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## PRESS RELEASE

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THE VALLEY – The Anguilla Statistics Department wishes to announce that the 'NEW' Census Day for Anguilla is Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Census day in Anguilla was scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2022, however in attempt to conduct an internationally comparable population and housing census given international best practices and experience as outlined in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Conference of European Statisticians. The Recommendations for the 2020 Censuses of Population and Housing paragraph 77 which states; "It is very important that the timing of the census should not overlap with major political events such as state or local election campaigns, since the population may confuse the two events and be less responsive to the enumerator at home. Unfortunately, NSIs may have sometimes little or no control over this. It is also very important that the census should be taken within a stable political and socially secure environment in the country. In times of political or military instability the public are less likely to be compliant and the security of enumerators may not be guaranteed. The level of security should allow enumerators to reach all parts of the country safely".

Additionally, the issue of having a census during general elections came up during discussions at a CARICOM Meeting of Population and Housing Census Experts held in 2008 in Jamaica. Under the agenda item, Political Factors and Events that can Impede the Conduct of the Census Exercise, one of the key recommendations made by census experts was the avoidance of conducting the census during any election period, since this can disrupt the census activities relative to shifting the focus of the population.

Recent events sandwiched the Anguilla Population and Housing (AP&H) Census 2022 day between nomination day and election day. This is not ideal as elections; general or by-election should and will always take precedence to a census, however, the two should never be undertaken close to or simultaneously.

It was recommended and approved that the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 day be postponed to June 15, 2022.

Please bear this date in mind as it will be the reference date for questions posed in the collection of census data.

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – Census Day in Anguilla.

- NSI – National Statistics Institute

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

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