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STATISTICS ACT

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 8 of the Statistics Act, the Minister of Finance, with the approval of Cabinet makes the following Regulations-

1 Short Title

These Regulations may be cited as the Census Regulations 2011.

2 2011 Census

A population census of the Kingdom of Tonga will be taken on the 30th November, 2011 and all persons within the Kingdom and its territorial waters at midnight of that day were to be enumerated.

3 Appointment of the Government Statistician

The Government Statistician will be responsible for administration and completion of this population census.

4 Duties of the Government Statistician

For the purpose of enabling the population census to be carried out, the Government Statistician shall:

- (a) initiate the formation of a Census Steering Committee comprising representatives of interested Government Departments, other Statutory Bodies, or such other persons who or institutions which may contribute to the Population Census. The Steering Committee may review the plans and arrangements for the population census and make suggestions for their improvement. The members of the Committee will also be responsible for liaison between the census organization and the organizations they represent;
- (b) divide the Kingdom into Census Districts and Census Blocks for the purposes of the population census, and identify, and locate on maps, all places used for human habitation as Households and, for each Household so identified, nominate a Head of Household.
- (c) appoint or engage persons to assist in the taking of the population census, as Supervisors, Enumerators or otherwise and assign specific duties related to the census to them, and require them to be trained in the efficient and accurate discharge of these duties. The public will be notified of the names of Supervisors and Enumerators, the areas to which they are assigned, and any identification by which they may be recognized by the public;
- (d) require any persons employed for the purpose of the population census to make a statutory declaration as set out in section 7 of the Statistics Act;
- (e) prescribe the particulars to be stated on the population census schedule and compile handbooks and specifications by which the population census is to be conducted;
- (f) organize a campaign to publicize and explain the aims, nature and benefits of the population census using media such as internet, newspapers, radio, television and posters.
- (g) require all persons nominated as Head of Households, including persons in charge of any institution, whether public or private, (including hotels, hospitals, prisons, boarding houses, schools, military or religious quarters, boats and ships whether berthed or in the territorial waters of the Kingdom, excepting only tourist cruise ships and foreign naval vessels), to ensure that all persons within their Households are enumerated as of the census date and to inform a Census Supervisor if they have reason to believe that their Household or any person therein, has been omitted;
- (h) initiate a Post-enumeration Survey, to follow the main enumeration, for the purpose of checking on the accuracy and completeness of the population census;
- (i) authorize and organize the processing of the information gained from the population census;
- (j) commission the analysis of the census information, the writing of Reports on the Population Census and arrange for the publication and dissemination of such reports;

- (k) organize a campaign to publicize the results of the population census, employing methods such as user-group workshops, publication of census results in non-technical form and in the vernacular language;
- (l) certify and provide to the Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC) such information, calculations and projections that the Commission may require to enable it to perform its functions under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 2010.

5 Particulars that may be required

The following shall be the matters of which particulars may be required.

- (a) Full Name
- (b) Sex
- (c) Date of Birth and/or Age
- (d) Citizenship
- (e) Ethnicity
- (f) Marital Status
- (g) Place of Birth
- (h) Education
- (i) Economic Activity and/or Employment
- (j) Characteristics of Household and Dwelling
- (k) Migration history
- (l) Fertility history (for women only)
- (m) Source of income or support
- (n) Land Holdings
- (o) Religion
- (p) Any other matters on which it is considered desirable to collect statistical information in the process of ascertaining the social, economic or civil condition of the population.

Made in Nuku'alofa on this 7th day of October 2011.

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