1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
Census and Statistics Department, P.O. Box 600, Tripoli.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
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 period used when asking questions on the economically active population, em-
ployment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the week preceding the visit.

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: no
(g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity: no

Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of year of birth.

6. Concepts and definitions:
(a) Economically active population: It comprises all persons aged 15 years and over who, during
the reference period, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given
below. Also included are persons waiting completion of formalities for recruitment. The defi-
nition excludes housewives, retired, full-time students and persons unable to work. Armed
forces are included in the definition.

(b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 15 years and over (except
those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, performed any work of
an economic value, at home or out of home. Also included are the following categories:

(i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
(ii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
(iii) seasonal or occa.ional workers;
(iv) conscripts for military/civilian service.

Only persons belonging to category (i) can be identified separately. Working students with a
part time job, although not included in the economically active population, can also be identi-
fied separately.

(c) Unemployment: Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 15 years and over (except
those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, were without work and
seeking work, either they were previously employed and lost their job or they were first-job
seekers.
7. Classifications used:

Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) Industry: The specific questions asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine industry group relate to the name of place of work and its activity. For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) has been used to the group (4-digit) level.

(b) Occupation: The specific questions asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine occupation group relates to the type of job or duty performed by the individual during the reference period (or last performed for unemployed persons previously employed). For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) has been used to the unit group level.

(c) Status in employment: Specific questions were asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine their status in employment such as: own-account worker, employer, employee, member of a producers' co-operative, unpaid family helper etc.

8. The previous population censuses:

Essentially, the same questions and reference period were used in previous censuses to determine and describe the economically active population and its components.

9. The next population census:

It is planned for 1994 and will collect information about the economically active population and its component groups.

The same questions and reference period are likely to be used to determine and describe the economically active population and its components.