

## Minutes of Statistics Users Group Meeting

Date of meeting: **17 October 2013**; 4<sup>th</sup> floor CLMH

Present: Martin Richardson (Chair), Jennie Holley (JH), Craig Leach, Graeme Marett, John Noel, Ray Shead (RS), Matthew Sutton, Ian Taylor (CEO Chamber of Commerce, to cover any future absence of RS);

Statistics Unit: Duncan Gibaut (DG), Sarah Davis (SD), Helen Hale (HH)

Apologies: Mary Friswell, Peggy Gielen, Peter Surcouf, Rozanne Thomas

- a) Minutes of last meeting:** agreed and signed off.  
**b) Matters arising:** [Action: DG to upload minutes onto SUG website](#)

### **2. Jersey Retail Prices Index**

HH gave the Group a presentation on the September 2013 round of the Jersey Retail Prices Index; the report was scheduled for release at 00:01 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### **3. Release dates in 2014**

DG gave the Group a provisional schedule of the release dates for Statistics Unit publications in calendar year 2014 (see Appendix).

DG informed the Group that he had designated several publication dates as being provisional for the first time, specifically those for the Labour Market (December 2013 and June 2014 rounds), the Annual Population Update (2013) and the National Accounting aggregates GVA and GNI (2013).

The assignment of provisionality for the release of these reports was a conservative judgement, on the part of DG, due to the Manpower Survey now being conducted (by the Population Office) under the Control of Housing and Work Law, having previously been conducted under the Regulation of Undertakings and Development Law.

### **4. Population measurement**

DG informed the Group that the Statistics Unit was in the process of updating and improving its methodology (introduced in 2002 and continuously developed since) for producing an annual measure of the Island's total resident population and of net migration.

The Statistics Unit's independent program of development would involve a modernisation of the Census Law (1951) and the establishment of data sharing agreements with several States of Jersey departments. The Statistics Unit would be liaising closely with the Data Protection Commissioner throughout this modernisation and development process.

### **5. Update on Statistics Unit activity**

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

#### Recent:

- Index of Average Earnings – June 2013
- UK-Jersey consumer prices comparison – June 2013
- National Accounting aggregates 2012
- Labour Market – June 2013
- Quarterly: Business Tendency Survey  
Retail Sales Index  
House Price Index
- Monthly: Registered Actively Seeking Work (ASW)

Upcoming in November and December 2013:

- Jersey Annual Social Survey 2013
- Jersey Economic Trends 2013

6. **AOB**

**Agriculture statistics 2012 (JH)** – publication issues

Action: DG to include on agenda of next Group meeting.

7. **Next meeting**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014

12:15 – 14:00 in the Concord Room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Cyril Le Marquand House

## States of Jersey Statistics Unit

### Release dates – 2014

<b>January</b>	17	RPI – December 2013
	22	Business Tendency Survey – Q4 2013
<b>February</b>	20	House Price Index – Q4 2013
<b>March</b>	5	Retail Sales Index – Q4 2013
	12	Housing Affordability in Jersey - 2013
<b>April</b>	9 (p)	Labour Market – December 2013
	11	Business Tendency Survey – Q1 2014
	17	RPI – March 2014
	29	Jersey in Figures
<b>May</b>	22	House Price Index – Q1 2014
<b>June</b>	11	Retail Sales Index – Q1 2014
	18 (p)	Jersey's Resident Population 2013
<b>July</b>	2	Survey of Financial Institutions – 2013
	9	Business Tendency Survey – Q2 2014
	18	RPI – June 2014
<b>August</b>	14	House Price Index – Q2 2014
	20	Index of Average Earnings – June 2014
<b>September</b>	10	UK/Jersey Price Comparisons – June 2014
	17	Retail Sales Index – Q2 2014
<b>October</b>	1 (p)	GVA and GNI – 2013
	8 (p)	Labour Market – June 2014
	10	Business Tendency Survey – Q3 2014
	17	RPI - September 2014
<b>November</b>	13	House Price Index – Q3 2014
	26 (p)	Jersey Annual Social Survey 2014
<b>December</b>	3	Retail Sales Index – Q3 2014
	10	Jersey Economic Trends – 2014

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## *Provisional* release dates of **Registered Unemployment – 2014**

<b>Release date (p)</b>		<b>Registered Unemployment at month end</b>
<b>January</b>	28	December 2013
<b>February</b>	25	January 2014
<b>March</b>	25	February 2014
<b>April</b>	30	March 2014
<b>May</b>	23	April 2014
<b>June</b>	25	May 2014
<b>July</b>	23	June 2014
<b>August</b>	22	July 2014
<b>September</b>	25	August 2014
<b>October</b>	24	September 2014
<b>November</b>	25	October 2014
<b>December</b>	23	November 2014

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