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World Water Day 2023

Today, Wednesday, March 22, 2022 the world celebrates World Water Day. The celebration of this day is to raise awareness and inspire action to tackle water and sanitation issues. World Water Day has been observed annually by the United Nations (UN) since 1993 and it seeks to focus attention on the global water crisis.

Annually a topic relevant to clean water, sanitation and hygiene is focused on in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG) which is to ensure access to water and sanitation for all, with the following targets:

- 6.1** By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- 6.2** By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations
- 6.3** By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally
- 6.4** By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity
- 6.5** By 2030, implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate
- 6.6** By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes
- 6.A** By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies
- 6.B** Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management

This year the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) joins with the world in celebrating this day and highlights one aspect of water statistics collected by the office.

The ASD collects monthly production data as far back as 1999 from the now Water Corporation of Anguilla (WCA) which was transformed to a statutory corporation in 2008, having previously been known as the Water Department. In addition to this there is also data on the following areas:

- Water production value by Month: 2000 - 2017, percentage change, In units (XCD) and percentage (%)
- Water production cost per gallon by Month: 2000 - 2017, percentage change, In units Eastern Caribbean Dollar (XCD) and percentage (%)
- Water sold by Month: 2000 - 2013, percentage change, In thousands ('000) of gallons and percentage (%)

Today the ASD has published an article on water production in Anguilla and an infographic titled, 'What We Know About Our Water'. These can both be found on the Anguilla Statistics Department facebook page and its website – http://statistics.gov.ai/StatisticsDept/Water3_1_5.

We look forward to providing you with courteous and professional service, as we endeavor to provide "Sound Statistics for Sustainable Development".

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