

**Subcommittee on Census and Statistics  
(2016 Population Census) Order**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion  
at the meeting on 9 November 2015**

Statistical information on sexual minorities

1. Noting that some jurisdictions (e.g. the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada) have included survey questions on sexual minorities when conducting population censuses/topical surveys while some others have not, the Administration is requested to provide information on other jurisdictions in collecting information on sensitive topics such as sexual orientation, gender identity and same sex marriage, and provide samples of the relevant questionnaires used by the jurisdictions.

Respondents' legal liability

2. The Administration is requested to provide information on respondents' legal liability in responding to the 2016 population by-census ("16BC"), including the obligations and relevant sections of the Census and Statistics Ordinance (Cap. 316) the respondents are required to comply with and the penalty for non-compliance.

Data to be collected and questions to be asked in 16BC

3. To better understand the data to be collected in 16BC and whether further refinement is required, the Administration is requested to provide a sample of the questionnaire to be used in 16BC.

4. The Administration is requested to provide written response to members' views that a further classification on "same-sex partnership" or "same-sex co-habitation" should be added under the data topic of "marital status" in 16BC. The refined classification will provide information on the relationship of same-sex co-habitants, including if respondents have registered their same sex marriages under the relevant legislation of other jurisdictions.

5. The Administration is requested to provide an analysis on the breakdown of the 7,000 respondents of the 2011 population census who are classified under the category of "same-sex living together".

Data security

6. To ensure the respondents would understand the operation of the multi-modal, paperless data collection system of 16BC, and that all information collected would be handled in strict confidence, the Administration is requested to provide supplementary information on:

- (a) measures to enhance respondents' understanding of the process for submitting the e-questionnaires on line and available assistance/support to respondents, in particular means for respondents to correct submitted data;
- (b) the arrangements and procedures on the collection of data by census officers using mobile tablets, including the technologies adopted for data encryption, transmission and disposal;
- (c) the arrangements and procedures to wipe out collected data from the mobile tablets when the relevant tablets are lost; and
- (d) the arrangements and procedures for the disposal of the completed questionnaires.

Statistical reports published by the Census and Statistics Department ("C&SD")

7. It is noted that C&SD has conducted thematic surveys/topical studies on topics such as elderly people living in the Mainland, people with disabilities, new arrivals and people taking full-time care of family members. The Administration is requested to provide the relevant reports for members' reference.