

Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **15 May 2017**; Concord Room, Cyril Le Marquand House

Present: Amy Bryant (acting Chair), Auberon Ashbrooke, Martin Delap (MD), Jennie Holley, Graeme Marett, John Noel, Maria Pelin, Matthew Sutton
Secretary: Duncan Gibaut (DG)

Apologies Martin Richardson

1. **a) Minutes of last meeting (13 February 2017):** agreed and signed off
[Action DG – upload onto the Group’s website](#)

b) Matters arising: none

2. **Letter from the Statistics Users Group to the Chief Minister:**

Potential Risks to Official Statistics

The Group had sent a letter to the Chief Minister (dated 23rd March 2017) requesting a meeting to discuss concerns it had relating to risks to official statistics produced by the Statistics Unit. The meeting was yet to be scheduled.

[Action DG / MR – contact the Director of Corporate Policy to prompt date for meeting](#)

3. **Funding requests**

DG informed the Group that he had submitted two requests to the Treasury and Resources Department for the funding of two specific projects:

- Census 2021
- Household Spending and Income Survey

[Action - DG to keep the Group informed as the requests proceed through the Department’s review process.](#)

4. **Pre-release access to official statistics**

DG updated the Group on the position of the UK Statistics Authority and the Royal Statistical Society regarding the pre-release access of official statistics:

Royal Statistical Society (May 2017):

http://www.rss.org.uk/RSS/Influencing_Change/Data_manifesto/Public_trust_and_prerelease_access_of_statistics/RSS/Influencing_Change/Data_democracy_sub/Public_trust_and_prerelease_access_of_statistics.aspx?hkey=e890776e-aa19-4da3-bae6-def16454c9c7

The pre-release access of official statistics in Jersey is specified on page 13 of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics in Jersey:

<http://www.statesassembly.gov.je/AssemblyReports/2015/R.63-2015.pdf>

5. **Summary of recent Statistics Unit activity**

DG summarised the recent publications of the Statistics Unit.

- House Price Index
- Retail Prices Index, RPI
- Labour Market
- Business Tendency Survey
- Registered Actively Seeking Work

6. AOB

MD asked that consideration be given at the next Group meeting to areas of the Statistics Unit's work which could be audited from the perspectives of methodology and quality.

7. Next meeting: Monday 11 September 2017