

**Information provided by Georgia about the following topic discussed in the  
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**INBOUND TOURISM AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (BOP): BOP developments  
("travel" and "passenger transportation" items)**

**1) Present situation of administrative records and expenditure surveys used for  
estimating the “travel” and “passenger transportation” items.**

Nowadays, the Border Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia is in charge of calculating international travellers crossing national borders of Georgia.

The Shuttle Trade survey is used to estimate visitors expenditures. The following methodology could be source for estimating “travel” and “passenger” transportation items. From the total number of international travellers are excluded Diplomats, Students, transit passengers and the estimated number is multiplied on shuttle trade data on export of tourist services.

**2) Does your present information system allow for distinguishing visitors from  
travellers?**

We have been distinguishing visitors from the international travellers Data since January 2007, but Estimating by the end of the year has shown 40% difference.

**3) Initiatives that you might be considering for improving the estimation of these  
BOP items.**

We have to decrease difference between international travellers and visitors by purpose data. For better estimation of BOP items we have started quarterly surveys. Also, BOP & DOTR have to assent about Tourism and Travel Items standards.

**4) Is there any discussion about the credibility of the “travel” item data?**

There is no discussion on that issue.