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Preparatory Work - 2010 Census of Population & Housing

The Bermuda Department of Statistics has not embarked upon any formal planning for the conduct of the 2010 Census of Population & Housing. It is anticipated that the establishment of a Census Planning Team and sub-teams will take place during the latter part of 2007.

However, the strategy at this point is to lay the foundational ground work as it relates to building project management skills, updating classification systems, reviewing mapping needs, testing different data collection methods, developmental work on disability statistics, and assessing IT infrastructure. These tasks have been integrated into the regular work programme as specific job objectives for the fiscal years 2006/07 and 2007/08.

Project Management

All officers are required to undertake a training course in project management. Using management skills, officers at every level are required to oversee a statistical project implementing all or some of the phases involving project development. Ad hoc projects are

given to cross teams to build management capacity, improve decision making and experience team dynamics to achieve specific desired results.

Classification Systems

The Bermuda Standard Classification of Occupations (BSCO) is currently being updated in alignment with ILO guidelines. Business partners have provided job titles for new occupations along with job descriptions specifying qualifications for education and experience. This information is being used to update the BSCO classification system for use during Census 2010.

Preliminary work has begun on the development of an education classification system for Bermuda. The classification of education will align with the UN International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED). In the past the classification of education mirrored that of other statistical agencies.

Census Mapping

The Census & Survey Officer has met twice with the Ministry of Works & Engineering - Land Survey & Land Title Sections to discuss mapping needs for Census 2010. The Department will decide whether it would be best to use aerial photography maps or digitized topographical maps for census fieldwork.

The Department is seeking to use Arc View to present census data and create administrative boundaries on maps. There is the possibility of sharing an Arc View license with the Department of Environment. However, the Census & Survey Officer will require training in the Arc View software.

The Department plans to request the Land Title Section to have all households display their house number. By Law this is required and with a publicity campaign in place, households can have clearly displayed house numbers by 2010 to assist enumerators while in the field.

Optional Data Collection Method

Work is in progress to develop a framework for the on-line filing of survey returns for the annual Employment Survey. This initiative will be a pilot study for testing an alternative data collection method for Census 2010.

With assistance from the Department of E-Government, survey respondents for the annual employment survey will have the option of filing their survey return on-line effective August 2007. The time frame will allow at least a two year window of operation prior to Census to identify and tweak processes and areas that may need further development.

Developmental Work – Disability Statistics

Bermuda was represented at the 6th Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics in Kampala, Uganda from October 10th to 13th 2006. The purpose of the WG is for the promotion and coordination of international cooperation in the area of health statistics focusing on disability measures suitable for censuses and surveys.

At this meeting the Group proposed a short set of six (6) questions on disability measures that countries were asked to consider during the upcoming 2010 Census. The Department will be meeting with stakeholders to review these questions and the questions asked during the conduct of the 2000 Census. The aim will be to ensure relevance of the questions in providing the data and information that ultimately meets the needs of the disabled population in Bermuda.

Assessment of IT Infrastructure

The IT Office is currently assessing the Department's Server storage capacity. The overall objective is to ensure that the capacity of the server can facilitate future development of data bases for data collected from the annual and quarterly business surveys, the annual trade data statistics and the data that will be collected during census 2010. The audit will be conducted during the month of November 2006.

2007/08 Initiatives

- Work site visit to Statistics Canada to investigate success and challenges encountered during the first-time on-line filing of census questionnaires.
- Assess the feasibility of using a short form questionnaire in selected CD areas during Census 2010.
- Expand data collection methods using the Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) method. Investigate training of staff to use the SPSS CATI software.

- Collaborate with key stakeholders in the community to identify statistical data needs as it pertains to the disabled population group and draft possible questions for Census 2010.
