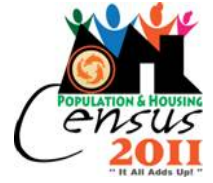




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CENSUS DAY
Remarks by:
The Chief Minister
The Hon. Hubert B. Hughes

May 11, 2011

Speech for the Launching of Anguilla Census Day 2011

As I reflect on what the Anguilla Census used to be and what it is now, I marvel at the administrative and promotional development which has taken place. “It All Adds Up” is a simple slogan which can

be applied to just about any aspect of our lives in both positive and negative ways. When I hear it, what it is saying to me is that every little bit counts as long as it is a relevant component of a larger objective. In this case, we are seeking information that will help us along our path of sustainable development. We must embrace a process which would help us to be analytical on the basis of the firm footing in terms of information provided by the 2011 census.

Modern technology has transformed the world and we are living in an age where technological efficiency is most likely at its peak. What modern technology cannot do for us is replace the human touch which is so critical for exercises such as the one we are about to embark on.

There is no substitute for good manners, mutual respect and commonness of purpose when an initiative involves so much human interaction as the 2011 Census. There must be commonness of purpose because without that, the purpose of the census may be misconstrued and then the benefits may not be as robust as they can be.

We often speak about the commendable spirit of the Anguillian community and there is no better time to put words into action than now. Make no mistake, this is a time for cooperation in all aspects of Anguillian life of which the 2011 Census is a part. I know that the Statistics Department has put a tremendous effort into making the 2011 population and housing census a reality.

I encourage each and every one in Anguilla to do their part and embrace the census for what it is. A vital information source as we try to promote sustainable development for our people.



CENSUS DAY
Remarks by:
The Deputy Governor
The Hon. Stanley Reid

May 11, 2011

Speech for the Launching of Anguilla Census Day 2011

Adopting the protocol already established.

Today we officially mark the beginning of a process, which has the potential to provide us with information that will allow decision

makers in both the public and private sectors, to make decisions that will benefit us, as a nation and in our collective and individual enterprises. Whether the true potential of the census exercise is fully realised, depends upon the response of the many stakeholders in this exercise. A brief indication of what constitutes a census, the attendant benefits associated with such an exercise and how stakeholders can assist in the exercise should serve to persuade us that it is incumbent on all of us to ensure that we play our part, in ensuring the success of the census exercise.

From the answers to the ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ published by the Statistics Department we learn that a Population Census may be defined as the total process of collecting, compiling and publishing demographic, economic and social data pertaining to all persons in a country at a specified time. It can be simply described as a form of national stock-taking. It is a complete count of the population and provides detailed data on the size of the population, age structure, educational attainment, the labour force and socio-economic characteristics. This description clearly demonstrates that the census exercise involves everyone in the country.

Through the appropriate use of the census results, everyone in the country can benefit. Our scarce resources can be spent where there are most needed. Do we have adequate social structures in place to ensure the positive development of our youths? Will we need more schools? More schools we anticipate will mean more teachers. What steps should we be taking to ensure adequate training of our

populace? Are the existing social structures adequate to address the needs of persons who have found themselves at odds with established legal standards? Can the existing infrastructure, such as our road networks adequately serve our population at the current rate of growth or at the anticipated rate of growth? Information gathered during the Census should help us to answer these and other questions from an informed position.

While it has never been acceptable for decisions to be taken in a vacuum, it is even more unacceptable today where mechanisms for collecting and analysing data exist. We have no excuse if we fail to plan our housing, schools, roads, transportation and the other varied social and economic requirements of Anguilla. This Population and Housing Census will facilitate such planning.

The last population census in Anguilla was conducted in 2001. We all recognise, without any prompting one hopes, that since that time many changes have taken place. We have seen changes in population growth, in employment, and in birth rates. The changes in all these areas have implications for the demand on social services, e.g. health, education and infrastructure including water, electricity and roads.

The Census will not only tell us the size of our population. The Census questionnaire consists of questions designed to solicit information about the age, sex, marital status, religion and educational characteristics of each person. This data can inform the formulation of policies and the creation of additional services. The

answers obtained to questions, pertaining to the economic activity of persons will provide information on the work force and its occupational and industrial breakdown. Such information will ensure greater success for private sector initiatives, as plans and projects can be pursued with knowledge of the available work force.

Our Census is a census of population and housing, so in addition to the questions about persons, there are also questions which make enquiries about the houses that we live in. Data will be obtained about the conditions of our housing by soliciting information about such facilities as water, electricity, and overcrowding.

Significant energies have been expended to ensure the success of this Census exercise. While the term Census is generally taken to mean counting the country's population and the recording of certain characteristics at a particular point in time, several distinct operations have to be completed before a picture of the population can be presented.

To facilitate the Census exercise plans have been drawn up outlining the information that is to be collected, how it is to be recorded and how the findings are to be presented. The collection of the data in the field under careful supervision has been organised.

Anguilla has been divided into small areas called Enumeration Districts (EDs) and an interviewer has been assigned to each. The interviewer has been thoroughly trained to ensure that he or she fully

understands what questions are to be asked and how to record the answers quickly and correctly on the questionnaires provided. The census organisers are conscious of the need not to take up an unnecessary amount of a householder's time and have sought to design a process that will elicit relevant information from you in the most efficient and effective manner. The actual enumeration I understand begins tomorrow, when all enumerators will begin visiting every dwelling unit in all buildings and record the information given, on the questionnaires. This process is scheduled to continue until 15 July 2011. If the quality of enumeration is good, the final reports which tabulate the findings will be good and decision makers in the public and private sectors will have no excuses for making poor decisions.

As alluded to earlier, we are all stakeholders in this exercise and therefore ideally, every individual in the household should be interviewed, but this is not always possible. The census exercise is intended to be as customer friendly or in this case as 'stakeholder' friendly as possible, therefore any responsible adult can give the information about all the persons in a particular household, provided that he or she knows all the required answers.

Our natural inclination is likely to be reluctance to answer questions, which we consider to be our personal business. While the answers are personal to us, their analysis in a national context will benefit country and self. This should motivate all of us to more readily provide accurate and detailed information where required.

In any event your answers will not become public knowledge. The Statistics Act guarantees the confidentiality of your answers. Neither the enumerator nor any employee of the Census Office can reveal information about you or your household without incurring severe penalties including fines and or imprisonment. You might ask how can your information be used effectively, in the decision making process without revealing your information. This is achieved because the information collected will be used solely in the preparation of tables which will show the size and structure of the population as a whole through the use of totals rather than individual responses.

If we accept the importance of the data to be collected to everyone, then we should readily accept that it is in our best interests to make the census exercise a success. How can we ensure its success? By cooperating fully with the enumerators when they call on us. Yes we know the temptation will be there to give them messages for the powers that be. Don't tell them things you would like to say to politicians, past or present but have not had the opportunity to say; don't take out your anger at the implementation of some tax or at the implementation of some decision by a government agency on the enumerator. They played no role in either the implementation of the tax or the making of the decision that might have angered you. Do not greet the enumerators with either verbal or physical abuse. Simply permit them to do the job they have been recruited to do and trust in the wisdom of those with the authority to make decisions, to use the information collected wisely to the benefit of country and

individual. Enumerators in turn must not by their behaviour or demeanour discourage anyone from completing the questionnaire or answering particular questions on the questionnaire. Remember there is a reason for each question and we can only get true and accurate data if all questions are answered honestly. If the information collected is flawed the policies made on the basis of that information will be flawed. Enumerators and householders working together can ensure that only quality information is obtained.

Simple acts of courtesy must be demonstrated to make the enumerators feel welcome. Householders - please keep appointments. Open your gates and doors to the enumerators. Do not cause them undue anxiety by allowing vicious dogs to roam free in your yard or neighbourhood. Above all make sure that you are counted. If for any reason you believe your household has been missed out, call the Census office and ensure that an enumerator visits your household.

At this juncture I will remind you of the words of Miss Johnessa Harrigan who captures this point so well in her poem entitled ‘Count Me In’. She says:-

*When you number the masses that live herein,
Count me in, count me in,
When you tally the women, boys, girls and men,
Count me in, count me in.*

*I am really not just a statistic but a living realistic,
Important, vibrant and optimistic,
I count as ONE as everyone else,
Significant and enthused to contribute to my nation's health.*

*If I am ever left out the count will not be true,
You MUST make me one of the number I'm counting on you...
So when you number the ones who on this tranquil isle reside,
Make certain my name is not set aside;
"My name" must be part of the list
Surely, I must be placed and numbered among the mix.*

*We all should make up this number and if one is left out,
There will be cause for concern, worry and doubt,
No; I am not just a number, but a proud native girl
Full of promise, confidence, hope and trust,
So, when you've counted every mansion, house, hut and kin,
Count me in, please count me in.*

~Miss Johnessa Harrigan

I reiterate - if the census exercise is to be successful it is vital that each and every one of us give the enumerators our fullest cooperation. We will be serving our individual and collective best interests when we do so. Please ensure that you are 'counted in' because 'It All Adds Up'. Thank you.



Census Day Remarks
by the Chief Statistician
Wednesday, May 11, 2011

'It All Adds Up'

Adopting the protocol already established. Today is Census Day 2011 in Anguilla, it is finally here!

Some two years ago preparation started in earnest for the 2011 Anguilla Population and Housing Census, when we designed the programme which outlined the 13 components and its related activities of a census.

From the Planning, Cartography and GIS, Preparation for Census Fieldwork, Preparation for Data Processing, Pilot Census, Publicity, Motivation and Sensitisation, Data Processing, Presentation of Preliminary Finding, Creating a Master Sampling Frame, Analysis and Report-Writing, Publication and Dissemination all these component were carefully planned.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Anguilla Statistics Department, the work of the Department can be epitomised in two sayings, One, a theory expressed by Larry Joe Bird (born December 7, 1956) the former American NBA basketball player and coach who was drafted into the NBA sixth overall by the Boston Celtics in 1978 when he said that **if you give 100 percent all of the time, somehow things will work out in the end.**

And the next by Antonio Porchia when he says, **No one understands that you have given everything. You must give more.**

For along with the day to day duties each member of staff assisted and executed some aspect of the census preparations, be it, enumeration training or sourcing items for use in the exercise.

In addition, the Census Advisory Committee members must also be commended for their sustained commitment and tireless work.

Countries around the world like Ivory Coast and in our corner of the world, St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda as well as Montserrat have or will be embarking on this major national event during the course of this month.

Enumeration in Anguilla begins

The data collection process of the Census begins tomorrow May 12, 2011. We have set aside two months for this activity and enumerators will be knocking on

your door up until July 15, 2011. Let us show the world that it is possible to collect quality census data within eight (8) weeks. The reference day for data is today, May 11, 2011 – I am sure today will be a lasting memorable day for all residents of Anguilla.

When the enumerator visits your home, we urge you to be polite and courteous. Co-operate with him or her and provide the necessary data as requested in the shortest possible time. If you have any queries, ask him or her, their supervisor or us at the ASD. Some households will be visited by both the supervisor and enumerator; this is our way of ensuring quality control on our part. Accuracy is very important. Remember, plans, policies and programmes will be defined by the data received.

If an enumerator visits your home and no one is there, he or she will leave you a doorknob requesting that you call to make an appointment to have them return to conduct the interview. **Please** honour the time you arrange to avoid the enumerator having to come back again.

Should you, a resident of Anguilla, know that you will be off island during the enumeration phase, please let us know so that we can make special arrangements to ensure that you are not omitted.

Each enumerator and supervisor has a picture identification card. You should ask to see it, if it is not presented to you early within the conversation. Make sure that the person who knocks at your door is a census enumerator. If you are not sure, call the office and ask for the name of the enumerator assigned to your enumeration district. The list of enumerators and supervisors along with their assigned enumeration district will be post on the census website, www.gov.ai/census

Census Topics

The census questionnaire cover a broad range of topics, Health, Education Migration among others, most of which have been asked on previous censuses.

Some questions on the Anguilla Census questionnaires appear on census questionnaires across the region as they can be considered OECS or CARICOM wide questions. The reason for this is ensure that there is comparable data to access change with Anguilla over time as well as to access differences and similarities between Anguilla and countries in the immediate region as well as the wider world.

Confidentiality

The census is being conducted under the authority of the Statistics Act 2002, which **mandates** your participation – that is, all residents of Anguilla. The Act prohibits the release of information at the individual level or in any way that may identify persons. All census information will be published at the aggregate level to maintain anonymity. Any census worker, who violates the confidentiality rule under the Act and is proven to have done so, will be subject to the penalties within the Act. .

Data will only be presented and published in total, no one's individual data or circumstances will be published.

Helping Anguilla!

Everyone is asked to:

Remember the reference date – Today May 11, 2011 and the data collection period May 12 – July 15th, 2011.

Cooperate with the enumerators and facilitate their safe entry to your premises for the purpose of conducting the interviews.

Should you have any queries or questions, visit the website or contact the Chief Statistician at the Anguilla Statistics Department.

And remember, **IT ALL ADDS UP!**
Thank You.

