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. **Minutes of last meeting (4 June 2018):**
   - Action DG – upload minutes onto the Group’s website

2. **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.

3. **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

4. **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

5. **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

6. **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