

Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **10 September 2018**; Concord Room, Cyril Le Marquand House

Present: Martin Richardson (MR, Chair), Auberon Ashbrooke, Amy Byrant, Jennie Holley (JH);
John Noel, Maria Pelin
Secretary: Duncan Gibaut (DG)
Statistics Jersey representative: Daniel Edmunds (DE)

Apologies: Martin Delap, Graeme Marett, Matthew Sutton

1. a) Minutes of last meeting (4 June 2018):

[Action DG – upload minutes onto the Group’s website](#)

b) Matters arising:

Audit sub-group:

A second meeting of the audit sub-group was held on 14 June 2018, reviewing labour market statistics. The sub-group would draft a report and present to the Group at a future Group meeting.

5-year programme

Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018 states that “*the Group must publish - a 5-yearly programme of statistics*”

[Action DG – produce and circulate a draft programme to the Group](#)

Code of Practice (see item 2)

2. Code of Practice

DE gave the Group a second presentation on the revised Code of Practice for Official Statistics in the UK. After discussion, the Group requested that a revised code be produced for Jersey, for both official statistics (as published by Statistics Jersey) and a more general code for statistics produced by public authorities in Jersey.

[Action – DG to circulate to the Group two codes of practice, one for official statistics and another for statistics produced by public authorities](#)

3. Summary of recent activity

DG summarised the recent publications of the Statistics Unit:

- Jersey Resident Population, 2017
- Survey of Financial Institutions, 2017
- Retail Prices Index, RPI
- Business Tendency Survey
- House Price Index
- Registered Actively Seeking Work
- Index of Average Earnings, June 2018

4. AOB

DG i) funding for a household spending and income survey had been re-submitted (having first been submitted in April 2017), following the recent introduction of a new process for such requests
ii) DG had replied to a letter published in the JEP opinion pages regarding price collection for the RPI; DG’s reply had been published

MR pointed out that the periods of Group membership of MR, JH and MS were due to expire at the end of 2018

[Action DG and MR – contact officials in the Chief Minister’s Department in order to progress](#)

5. Next meeting: **Monday 10 December 2018**