

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

## CONFIDENTIAL

**Title of Report:** 2011 Census  
**Paper No:** 175/11  
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**Report of:** SESA / PPO

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### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 To seek approval from Members to revise the set Census period from that originally offer.

### 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that Members approve the revised Census date to be carried out between January – May 2012. A date to be confirmed by the incoming Head of Policy.

2.2 Executive Council is recommended to advise the Governor to make an order in the form of the attached draft.

### 3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications.

### 4.0 Background

4.1 In June 2011 Exco approved the Census being carried out between October to December 2011 (Paper 148/11 refers).

4.2 Due to staff changes in the Policy Department, the date originally approved by Exco is no longer achievable.

4.3 At the time of writing the eCensus model, as developed by C&W with the Policy Department, has been trailed once, and technical changes are being made. Working together, the eCensus could have been delivered in November as originally suggested only if the current Policy staffing situation had not changed at short notice.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications to consider when approving either the questions applied or the date of the census.

## **6.0 Legal Implications**

6.1 There is a requirement in section 13(2) of the Statistics Ordinance for a census to be held in 2011. However, section 13(3) does allow for it to be postponed by order to 2012. A draft of the necessary order is attached.

6.2 Once the timing of the census in 2012 has been finalised, there will need to be another order fixing the month in which it is to be held.

6.3 There will need to be another order specifying the questions to be asked and the method by which the census is to be undertaken

## **7.0 Human Resources Implications**

7.1 There are no Human Resource implications to consider at this point, however there may be future staffing implications regarding the analysis of the form unless this analysis is outsourced.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE  
*(not part of the order)*

Under section 13(2) of the Statistics Ordinance (No 10 of 2010), there was due to have been a census in 2011.

Section 13(3) allows the Governor to postpone a census to the following year.

This order postpones the 2011 census to 2012.