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### **Seven cents to be paid for plastic bags**

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Following the introduction of eco-contribution, the cost of plastic bags went up to seven cents. Therefore customers and shop owners started introducing other alternatives to the plastic shopping bags; such as bags made of cloth or other strong material.

Minister for the Environment George Pullicino insisted that the aim of this tax is to get rid of the use of plastic bags. He added that now people will no longer throw plastic bags away easily, therefore it is a positive thing in favour of the environment.

It is estimated that 50 million plastic bags are thrown away every year in Malta. The bags thrown in the dunghill, cause poisonous gases, which could easily spread in the air.

Minister Pullicino stated that various shops and supermarkets are already providing customers with bio-degradable plastic bags. Paper and canvas bags are also being used. People who are still using plastics bags could easily re-use them.

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