

ECONOMIC POLICY, PLANNING AND STATISTICS OFFICE

§103. Purpose of the Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office

- (1) The Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office is established to act as an advisory body to the government of the day on matters of the economy of the Marshall Islands, and has the responsibility for the development of sound economic policies and strategic planning, based amongst other factors, the analysis of statistical data representing the various subject matters in the area of government operations and of the communities in the Republic....**

§104. Organization of the Office

- (1) The Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office shall be directly responsible to the Office of the President and shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by the Public Service Commission.**
- (2) The Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office shall comprise of ;**
 - (a) Policy and Strategy Development Unit;**
 - (b) Statistics and Analysis Unit;**
 - (c) Performance Monitoring, Evaluation and Aid Coordination Unit.**

§108. Staff of the office

The Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office, through the Public Service Commission, may employ economists, statisticians, secretarial and clerical staff as may be necessary for the performance of its duties and functions.

§105. Duties of the Economic Policy and Strategic Development Unit

- (a) providing advice on general economic policy, including periodic review of overall national development goals and strategies to Cabinet, through the National Policy Coordinating Committee;**
- (b) providing advice on general economic policy and planning, in order to assist the Ministry of Finance in the budget preparation;**
- (c) preparing the five (5) year rolling Economic Policy Statements to be updated annually. The Economic Policy Statement will identify the main economic goals and objectives and be supported by brief sector strategies;**
- (d) conducting economic and social studies, reviews and assessments as required.**

**§106 Duties of the Performance Monitoring, Evaluation and Aid
Coordination Unit**

- (a) providing advice on general economic policy in order to assist the Ministry of Finance in negotiations with external sources and lending institutions on programs and projects of assistance; ?
- (b) conducting monitoring and evaluation of the Compact and related agreements; ✓
- (c) preparing and updating the Performance Score card; ?
- (d) acting as the Secretariat for the RMI-US Joint Economic Review Board; ?
- (e) preparing quarterly monitoring reports on budgets and major projects and programs for submission to the National Planning and Coordination Committee. ?

§107 The Statistics Collection and Analysis Unit

- (2) The Statistics Collection and Analysis Unit shall be responsible for the collection, compilation, analysis and publication of certain statistical data and information and for matters incidental thereto.**

- (3) As such, in addition to the administration of this Act, the Director of the Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office is hereby designated;**
 - (a) the “Census Commissioner” for the purposes of the Census Act, 1985; and**

 - (b) the “National Statistician” for the purposes of the Statistics Act, 1986; and shall exercise the powers, duties and responsibilities conferred by these Acts.**

“Minister” means the Minister in charge of the Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office, as may be designated by the President.

§ 903. Order directing taking of census; Census Commissioner.

(1) The Minister may direct that a census be taken of the inhabitants of the Republic and he may set a date for the census and a date by which census questionnaires are to be completed and returned.

(2) The Director of the Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office shall serve ex-officio as Census Commissioner.

§ 904. Powers and duties of Census Commissioner.

(2) The Census Commissioner shall in the exercise of his powers and the performance of his duties under this Chapter be subject to the control of and comply with any direction given by the Minister. [P L. 1985-12, § 4.]

§ 908. Reports.

Upon completion of the census, the Census Commissioner shall make such reports of the census and abstracts of the returns as the Minister may direct.

SCHEDULE

- 1. Name, sex, age.**
- 2. Occupation, profession, trade, employment.**
- 3. Nationality, place of birth, race, language, health.**
- 4. Place of abode, character of dwelling and fittings.**
- 5. Conditions as to marriage, relationship to head of family, issue born in marriage.**
- 6. Religion.**
- 7. Mortality.**
- 8. Economic resources.**
- 9. Education.**
- 10. Any other matters with respect to which it is desirable to obtain statistical information with a view to ascertaining the social or civil condition of the population.**

STATISTICS

- (b) "Minister" means the Minister in charge of the Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office as designated by the President.
- (c) "National Statistician" means the Director of the Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office;
- (d) "statistics" means information in connection with, or incidental to, all or any of the matters specified in Schedule 1, appearing at the end of this Chapter.

§ 1004. Duties of National Statistician.

- (a) to collect, compile, analyze, abstract and publish statistical information relating to the commercial, industrial, agricultural, social, economic and general activities and condition of the people, institutions and environment of the Republic;
- (b) to promote in consultation with the Chief Government Planner and other users of statistics in the Government of the Marshall Islands, the collection, compilation, and analysis of the type of information required for development planning and for the evaluation of plan implementation;
- (c) generally to establish, develop and maintain a coordinated system of social and economic statistics in relation to the Republic.

§ 1018. Reports.

The National Statistician shall, at least once in every period of twelve (12) months, or when so directed by the Minister, make a report to the Minister for presentation to the Nitijela, on the collection of information for the purposes of this Chapter, and on the administration of this Chapter.

§ 1019. Directions by the Minister.

- (1) The Minister may give to the National Statistician such directions, not inconsistent with this Chapter, as he thinks proper with respect to the performance of the functions of the National Statistician or of authorized officers under this Chapter, either generally or in a particular case.

SCHEDULE I

1. Population and housing.
2. Vital occurrences and morbidity.
3. Immigration and emigration.
4. Internal and external trade.
5. Primary and secondary production.
6. Agriculture, including dairying, horticulture, pastoral and allied industries
7. Forestry and fishing.
8. Factories, mines and productive industries generally.
9. Employment and unemployment.
10. Salaries, wages, bonuses, fees, allowances and any other payments in case or kind and honoraria for services rendered.
11. Income, earnings, costs of production, profits and interest, and household expenditure.
12. Social, educational, labor and industrial matters, including associations of employers, employees and other persons generally.
13. Industrial disturbances and disputes.
14. Banking and finance generally.
15. Commercial and professional undertaking.
16. Distributive trades.
17. Health.
18. Transport and communication in all forms by land, water or air.
19. Wholesale and retail prices of commodities, and cost of living.
20. Injuries, accidents and compensation.
21. Stocks of manufactured and un-manufactured goods.
22. Sweepstakes, lotteries, charitable and other public collections of money.
23. Land tenure, the occupation and use of land and the produce thereof.
24. Local government.
25. Fire, marine, life, and accident insurance.
26. Transfers of land, mortgages or privileges on land, and lease of land.
27. Information required for the computation of the national income of the Republic.
28. Crime and Law Enforcement.
29. Weather and other environmental conditions.
30. Any other matter as directed by the Minister.