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National Accounts	<p>1995 – 1999 System of National Accounts.</p> <p>Completion of the 2006 Establishment Survey. 2006 SUT is presently being prepared for balancing.</p> <p>2007 Establishment Survey (presently ongoing). This Survey will be conducted on an annual basis.</p> <p>2000 – 2008 estimates of National Accounts by Economic Activity, by Expenditure, Cost Structure, and Aggregates.</p>	<p>National Accounts Estimates are contained in the 2009 Economic Outlook which formed part of the 2009 Budget. Tables are also available to the public on a per request basis.</p>	<p>2000 – 2008</p> <p>However, estimates based on key movements in tourism, electricity consumption, company registrations, and government recurrent and capital expenditures are used to develop informed estimates for 2000-2008.</p>	<p>Establishment Survey 2007 (presently ongoing). Response rate thus far is 15%. Deadline for submission of questionnaire extended to November 15<sup>th</sup> 2009.</p>	<p>Technical assistance: (1) compilation of balance of payments statistics; and (2) development of tourism satellite accounts.</p> <p>An officer attended in August 2008 a CARTAC National Accounts Statistics Workshop focused on concepts, data sources and compilation techniques used to produce National Accounts. This officer is currently assisting in the compilation of the 2006 national accounts as well as coordinating the 2007 Establishment Survey.</p> <p>Further practical training is required with respect to the the implementation of concepts and compilation techniques underlying the actual balancing of a SUT.</p>	<p>Microsoft Excel</p>

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Tourism Satellite Account	<p>Preliminary Tourism Satellite Accounts for 1995 – 1999.</p> <p>Estimates have been derived for Tourism GDP for the period 2000 – 2008. This data is available for dissemination.</p>	<p>Tourism GDP for the period 2000 – 2008. This data is available for dissemination</p>	<p>Tourism Satellite Accounts for 2006 would be available at the same time as the National Accounts Statistics 2010.</p> <p>Revisions of the TSA</p>		<p>Technical assistance: (1) developing tourism satellite accounts</p>	<p>Microsoft Excel</p>

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			structure for the period 2000 – 2005 would also be made based on the 2006 National Accounts compilation, and other required data.			
Balance of Payments	During 2010, Balance of Payments Statistics for 2006 will be released, along with the National Accounts and Tourism Satellite Accounts for 2006.	During 2010, Balance of Payments Statistics for 2006 will be released, along with the National Accounts and Tourism Satellite Accounts for 2006.	The data compiled for the period 1995 – 1999 is incomplete due to many gaps in required information.	<p>Data from financial institutions, money transfer companies, and government is required to compliment the compilation. Data on non-resident transactions from these agencies is not available or difficult to obtain. Although, these challenges still exist, it is anticipated that the Establishment Survey would be able to capture some of this information, and enable a more reliable dataset for Balance of Payments.</p> <p>Further work in enhancing the reliability of data from the agencies</p>	Additional training on the new BOP manual.	Microsoft Excel

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				<p>mentioned is on-going. The current banking questionnaire is being revised for a launch in the first quarter 2010. This questionnaire will attempt to capture the data required for the Balance of Payments from the banks. Also, a form to collect data monthly from the money transfer agencies will be developed for implementation in 2010 (it is envisaged that this will be done in collaboration with the Financial Services Commission).</p>		
<p>Selected Short Term Economic Indicators (e.g. CPI, Domestic Production Index etc.)</p>	<p>Consumer Price Index and Tourism Price Index</p>	<p>Monthly CPI information and quarterly TPI information . Monthly CPI report disseminated along with regular press releases on inflation.</p>		<p>CPI base is out-dated. The last Household Expenditure Survey was conducted in 1995. TPI outdated – base year 1999.</p>	<p>A consultant recruited through the Commonwealth Secretariat is currently conducting a Household Expenditure Survey. This will be completed by April 2010. The re-basing of the CPI will be concluded by the third quarter 2010.</p> <p>Technical assistance or training to construct a Construction Cost Index.</p> <p>Ongoing training on price collection techniques and price</p>	<p>Microsoft Excel – for compilation of current CPI and TPI.</p> <p>CSPro – data capture for Household Expenditure Survey.</p>

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					index calculation.  Training in the utilization of PIPS software.	
Economic Activity/Labour Force Statistics	<p>1998 – 2008 Employment Statistics. However, 1990 – 1997 data is presently being compiled in SPSS from an old compilation system.</p> <p>Employed by sex, age group, island, occupation, industry, and nationality. Average earnings by sex, age, industry, occupation, and nationality.</p>	A framework based on the employment data collected from Social Security.		<p>Employment data is currently collected from the Social Security Board on an annual basis. However, many inconsistencies exist for insane data on the number of employees by sector and occupational group is inaccurate.</p> <p>A presentation was made to the Social Security Board in which the inaccuracies in the data were highlighted, along with recommendations to amend the data. Some in-house revisions have been completed to correct some of the inaccuracies in the employment databases.</p>	A Labour Force Survey should be performed every five (5) years. One has never been attempted by DPU. With the formation of a Survey Unit in the department from 2010, the Unit will undertake to commence plans to conduct its first Labor Force Survey in 2012.	SPSS
Banking Statistics	Information on the banking industry including assets, liabilities, deposits, loans by sector and interest rates	The template for an Annual Banking report is being developed.	Gaps in data as a result of banks not comprehensively completing the questionnaire.	Data lags as a result of late return of questionnaire by banking institutions. Offshore banks are not included in the survey.	Two additional persons are currently receiving in the compilation of Monetary and financial statistics. A new banking questionnaire will be launched in the first quarter 2010. It will incorporate elements from the current questionnaire, the prudential	Microsoft Excel – banking questionnaire template.

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					return form used by the Financial Services Commission and the IMF MFS framework as applicable.	
Tourism Statistics	Comprehensive statistics up to 2004. Summary tourism statistics 2004 – second quarter 2009.	Dissemination of summary statistics on a monthly basis via a tourism report.	2005 – 2008 comprehensive tourism statistics	The backlog of tourism ED cards (which provides comprehensive tourism data) will be completed by December 2009.  Comprehensive tourism statistics for 2005 to 2009 should be available in 2010 once information from the old ED card database is merged with the data from the new ED card in periods where their usage overlapped.	Assessment of and training in tourism statistics collection and compilation procedures  Tourism Forecasting	Microsoft Access – data capture  SPSS data – data compilation  Microsoft Excel – data presentation
Financial Services Statistics	Number of company incorporations, mutual funds, captive insurers, trust and company management providers etc.	Financial services statistics are contained in the 2009 Economic Outlook which formed part of the 2009 Budget. Tables are also available to the public on a per request basis.			Technical assistance in developing a framework for a financial services satellite account  Forecasting	Microsoft excel
Merchandise Trade	Imports by commodity type Imports by Country Imports, ci.f and f.o.b Imports by Port of Entry  Exports by commodity	1999 – 2004, 2006  2006. 1995 – 2003 data is	2005, 2007, and 2008 (2005 and 2007 are compiled, but to be processed)	Quantity information lacking, only CIF. 2005 – 2007. 2005 and 2006 being entered manually. The grouping of commodities by Customs instead of using the	Trade software development	Microsoft Access Excel SPSS

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	Exports by country Exports by port of exit Exports by c.i.f and f.o.b. Total re-exports	available but has to be revised based on the 2006 data collected.	2004, 2005, 2007, 2008	<p>detailed product categories, and the omission of quantity information degrades the quality of the imports information. 2006 data was compiled with the limited information available on the customs form. However, this data is not available for dissemination.</p> <p>Because of lack of importance placed on the completion of customs forms (T13's) by exporters, limited or no data is available to compile exports statistics from Customs.</p> <p>Trade data from the major ports of entry will soon be available electronically. This should also address the absence of accurate quantity import data.</p>		
Health Statistics - births, deaths, marriages, divorces diseases	Crude birth Rate Crude death rate Infant Mortality Rate Under 5 mortality rate Maternal Mortality Rate Deaths by Cause and Age	1995 – 2008		Information on births and deaths is sourced from the Hospital and the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages. There are cases when	None	SPSS and Excel

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	Life expectancy tables Fertility rate Births by weight Teenage deliveries Crude marriage rate Crude divorce rate Communicable / Non-communicable Diseases by sex, age, nationality, marital status, island, and occupation	2000 – 2007 (2008 is currently being compiled)		the information received is different and verification and checks have to be coordinated between the sources.		
Population (Census and mid-year estimates)	Population by sex and age Population by island Number of households Population by ethnicity Population by religion Population by nationality Population Growth rate Estimated net migration Dependency ratios Mean age of Population	Census years (1881 – 2001) Mid-year estimates up to 2030	None			SPSS, Excel
Crime Statistics	Police Statistics: Total crimes by station area  Court Statistics: Nature of offense by sex of offender Type of charge by sex of offender; Nature of offense by type of charge Number of charges by type Court decision by sex of offender, and type of charge  Type of civil matter by court decision made	2005 – 2008  1995 - 2005  2004 - 2007	1995 - 2004  2006 – 2008  1995 – 2003, 2008	Lack of staff at the Police department hinders the preparation of information to be forwarded to the department.  Obtaining information from the Prison due to the lack of staff at this institution.		SPSS and Excel

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Education Statistics	Enrollment by type of school Enrollment by sex Enrollment by age Trained and un-trained teachers by sex  Scholarships by are of study	None, due to non-submission of data from some schools.  1999 - 2008	1995 - 2008	Securing the information that was not submitted by the delinquent schools through the Ministry of Education.	A training workshop on the importance of education statistics in monitoring and planning within government.	SPSS and Excel.
Other areas in social statistics – work permit statistics; alien land holding licences statistics; belonger/registration/naturalization statistics	Belonger/registration/naturalisation by age, sex and nationality  Work permits, by occupation, industry, sex, age, nationality, type, and island	2003 – 2008.  Presently compiling August 2009 work permits.	There was no data from the Labour department for 2005, and 2006 were incorrect. So, estimates were developed for these 2 years.	Staff turnover in the Labour department can result in a stoppage or delay in the receipt of the information to compile these statistics	None	SPSS and Excel