

Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **28 January 2015**; Cazenove Capital , 40 Esplanade, St Helier

Present: Martin Richardson (MR) Chair, Mary Friswell (MF), Jennie Holley, Graeme Marett (GM), Ray Shead, Matthew Sutton, Rozanne Thomas
Statistics Unit: Duncan Gibaut (DG), Eliska Joudalova

Apologies: Peggy Gielen, Craig Leach, John Noel, Peter Surcouf

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

b) Matters arising:

- i) a meeting with the Chief Minister took place on 1 December 2014 to present and discuss the draft Code of Practice for Official Statistics; the attendees from SUG were MR and MF. DG and Katie Falle (Head of Statistics, Department of Education, Sport & Culture) also attended the meeting;
- ii) the Statistics Unit's Release Schedule for 2015 was published on 5 December 2014.

2. **Update on the Manpower Survey**

As a result of the Population Office transferring from the Chief Minister's Department to the Social Security Department in December 2014, the responsibility for running the Manpower Survey (under the auspices of the Control of Housing and Work Law) also transferred from the Chief Minister's Department to the Social Security Department.

The Statistics Unit has been working closely with the Social Security Department on an ongoing basis in the planning and running of the December 2014 round of the Manpower Survey. The Chief Statistician (DG) was sufficiently reassured by the progress made that he was able to include provisional publication dates for the reports on the December 2014 and June 2015 rounds of the Labour Market, and also for the estimate of the resident population, in the Unit's Release Schedule for 2015.

3. **Code of Practice for Official Statistics**

The main part of the meeting was the Group's discussion of the Chief Minister's response to the draft Code of Practice.

[Action DG – incorporate the Group's comments into the Code of Practice;](#)

4. **Update on Statistics Unit activity**

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

Recent:

- Quarterly: Retail Prices Index (RPI); Business Tendency Survey
Retail Sales Index; House Price Index
- Monthly: Registered Actively Seeking Work (ASW)

Ongoing:

- Household Spending and Income Survey
started in April 2014; due to finish survey element in April 2015

5. **AOB**

GM requested that a copy of the questionnaire for the 2015 round of the Jersey Annual Social Survey (JASS) be circulated to the Group once it had been finalised. He also requested that consideration be given to examining TV viewing habits in a future round of JASS.

6. **Next meeting: Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 12:15 p.m.**