1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
   Statistics Department, P.O. Box 149, Nuku-alofoa.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
   1956, 1966, 1976 and 1986. The present description relates mainly to the 1986 population census, but reference is also made to earlier censuses (cf. para. 8).

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, employment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the week preceding the day of the census.

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 age at last birthday, i.e. exact date 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. Armed forces are included in the definition. Excluded are: housewives, full-time students, too old to work, retired and disabled persons.

   (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. The question used to determine if a person is to be counted as employed relates to the person’s main activity during that period and is “What did this person do last week?”. 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.

Only persons belonging to categories (ii) and (iii) can be identified 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.

7. Classifications used:
   Only employed persons are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

   (a) Industry: The specific questions asked of employed persons to determine industry group are: “Who does person work for?” and “Name the Department if Government or large Company; indicate ‘self’ if self-employed”. For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) has been used to the division.
(2-digit) level, except in major division Manufacturing where it was coded up to the major group (3-digit) level.

(b) Occupation: The specific question asked of employed persons to determine occupation group relates to the principal occupation and is "What kind of work did the person do last week? State type of work or give job title". For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) has been used to the unit group (3-digit) level.

(c) Status in employment: The specific question asked of employed persons to determine their status in employment is "What is your employment status?". For coding status in employment, the following 7 groups were used: own account worker; employer; employee (government); employee (quasi-government); employee (private); unpaid family worker; other.

8. The previous population censuses:

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

9. The next population census:

It is not planned to carry out a population census during the period 1989-95.