

Kingdom of Bahrain

Central Informatics Organisation

History

The CIO was established first in October 1967 under the supervision of Ministry of Finance and National Economy. Its name was "Statistics Office" and its objective was to provide necessary information about the Kingdom. And from the date of independence, the Government took in its consideration the improvement and development of the Statistics Office to provide information and data which serves the process of development.

Then, this Office was developed and became a Directorate in the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, by Decree No. (8), 1976 regarding establishing Directorate of Statistics. After that, Decree No. (7), 1977 was issued regarding statistics and censuses to organise and the process of Statistics and censuses.

In the same year, Decree No. (11), 1977 was issued regarding transferring the Directorate of Statistics from Ministry of Finance and National Economy to be reporting to the Prime Minister's Office.

In the year 1983 Decree No. (5) was issued regarding renaming of the Directorate of Statistics and it became a separate and independent governmental unit. Based on that, its name was changed to "Central Statistics Organisation."

A year later, Decree No. (9) Was issued regarding establishing the Central Population Recording and Organising its activities. This decree included establishing a permanent committee for central population recording system. The committee was to be Headed by the Minister of Cabinet Affairs and the members were: the head of the Central Statistics Organisation, a representative from Ministry of Health, a representative from Ministry of Interior, a representative from Ministry of Legal Affairs, a representative from Ministry of Health and a representative from Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs all representatives to be directors and above.

And because of the increasing activities and responsibilities of the Central Statistics Organisation and the need for specialization, a number of decrees were issued regarding establishing Directorates in the Central Statistics Organisation, first of all, Order No. (16), 1988 was issued from the Prime Minister regarding establishing Directorates in the Central Statistics Organisation which were: Directorate of Computer Services, Directorate of Statistics and Directorate of Population Registry Centre.

Then, Decree No. (38), 2002 was issued regarding renaming the Central Statistics Organisation as "Central Informatics Organisation".

After that, Decree No. (9), 2003 was issued regarding reorganising the Central Informatics Organisation which included establishing the following Directorates:

1. Directorate of Election and Referendum (reporting to the President of CIO).
2. Directorate of Human Resources and Finance (reporting to the Undersecretary).
3. Directorate of Statistics, Directorate of Population Registry, and Directorate of Addresses and GIS (reporting to the General Directors of Statistics and opulation Registry).
4. Computers Operation Directorate, Directorate of Information System and Directorate of

Technical Resources (reporting to the General Director for Information Technology).

Finally, Order No. (3), 2004 was issued by the Prime Minister regarding the establishment of the National Committee for GIS.