


2016 Tokelau Census

Module 5

Tokelau National Statistics Office







What we will cover

- ⊙ Current operating environment
- ⊙ What are our aims?
- ⊙ How are we getting there?
- ⊙ Outputs we delivered
- ⊙ Outputs we seek to deliver
- ⊙ Working across government
- ⊙ Summary




Current operating environment

- ⊙ 2.3 full-time staff equivalents
- ⊙ Statistics Rules (2013) = statistics legislation
- ⊙ Disjunct systems of information management
- ⊙ Lots of data being generated in departments
- ⊙ No easy way to bring this together - yet



What are our aims?

- ⊙ Strengthen our institution, and the role of the statistics office across government
- ⊙ Provide statistical leadership
- ⊙ Build statistical capacity, understanding and use across government
- ⊙ Be a model government agency (eg annual SOI = Statement of Intent for each Financial Year)




How are we getting there?

- ⊙ Statistics Rules (2013) = solid legal framework supported by General Fono, on:
 - The role of the National Statistician
 - The role of the office (TNSO)
 - Respondent compliance
 - Privacy and security
 - Work with other departments' datasets

Tokelau Statistics Rules (2013)

- 1 Name
- 2 Interpretation
- 3 The role of the National Statistician
- 4 Interaction with other government departments
- 5 Employment in the Office
- 6 Duties of the National Statistician
- 7 Census of population and dwellings and the population count
- 8 Declaration of secrecy
- 9 Official statistics and coordination
- 10 Statistical surveys and censuses
- 11 Security of information
- 12 National Statistician can disclose some information
- 13 Breach of the declaration of secrecy, or privacy of information
- 14 Persons to fill in forms
- 15 Neglect or refusal to supply information
- 16 False statement
- 17 Mutilation or defacement of forms
- 18 Obstruction of the National Statistician
- 19 Impersonation
- 20 Limitations of prosecution
- 21 Repeal

Schedule 1: Declaration of secrecy





How are we getting there? (cont'd)

- ⊙ Adopt, harmonize, and use
 - International best practice:
 - UN fundamental principles on official statistics
 - » To ensure a robust office, making transparent releases, and being accountable for its decisions
 - Generic business process model
 - » To ensure we follow due process in development, collection and output of statistics
 - » To ensure fit-for-purpose data





How are we getting there? (cont'd)

- ⊙ We can't do it all on our own
- ⊙ Build our regional and international partnerships
 - Statistics New Zealand (StatsNZ)
 - (Secretariat of) the Pacific Community (SPC)
 - Other regional statistics offices
 - National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) with Paris21 organisation



National Strategy for the Development of Statistics Roadmap Tokelau


December, 2015



Aim:
TNSO as a central repository of Tokelau Official Statistics, assisting all government departments with data collection, analysis, interpretation, long-term curation and distribution as needed.


Already completed:
Assessment of Tokelau's National Statistics System; and Roadmap for NSDS.

Next step:
Develop NSDS proper with full team (PARIS21 funding requested)



Outputs we delivered

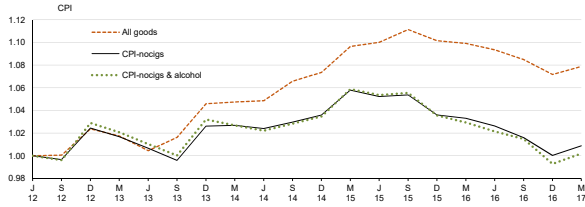
- 2016-2017 financial year
 - 2016 Tokelau Census, with publications completed
 - Quarterly Consumer Price Index (since June 2012), soon updated with new basket of goods and services
 - Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) results to be made public in English and Tokelauan
 - 2014 Imports study completed
 - Gross National Product (GDP) calculated for first time this century




Consumer Price Index

- An objective measure of the *changing cost over time* of goods and services purchased in Tokelau
- Tokelau's official measure of inflation - ONGOING
- Can show effect of policies e.g. Health & "sin tax"

Tokelau quarterly consumer price index
June 2012 = 1.00



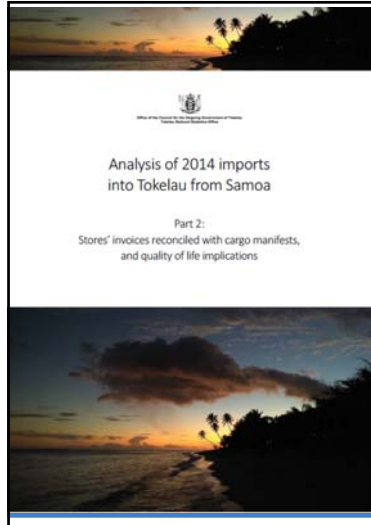
Source: Tokelau National Statistics Office



Tokelau 2015/16 household income and expenditure survey tabulation and summary report

September 2016


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Analysis of 2014 imports into Tokelau from Samoa

Part 2:
Stores' invoices reconciled with cargo manifests, and quality of life implications

Funding and technical support provided by:






Outputs we seek to deliver

- ◎ 2017 and beyond
 - Gross National Product (GDP) publication and updates
 - Goods: International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) from 2014 onwards
 - Prepare for next HIES 2019/20?
 - Pre-election population Count December 2019
 - Next Census October 2021




2014: 1,178 people in and 1,196 out, total population 1,383

Inward supplies: 3,111 m³=1,363 tonnes








Stores imports 2014: NZ\$5.2 m


Food & non-alcoholic drinks: NZ\$2.0 m

Alcoholic drinks and tobacco: NZ\$1.4 m

Working across government

- ◎ Many collections require active relationships with other departments, and villages
 - Vital statistics
 - Department of Health; Department of Transport and Support Services (Civil Registration = Births, Deaths and Marriages)
 - Migration and Custom statistics
 - Department of Transport and Support Services
 - Quarantine statistics
 - Department of EDNRE
 - Other needs?




Working across government (cont'd)

- ◎ Department of Education: Student and teacher data; Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ◎ Supporting the Planning and Monitoring Unit
 - Monitoring and reporting framework with NZ Aid / Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Changing public servants' behaviour towards data
 - Helping develop administrative collections for monitoring and planning
- ◎ Information technology: file & data sharing



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In summary

- ⊙ An ambitious programme, with few resources
- ⊙ Need to be innovative and coordinated
- ⊙ Make the most of our opportunities
- ⊙ Prioritise! Prioritise! Prioritise!

- ⊙ Keen to support and co-operate!



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