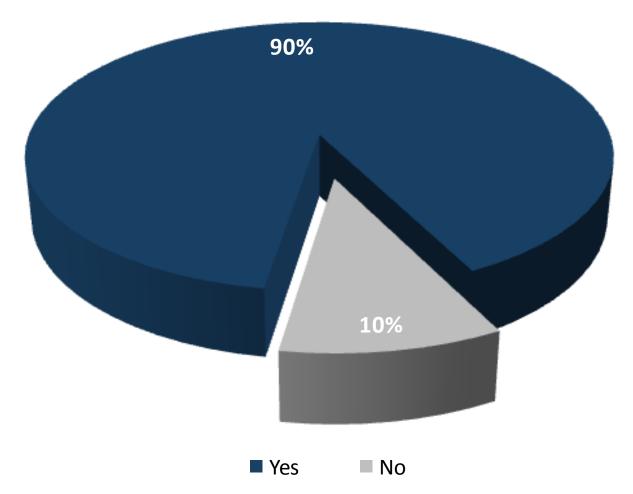




## MaltaPost's Registered Mail Service (1)

Did the company send registered letters using MaltaPost over the past 12 months?

Sample Size – 40 organisations

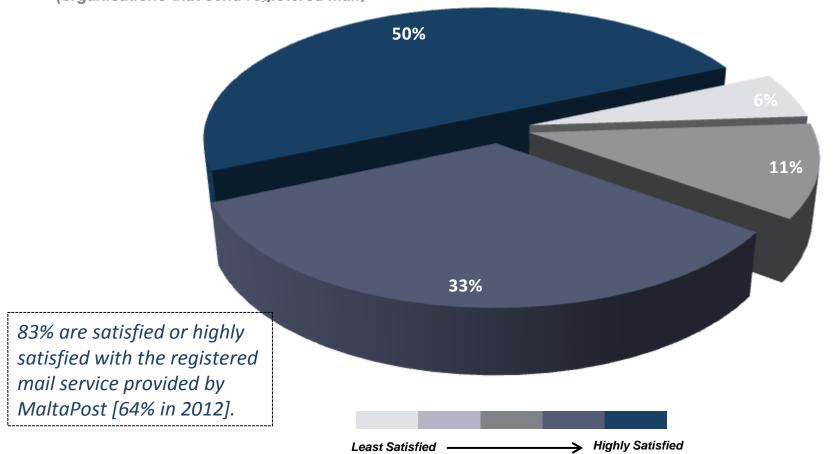




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## How satisfied are you with MaltaPost's registered mail service?

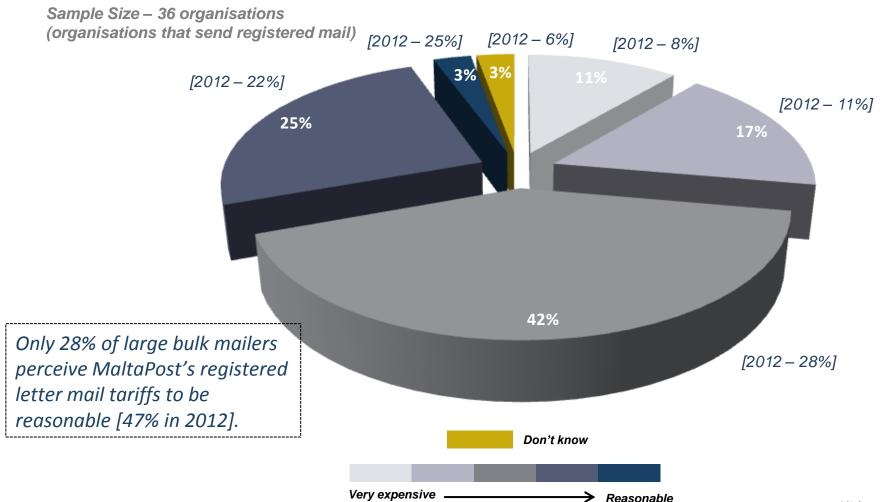
Sample Size – 36 organisations (organisations that send registered mail)





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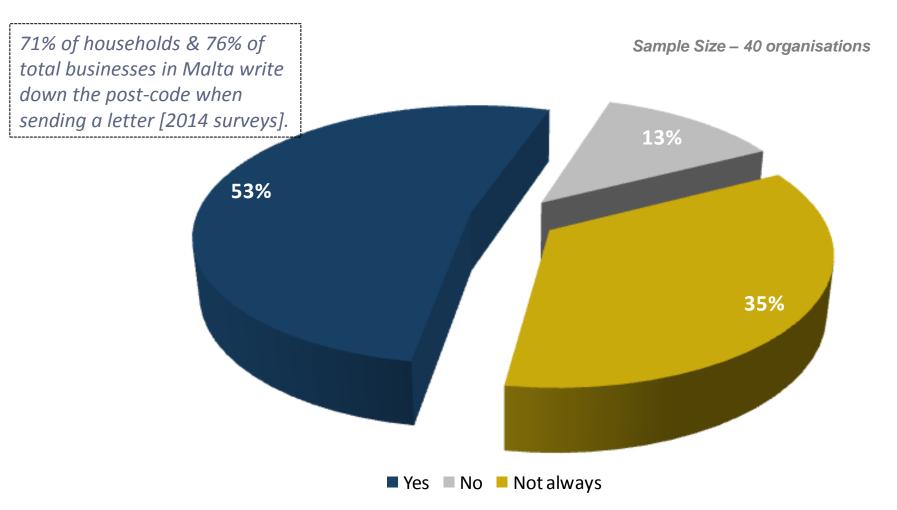
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#### Is the post-code included as part of the address when sending a letter?

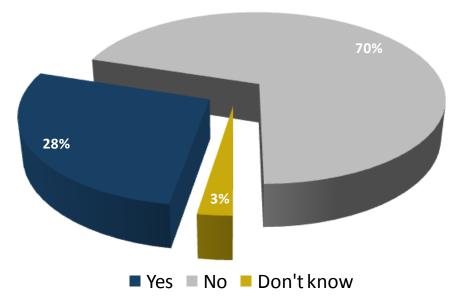




## **PO Box & Business Reply Service**

Do you use the PO box service provided by MaltaPost?

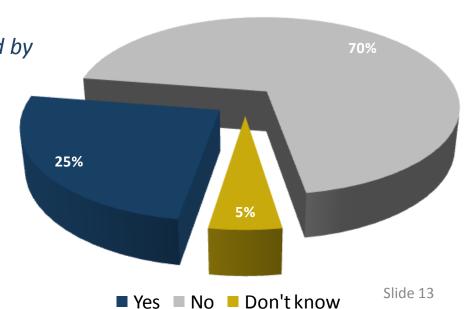
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Do you use the business reply service provided by MaltaPost?

Sample Size – 40 organisations

The significant majority (80%) of organisations using the business reply service consider it to be very useful.





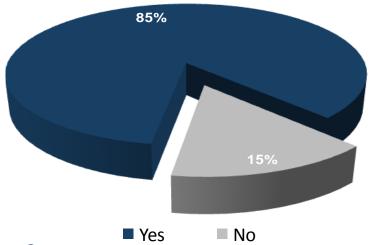
## 3. Access to Post Office Services



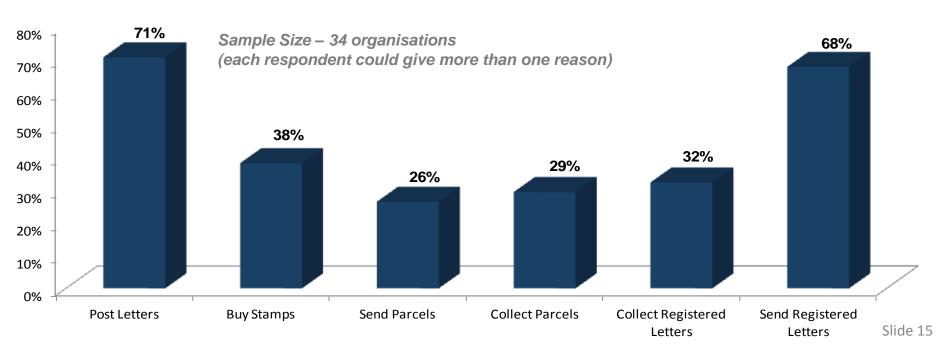
## **Post Office Activity**

Have you been to the Post Office to use a service during the last twelve months?

Sample Size – 40 organisations



What services have you used from the Post Office?

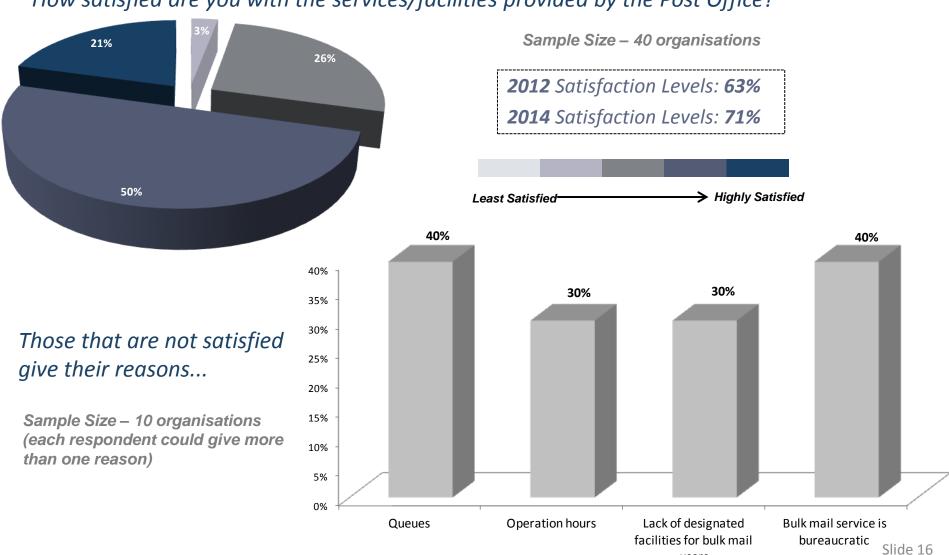




## **Quality of Service Satisfaction**

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#### How satisfied are you with the services/facilities provided by the Post Office?





## 4. Satisfaction with MaltaPost's Services



#### Satisfaction with...

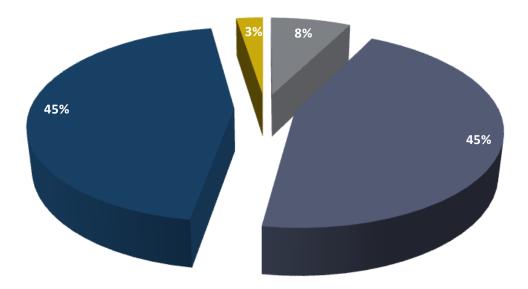
#### The availability of the post office

Sample Size - 40 organisations

**2012** Satisfaction Levels: **N/A 2014** Satisfaction Levels: **90%** 

Don't know

Least Satisfied → Highly Satisfied

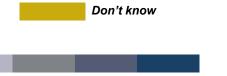


MaltaPost offices' opening and closing times

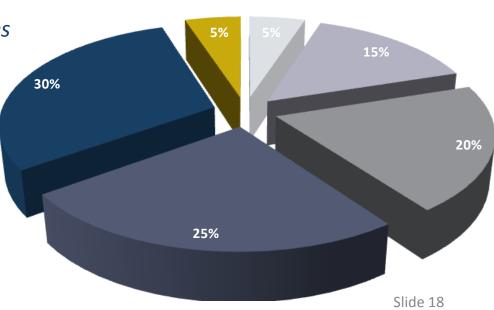
Sample Size – 40 organisations

**2012** Satisfaction Levels: **55%** 

**2014** Satisfaction Levels: **55**%



Least Satisfied → Highly Satisfied





#### Satisfaction with...

13%

The accessibility to information about the services provided by MaltaPost

Sample Size - 40 organisations

2012 Satisfaction Levels: 48%2014 Satisfaction Levels: 83%

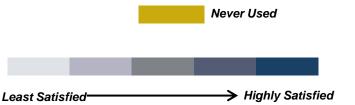
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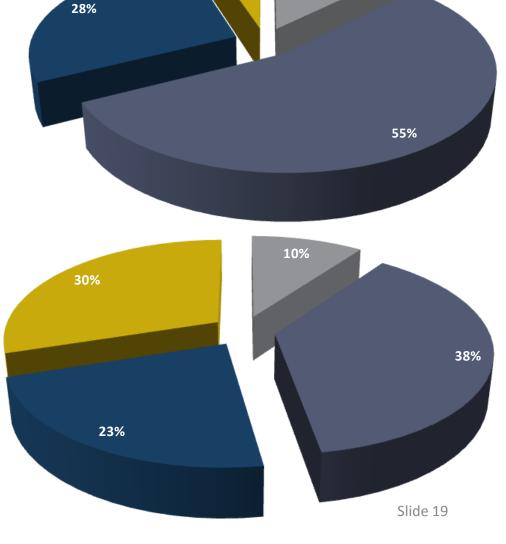
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#### MaltaPost's website

Sample Size – 40 organisations

Only 30% (12 organisations) of large bulk mailers claim to have never used MaltaPost's website [28% in 2012]







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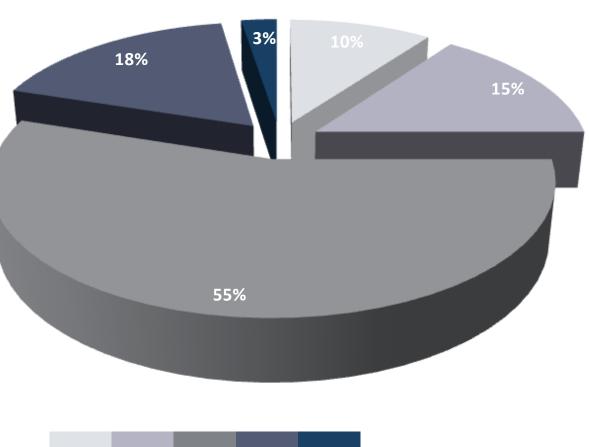
#### The prices of postal services (in general)

Sample Size – 40 organisations

**2012** Price Satisfaction Levels: **N/A** 

**2014 Price** Satisfaction Levels: **21%** 

The majority (55%) of large bulk mailers are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the general price levels of postal services.



Least Satisfied 

Highly Satisfied



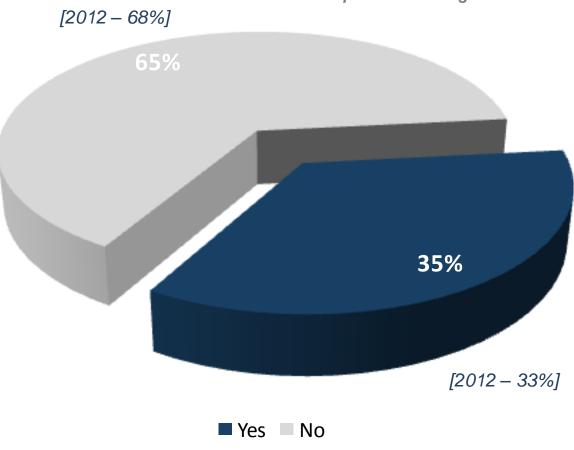
## **Complaint Issues**

In the last 12 months, has your organisation made a formal complaint to MaltaPost about any aspect of postal services?

Sample Size – 40 organisations

64% of organisations which made a formal complaint with MaltaPost were satisfied with the way their complaint had been handled. This reflects a significant improvement over 2012 where only 8% were satisfied.

No organisation from those interviewed had been compensated for their complaint.

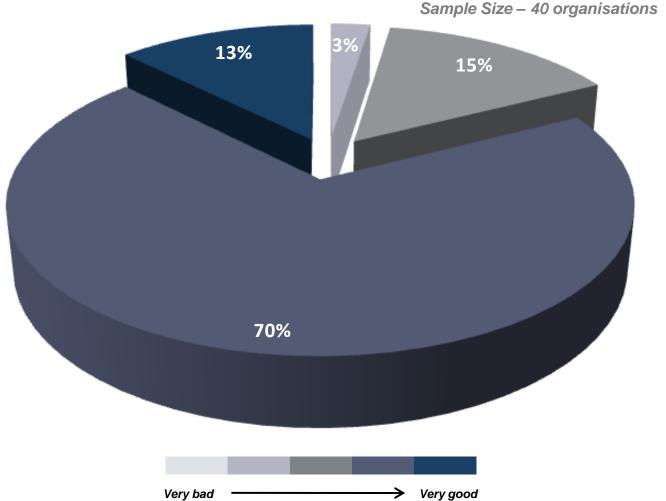




#### **Overall Satisfaction with MaltaPost Services**

In your experience what do you think of the overall quality of postal services provided by MaltaPost?

83% of organisations perceive the overall quality of postal services provided by MaltaPost to be good or very good [68% in 2012].





# 5. Main Highlights





- The main bulk mail service users are government agencies, financial institutions and telecom operators
- Large bulk mail users, while few in numbers, are an important client to MaltaPost as they generate a significant number of addressed letter mail volumes
- Compared to 2012 there has been an improvement in the perception of large bulk mail users with regards to the overall quality of postal services, including complaint handling
- In terms of pricing, the majority (55%) of large bulk mailers are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the general price levels of postal services
- Only 38% of interviewed organisations perceive the bulk mail service to be reasonably priced, down from 61% in 2012
- 18% of large bulk mail users claim to have decreased the number of addressed letters sent over the past 12 months, 43% of which due to the increase in postal tariffs
- All interviewed organisations intend to continue using MaltaPost's Bulk Mail service in the next 12 months





- Fewer large bulk mail users write down the post code (53%) when compared to households (71%) and the general business community (76%)
- Few large bulk mailers use the PO Box and Business Reply service. The majority of those that use it find it very useful



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