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1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
   Statistical Office, 22 Bath Road, Roseau.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
   1960, 1970 and 1981. The present description relates mainly to the 1981 population census, but reference is also made to earlier censuses (cf. para. 8), as well as to the next census (cf. para. 9).

3. Coverage of the census:
   (a) Geographical scope: Whole country.
   (b) Persons covered: All persons of all ages.

4. Reference period:
   The reference periods used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment are both a short period, i.e. the week preceding the day of the census, and a long period, i.e. the last 12 months.

5. Main topics:
   (a) Total population, by sex and age: yes
   (b) Economically active population, by sex and age group: yes
   (c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex: yes
   (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex: yes
   (e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex: yes
   (f) Hours of work: yes
   (g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity: no

   Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of age at last birthday.
   Re. (f) Employed persons are asked to specify the total number of months worked during the last 12 months.

6. Concepts and definitions:
   (a) Economically active population: It comprises all persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference periods, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below.

   (b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference periods, performed any work of an economic value, at home or out of home. The questions used to determine if a person is to be counted as employed are "What was your current status during past week?" and "What was your main activity during the past 12 months?" (i.e. the day of the census).

   Also included are the following categories:
   (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
   (ii) persons engaged in the production of primary products for own consumption;
   (iii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
   (iv) working students with a part time job;
   (v) seasonal or occasional workers;
   (vi) conscripts for military/civilian service;
   (vii) multiple job holders;
   (viii) apprentices and trainees.

   Only persons belonging to categories (i) and (iii) can be identified separately on the basis of their economic status during the last week.
(c) *Unemployment*: Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week, were without work and seeking work.

7. **Classifications used:**

Only employed persons are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) **Industry**: The questions asked of employed persons to determine industry group relate to the main industry and type of business they worked in during the last 12 months. In this context, the information relates to the main activity. For coding industry, 30 groups were used. Links to the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) have been established to the major group (3-digit) level.

(b) **Occupation**: The questions asked of employed persons to determine occupation group relate to the person’s main type of job or occupation during the last 12 months. For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) has been used to the major group level.

(c) **Status in employment**: A specific question is asked of employed persons to determine their status in employment, i.e., as self-employed, employer, employee, unpaid family worker, other worker.

8. **The previous population censuses:**

Essentially, the same questions and reference periods were used to determine an describe the economically active population and its component groups.

9. **The next population census:**

It is planned for 1991 and will collect information about the economically active population and its components.

The same questions and reference periods are likely to be used to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups. However, some effort will be made to identify separately business owner/operators, unpaid farm workers, multiple job holders, usual and actual hours of work, etc.