1.1 The Statistics Advisory Board, on which both the public and the private sectors are represented, advises the Census and Statistics Department on important statistical plans and proposals. The Board meets twice each year to review the development of various activities of the Government Statistical Service (GSS).

1.2 To ensure that the needs of various sectors of the community can be suitably taken into account in the development of government statistical activities, a Statistics Advisory Board was established by the Hong Kong Government in 1972. The Board is a non-statutory advisory body chaired by the Commissioner for Census and Statistics and consists of 11 non-official members and 3 official members. The non-official members offer a balanced representation from businesses, the academia and the community. Views of the three sectors, namely data users, raw data suppliers and statistical scientists are integrated. Representatives of Director of Planning, Government Economist and Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services) serve as the three official members. They represent Government interests in regard to statistics on economic and social fronts. The Board has been providing valuable advice to the Commissioner on statistical matters pertaining to GSS.