

Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **7 February 2012**; 5th floor CLMH

Present: Charles Clarke (Chair), Peggy Gielen, Jenny Holley, Martin Richardson,
Ray Shead, Peter Surcouf, Rozanne Thomas
Statistics Unit: Duncan Gibaut, Kim Guegan (Census Manager)

Apologies: Marie-Louise Backhurst, Mary Friswell, Natasha LeDain-Cyplès

1. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed and signed off by the Group.

Matters arising:

SOJ website: DG informed the Group that there was a limit to the number of past reports (particularly of monthly and quarterly publications) which could appear on the SOJ website.

Action: DG to contact the SOJ Web Team to come up with a solution whereby a greater number of past reports could be made available for download.

Internal Audit of Statistics Unit processes:

CC reported that he would again contact the SOJ Treasurer regarding this matter.

2. 2011 Census

Bulletins summary DG gave a presentation of the results published to date – a summary of Census Bulletins 1-4.

Outline for 2012 KG presented an overview of the remaining analysis to be carried out.

3. Update on Statistics Unit activity

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

i. Recent:

- Jersey Economic Trends 2011
- Quarterly: Retail Sales; Business Tendency Survey; Retail Prices Index; House Price Index
- Monthly: Registered unemployment

ii. Ongoing

- Census 2011 see item 2
- Affordability Index
- Better Life Index

iii. To run in 2012:

- Jersey Annual Social Survey
- Housing Needs Survey

4. Membership status

DG presented the current membership status of each Group member and the process for appointing a Chair and Members (see Appendix).

Actions:

- DG to draft advert for the JEP Gazette for Chair and Members, and to circulate to the Group;
- Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Advice Bureau and Jersey Finance Limited to re-confirm representatives.

5. **AOB**
PS: Food inflation in the RPI report
PS requested that in the quarterly report on the RPI, for purposes of comparison with the UK, changes in the Food group index be presented to 1 decimal place and that comparison be made excluding the effect of changes in GST - i.e. the Food group of RPI(Y).
Action: DG to incorporate suggestions in next RPI report (March 2012 round).
6. **Next meeting**
Tuesday 12 June 2012
11 a.m. on 5th floor of Cyril Le Marquand House

Duncan Gibaut, Statistics Unit

Appendix

SUG membership status

at February 2012

Chair

Charles Clarke States decision P149/2009 8 Oct 2009 for 3 years

Members

		<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Peggy Guelin <i>Jersey Finance Limited</i>	Ministerial Decision	18 Dec 2006	Dec 2009
Ray Shead <i>Chamber of Commerce</i>	Ministerial Decision	1 Jun 2007	Jun 2010
Marie-Louise Backhurst <i>Société Jersiaise</i>	Ministerial Decision	11 Feb 2009	Feb 2012
Mary Friswell <i>The Soroptimists</i>	Ministerial Decision	11 Feb 2009	Feb 2012
Peter Surcouf <i>Member of the public</i>	Ministerial Decision	11 Feb 2009	Feb 2012
Rozanne Thomas <i>Jersey Consumer Council</i>	Ministerial Decision	11 Feb 2009	Feb 2012
Jenny Holley <i>Unite</i>	Ministerial Decision	13 May 2009	May 2012
Martin Richardson <i>Jersey Community Relations Trust</i>	Ministerial Decision	13 May 2009	May 2012
Natasha LeDain-Cyphes <i>Member of the public</i>	Ministerial Decision	13 May 2009	May 2012

Appointments process

Chair

advertise in Gazette
decision by Chief Minister
approval (or otherwise) by Appointments Commission
paper to Council of Ministers
Ministerial Decision (by Chief Minister) to lodge Report & Proposition (R&P)
R&P to States Assembly: States debate and vote

Members

advertise in Gazette
Ministerial Decision