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## PRESS RELEASE

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THE VALLEY – Anguilla is expected to undertake the enumeration phase of the Anguilla Population and Housing (AP&H) Census 2022 in June 2022. Census Day in Anguilla is Wednesday, June 15, 2022. As we prepare to enter the field, we have attempted to provide some response to questions we think may be unclear.

### **A Population and Housing Census is**

Defined as the total process of collecting, compiling and publishing demographic, economic and social data pertaining to all persons in a country at a specified time. A Census can also be described as a form of national stock-taking. The Census is a complete count of the population and provides detailed bench-mark data on the size of the population, age structure, educational attainment, labour force and socio-economic characteristics.

Since a Census is a form of national undertaking, it involves everyone in the country and, through its statistical results, serves everyone in the country. In most countries it engenders good will and a sense of individual responsibility for seeing it through. For those who work on it, the Census is an exciting enterprise and a unique experience.

### **A Census is taken**

As a result of the increasing complexity of modern life, requirements and increased need to plan housing, schools, roads, transportation and a vast range of social and economic requirements for the nation. This cannot be done without a regular detailed count of the population.

### **Population and Housing Censuses**

In most countries, the census exercise is a decennial one, that is, every ten (10) years.

The last population census in Anguilla was taken in 2011; about ten and a half years ago. Since then, many changes have taken place, such as fluctuating rates of population growth, changes in employment, changes in the average annual number of births, etc., all of which will have implications on the demand in social services, e.g. health, education and infrastructure including water, electricity and roads.

### **A Census not only counts people**

Although the main focus of the population Census is a count of the population, much more information about the characteristics of the population is obtained. The Census questions will seek to solicit information on the age, sex, marital status, religion and educational characteristics of each person. Questions on the economic activity of persons will provide information on the work force and its occupational and industrial breakdown.

More information on the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 can be obtained by contacting the Anguilla Statistics Department on 497-5731.

**“The Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 – It All Adds Up”**

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