

Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **27 January 2011**; 5th floor CLMH

Present: Charles Clarke (Chair), Marie-Louise Backhurst, Mary Friswell, Peggy Gielen, Jenny Holley, Martin Richardson, Peter Surcouf, Rozanne Thomas
Duncan Gibaut

Apologies: Steve Duquemin, Ray Shead, Natasha Trotter,

1. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed and signed off by the Group.

Matters arising:

Average Earnings: DG informed the Group that the Statistics Unit's review of the methodology of the new UK measure of average earnings would be revived once the Census was underway (Census Day: 27 March 2011) and the HES analysis had been completed.

CSR Phase 2: DG to keep the Group informed on developments.

2. RPI early release

DG informed the Group of the circumstances which led to the early release of the December 2010 Jersey RPI (on Friday 21 January 2010, some five days prior to the pre-announced release date) and of the concern which had been expressed by the Deputy of St. Mary, Daniel Wimberley.

3. Update on Statistics Unit activity

DG summarised recent publications and ongoing work of the Statistics Unit:

i. Recent:

- Labour Market – June 2010
- Retail Sales; Business Tendency Survey; RPI; HPI
- Registered Unemployment
- Jersey Annual Social Survey 2010
- Jersey Economic Trends

ii. Ongoing

- Census 2011 – see item 4
- Household Expenditure Survey: analysis
- HPI: aiming for inclusion of Share Transfer properties in Q1 2011 report (May 2011);

iii. Upcoming publications

- Monthly: Registered Unemployment
- Quarterly: HPI; Retail Sales; Business Tendency Survey; RPI
- Labour Market – December 2010

4. 2011 Census

DG gave the Group an update on the status of the project and an updated copy of the risk register.

5. **AOB**

CC: Audit of Unit's work

CC explained that the Group's proposal for the States of Jersey Internal Audit to undertake a review of the general quality controls within the Unit had been deemed "not a priority" in the 2010 and 2011 Business Plans of the Internal Audit department.

[Action: CC and Head of Internal Audit \(Paul Redfern\) to meet; DG to attend](#)

MF: Liberty Wharf footfall

MF enquired about measurement of footfall at the Liberty Wharf development. The Group suggested that she contact Chamber of Commerce (RS) and the Town Centre Manager (Richard MacKenzie).

RT: Citizens Advice Bureau, CAB

RT asked if the new Head of CAB, Malcolm Ferey, could be put on the mailing list to receive hard-copies of Statistics Unit reports.

[Action: DG to arrange](#)

MLB: Census documentation

MLB suggested that a comprehensive written record of the design and implementation of the 2011 Census be produced by the Unit, as a historical document and also as a guide for undertaking potential future censuses. DG said that such documentation was being compiled on an ongoing basis throughout the project.

6. **Next meeting**

Scheduled for **Tuesday 26 April 2011 (9:30 a.m.)**

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