

Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **12 June 2012**; 5th floor CLMH

Present: Charles Clarke (Chair)
Marie-Louise Backhurst, Mary Friswell, Peggy Gielen, Jennie Holley,
Natasha LeDain-Cyples, Ray Shead, Peter Surcouf, Rozanne Thomas
Statistics Unit: Duncan Gibaut

Apologies: Martin Richardson

1. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed and signed off by the Group.

Matters arising:

Notices had been placed in the JEP Gazette in May 2012 seeking applicants for Chair and Group Members.

2. Update on Statistics Unit activity

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

i. Recent:

- Jersey in Figures 2011
- Quarterly: Retail Sales Index; Business Tendency Survey; RPI; HPI
- Labour Market – December 2011

ii. Ongoing:

- Jersey Annual Social Survey 2012
(incorporating Housing Needs Survey and information for Better Life Index)
- Population projections (2011 Census baseline)

3. Population estimation

DG presented a draft of the report and presentation to be released by the Statistics Unit on Friday 15 June 2012:

- estimate of resident population at year-end 2011, based on results of 2011 Census;
- reconciliation of previous series of annual estimates with 2011 Census.

4. AOB

MF: estimation of school intake by Education, Sport & Culture Dept. (ESC)

Media attention had recently highlighted primary school intake for September 2012 to be greater than anticipated. MF asked about the estimation methodology applied by ESC. DG informed the Group that his team had been in contact with the relevant members of ESC: the estimation involved an extrapolation based on prior years' births and an assumed level of migration. The Statistics Unit will liaise with ESC to review this methodology.

5. Next meeting

Friday 9 November 2012

11 a.m. on 4th floor of Cyril Le Marquand House

Duncan Gibaut, Statistics Unit