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OVERVIEW - January 2003 - September 2003

The data processing aspect of the census continued during this period with increased momentum. The census unit was operating with two Image Scanners and six verifier licenses. An additional two temporary staff members were recruited in December 2002 to assist with verification.

2. Four persons worked overtime doing scanning and verification between the hours of 4.30 p.m and 8.30 p.m during the months of January, February and March 2003.
3. For the months of April and May 2003, a total of nine persons worked on a shift system fro 4.30 p.m to 10.00 p.m.
4. In other words, between January and May, the census staff worked tirelessly and was able to complete the scanning of the questionnaires and verification of the data at the end of May 2003.
5. Although the census database was not clean, the unit was able to generate several preliminary tables using SPSS. A Draft Preliminary Report with tables and detailed analysis was prepared and presented to the Rt. Honourable Prime Minister on 31 July 2003. At a meeting of the House of Assembly in August, the Prime Minister presented the Draft Preliminary Report to Parliament. The report included the following chapters:
 - (i) Population size, growth and Demographic Characteristics;

- (ii) Education and Training;
- (iii) Economic Characteristics;
- (iv) Housing and Services;
- (v) Marital Status and Union Status.

6. During the months of July, August and September the census unit continued work on cleaning of the database after the scanning and verification process was complete. The Computer Programmer used the Access Software programme to generate queries among some key fields, for example,

- (i) Relationship to head of household;
- (ii) Missing household number;
- (iii) Incorrect number;
- (iv) Head of household too young.

7. These were matched with information on the Visitation records. The next process was to look through the questionnaires, determine the correct information and make the necessary adjustments on the database.

8. Towards the end of September, the unit began running the Post scan programme, Census Division by Census Division. There are thirteen Census Divisions. This process is basically to link unlinked records such as age and household number.

9. We have completed thus far, four of the thirteen Census Divisions and we expect to complete the Post scan process by the 14th November 2003. Following that the unit will run the Concor Programme.

10. When this is complete, we will be looking forward to the visit of Mr. Serge Poulard to set up the Redatam database to generate the final tables.
