

MEMORANDUM BY THE PRIME
MINISTER FOR CONSIDERATION
IN CABINET

Director of Statistics

In the approved General Estimates for 1968/69 the designation of the Principal Government Statistician was changed to that of Director of Statistics. This change was not given effect to by a consequential amendment of the Statistics Act, 1955 on which the post is designated as Principal Government Statistician. In the General Estimates for the current financial year the post has therefore been shown as Principal Government Statistician.

2. The redesignation of the post as Director of Statistics seems to be desirable mainly for the following reasons:

- a) it would better describe the duties and responsibilities of the Head of a Government Department;
- b) the proposed designation would be in line with those used in the case of other Heads of Government Departments; and
- c) use of the new designation has already been made by the Department concerned in its publications and correspondence with various State Statistical Offices abroad, International bodies and sundry publishing houses, research institutes and universities.

3. The Crown Advocate General has prepared the attached Bill marked Appendix "A" which provides for the necessary amendments to the Statistics Act, 1955.

4. Ministers may wish to agree to the introduction of the above-mentioned Bill for the approval of the House of Representatives.

23rd August, 1969.

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AN ACT further to amend the Statistics Act, 1955.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Statistics (Amendment) Act, 1969, and shall be read and construed as one with the Statistics Act, 1955, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act shall be amended -

- (a) by the deletion of the definitions of "Government Statistician" and of "Office";
- (b) by the insertion of the following two definitions immediately before the definition of "Gazette":

"Department" means the Department of Statistics;

"Director" means the Director of Statistics and, for the purposes of section 5 of this Act, includes any officer in his Department generally authorized in that behalf by the Director of Statistics; and

- (c) by the substitution of the word "Department" for the words "Central Office of Statistics" in the definition of "Minister".

Amendment of section 3 of the principal Act.

3. In subsection (1) of section 3 of the principal Act, for the words "Central Office of Statistics" there shall be substituted the words "Department of Statistics".

Amendment of section 4 of the principal Act.

4. In section 4 of the principal Act, for the words "Office" and "Government Statistician" there be substituted the words "Department" and "Director" respectively.

Amendment of section 5, 7, 8 and 9 of the principal Act.

5. In subsection (1) of section 5, subsection (1) of section 7, subsections (2) and (5) of section 8 and section 9 of the principal Act, for the words "Government Statistician", wherever they occur, there shall be substituted in each case the word "Director".

References to Government Statistician and to Central Office of Statistics.

6. Any reference in any law to the Principal Government Statistician or to the Central Office of Statistics shall be read and construed as a reference to the Director of Statistics and to the Department of Statistics respectively.

Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to adapt the Statistics Act, 1955 to the change of designation of the Principal Government Statistician and of the Central Office of Statistics.

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