

Here's everything you need to know about the Tokelau Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2015/16

What is this survey?

The Household Income and Expenditure Survey collects information about the income Tokelau households receive and how much they spend.

Why have I been selected?

Your household has been selected through a process called 'random sampling' of households in your village.

How is this information used?

The Household Income and Expenditure Survey is used to understand Tokelau living standards and how changes to government policies could affect Tokelau households.

Do I have to take part in the survey?

Our work is very important and we need your help to make our survey successful. We rely on the goodwill of people to participate in this survey.

How long will the survey take?

We know your time is valuable, so we aim to finish the survey within the minimum possible period over a fortnight. The interviews could take a few hours during the first week. Some could take a little longer, depending on your household.

What else does participation involve?

We also ask you to keep a diary of all your expenses during week 1 and another diary during week 2. This will require a short period every day, depending on what you earn and spend that day. The interviewer/ enumerator will visit briefly every other day to help resolve any problems with this. You'll find it interesting to see where your money goes!

How often will the survey be done?

TNSO aims to conduct the survey every five years, and within each survey year at quarterly intervals (so we get some idea of seasonal variation within the year).

Households will be interviewed only once in any survey year; in other quarters of the series you will not be selected again.

Is my information confidential?

Yes – the Tokelau Statistics Rules (2013) protect the information you provide. We do not release information that can identify individuals or households.

We will ensure that no other organisation – including other government departments – can get information from us that identifies your household individually.

Can I see the individual results?

No – the results will be used and published only collectively: only frequencies, averages, ranges etc for the entire set of results is what we seek to obtain and make public.

