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Nauru census 2011 - preliminary report

The work of the Census team at the Nauru Statistic Bureau is still ongoing but the progress work to date is summarised in this article.

Household Preliminary Census 2011 2011 Results

Household	:	1,660
Population	:	9,947
Institution	:	139
Total	:	10,086

Fieldwork Training

Census fieldwork training was carried out on Monday October 17th 2011, for the duration of two weeks ending on October 28th 2011. The training took place at the Tomano Room, Meneñ Hotel.

The workload was distributed amongst the 54 recruitments which consisted of nine supervisors and 45 enumerators. The supervisors and enumerators were evenly distributed among the electoral districts including the Location area.

Technical Assistant from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Ms Kaobari Matakaraï facilitated the training sessions from 17th to 25th October 2011. Statistics Bureau Director, Mr Ipia Gadabu, Census Co-ordinator, Mr Lindsay Thoma and Assistant Co-ordinator, Ms Lidira Ephraim took over the remaining two days of training until Friday 28th October 2011. There was no session on Wednesday 26th October 2011 due to Angam Day national holiday.

Fieldwork Exercise (Actual)

The two-week fieldwork commenced on 31st October 2011 however most supervisors were given extra time to edit their forms and submit their workload on 23rd November and the Location supervisor was allowed a further extension to 26th November.



Assistant Coordinator Ms Lidira Ephraim and Census Coordinator Mr Lindsay Thoma go through completed census forms

Having recently completed tertiary studies in Taiwan and a year in a Chinese language course, Mr Asterio Appi was recruited for a short period to assist in interviewing Chinese respondents.

Manual Data Editing

Data editing is scheduled to commence next week (9 Jan) for 12 weeks. Two supervisors from the fieldwork have been

selected to work on the manual data editing.

Census Forthcoming Activities

Data entry system trial	:	9 – 13 Jan 2012
Data processing TA	:	16 – 25 Jan 2012
Data entry (actual)	:	25 – 30 Mar 2012

Four data processing operators will be employed to assist and they will be required to be computer literate with relevant background experiences through previous census and surveys.

Tabulations	:	27 Feb 2012
Analysis	:	26 Mar 2012
Printing/Dissemination	:	30 Jun 2012

Australian seasonal worker program to begin in July

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The Australian and Nauru Governments are working towards signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize Nauru's participation in the Australian Seasonal Worker Program that is expected to begin on 1 July.

The Australian High Commissioner, Bruce Cowled, said the MOU with Nauru is currently being finalized and is expected to be signed in the coming months.

The announcement of the program was made in a joint statement last month (18 Dec) by Australian Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations, Financial Services and Superannuation, Bill Shorten MP, Minister for Tourism, Martin Ferguson AM MP, and Foreign Minister, Kevin Rudd.

This initiative builds on the Pacific Seasonal Workers Pilot Scheme. The Seasonal Worker Program will be open to employers in the horticulture industry and seasonal workers from Nauru, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and East Timor.

The Australian Government will also undertake a small-scale, three year trial of seasonal labour mobility arrangements with cotton and cane growers, aquaculture ventures and accommodation providers in the tourism industry in limited areas.

The Seasonal Worker Program reflects the support for seasonal labour mobility arrangements from Pacific Island countries and the Australian horticulture sector, and an increase in demand for seasonal workers as the sector recovers from drought and other severe weather events.

Seasonal workers recruited under the Seasonal Worker Program will have the opportunity to come to Australia to undertake work for up to seven months. Seasonal workers are employed in accordance with Australian work standards and are supported throughout their stay in Australia by an Approved Employer who must provide pastoral care assistance and help the workers to engage with local communities.

Seasonal workers' time in Australia will provide them with the opportunity to financially gain from their participation - this premise was fundamental to the decision to implement both the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme and the Seasonal Worker Program]. In addition, seasonal workers gain skills, employment experience, and training in important life skill areas, including financial literacy and first aid.

High Commissioner Cowled said that once the MOU between Australia and Nauru is finalized, it is likely a team of Australian officials will visit Nauru to discuss processes for managing labour selection and worker departures.

Details on local contacts will be made available once the Memorandum of Understanding between Nauru and Australia has been finalized and the visit by the team of Australian officials has taken place. It is expected that this will take place before the end of March 2012.

Further information about the pilot and the new program is available at www.deewr.gov.au/pswps

Camilla Solomon takes up new job with ADB

Chief Secretary for seven years, Camilla Solomon is turning over a new leaf and a change in job description as she takes up a two-year position as Director’s Advisor with the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines.

In her final talk with her staff this week she encouraged them to be diligent and conscientious in their work outlining their individual contribution to the “team” in the workforce as important.

Having worked for the Nauru Public Service for 22 years, she commented the new job will be interesting and challenging under a new boss with new instructions and work ethics.



Acting Director of Human Resources & Labour, Bernard Grundler assumed

the position of acting Chief Secretary until a substantive officer is appointed.

Mrs Solomon began her career with the Public Service in 1984 as a temporary teacher. She took up the acting chief secretary position in June 2004 before assuming permanent status in February 2005.



In 2009 Mrs Solomon took an 18-month leave of absence to pursue a master degree in Public Policy and Management at Monash University in Melbourne Australia under the Australian Leadership Award (ALA).

Mrs Solomon departed Nauru this week (4 Jan)•

Bernard Grundler takes over chief’s position following the departure of Camilla Solomon

200 households to receive concrete water tanks

The Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment (CIE) are well into the early stages of collating household names that are interested in obtaining a fresh water tank which will be provided for through government aid.

Funding for 200 water tanks will be provided for by AUSAID funds that has been channeled through CIE for climate change adaptation measures.

All households including those residing at the Location blocks that are without a tank or require repairs to their tanks are encouraged to submit their names. However, houses without a water tank will be given priority.

Location residents will need to take into consideration where the tanks can be placed.

The decision to construct the tanks out of reinforced concrete was based on a multi-criteria selection on the different types of tanks that would prove to have high endurance, low maintenance and readily available materials for construction as well as for repairs.

Providing materials and labour are available, one tank can be constructed in one week. This includes the drying period required for the concrete structure.

A water technical committee will be formed at a later stage and their role will be to produce



Haseldon Buraman and Mavis Depaune analyze water based projects

the selection criteria for the most vulnerable households. Recommendations will then be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

At the time of printing, the current list of household names stands at 158.

Households are encouraged to submit their names to either Mr Haseldon Buraman or Mrs Mavis Depaune at the CIE office before the closing date on 16th January.

Phone Contact:
557 3133 extn 304•

President's Christmas banquet

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido and Madame Nita Dabwido hosted the president's Christmas banquet as their first official function on 23 December at the Meneñ Hotel.

In his welcome address President Dabwido acknowledged that while the recent months have been challenging he says that period of uncertainty can be left behind and to look forward to the New Year with cautious optimism and expectation of better things to come.

President Dabwido commended the valuable work of others done in the past year in rebuilding Nauru - especially the communities, the business community, the public service and state-owned entities.

"As we wind down the old year and prepare for the new one, we should allow ourselves a moment to take stock before moving on to face the challenges which lie ahead.

"I also take this opportunity to pay special tribute to our close allies and members of our diplomatic missions on Nauru; namely our friends from Taiwan and Australia, who have played and continue to play a vital role in the development of Nauru," the President said.

The President concluded his remarks with a Christian blessing: "Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, Hold fast that which is food, render to no man evil for

evil, Strengthen the faint-hearted, Support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all men."

The invited guests to the annual event included Nauru's senior citizens, affectionately nicknamed 'young at hearts'.



Siblings Rantag (front right), Myrna and Lorna enjoy the evening and entertainment of singing and dancing



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