



## TBCSA predicts stronger 2017

THE CAR rental industry received welcome news last month when the Tourism Business Council of South Africa forecast a better 2017 for inbound business and reported a “slightly better than normal” business performance in Q4 2016, with strong inbound demand. It has also forecast fewer chal-

lenges this year. The report recorded an index of 104.5, with a score of 81.7 originally forecast.

The TBCSA said cost of inputs were a prominent negative feature and business performance for Q1 of 2017 was moderately low, with an index of 96.

The Other Tourism Busi-

ness category, which includes tour operators, coach operators, vehicle companies and travel agents, registered a score of 116.1, substantially better than the forecast score of 69.9. Accommodation performance was below normal level – an 89.5 score the TBCSA said was notably below the expected 109.4.