CHALLENGES/DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PRODUCING TRAVEL/TOURISM STATISTICS
• The Statistical Office is mainly a user of tourism/travel statistics.

• Statistics on tourism are compiled by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism Authority
• Other statistics relating to travel are compiled by the Immigration Department.

• Expenditure on Tourism is compiled by the ECCB in collaboration with the SVGTA.
Uses of Tourism/Travel Statistics

• The Statistical Office uses tourism statistics to deflate certain industries to derive constant price estimates for National Accounts compilation.
Uses of Tourism/Travel Statistics

• It is also used to derived current price value added estimates for tourism related industries in the absence of actual data.
**CHALLENGES**

- **HOTELS**

  It is very challenging to calculate the Hotel Industry’s contribution to GVA

  - Very low response rate to survey
  - Lack of current administrative data
CHALLENGES

• SVGTA indicated that their major problem with compiling tourism statistics is the timeliness of the reports from the data sources.
  – Customs Department
    ▪ Reports are late and sometimes incomplete
CHALLENGES

– Immigration Department
  ▪ Manual compilation of passenger statistics
  ▪ Several ports of entry – this creates additional delay in compiling reports
Future Prospects

• SVTA indicated that they would like to replace the CTO’s MIST with a new system. This will have significant financial implications.

• Enhance procedures for data collection and data entry.
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