Section 4 of the 1983 Statistics Act states:

"There shall be a Statistics Committee whose composition and function shall be specified by the Minister by regulations."

The functions of the committee include determining the statistics program and statistical priorities, and facilitating the implementation of that program by taking steps to secure provision of adequate finance and staff (refer Attachment 1 for regulations).

There are two committees established; the Social and Economic Committees.

**Economic Statistics Committee**

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**Terms of Reference**

The committee’s role is:

- To review the NSO program of economic statistics and to determine their relevance to policy development, monitoring and evaluation;
- To advise the Government Statistician on shortcomings and gaps in the range of official economic statistics;
- To advise the Government Statistician on aspects of economic statistics methodology; and
- To assist the Government Statistician to develop and implement an economic statistics strategy, by commenting on the strategy in the annual business plan and by assisting with obtaining the support of government agencies for the strategy and its implementation.

**Procedures**

The committee will meet quarterly to consider statistical issues:

The NSO will provide a secretariat to co-ordinate the activities of the committee.

The discussion and papers of the Committee are confidential and are therefore not subject to public scrutiny, unless authorised by the Minister responsible for Statistics.

**Social Statistics Committee**

**Committee Members:**

It is proposed that representatives from the following agencies will form the core members of the Statistical Users Committee:

- National Statistics Office
- Department of Economic & Social Development
- Civil Status Office
Department of Health

Department of Education

Department of Women’s Affairs

Police Department

Chamber of Commerce

Other person's whose advice may be sought by the committee, may be invited to attend from time to time.

**Terms of Reference**

The committee’s role is:

- To review the NSO program of social, labour market and population statistics and to determine their relevance to policy development, monitoring and evaluation;
- To advise the Government Statistician on shortcomings and gaps in the range of official social, labour market and population statistics;
- To advise the Government Statistician on aspects of social statistics methodology; and
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