Census Officer appointed

In exercise of the powers vested in him by the Census Act (1948), the Prime Minister has appointed Mr Michael Pace Ross, Director General of the National Statistics Office, as Census Officer for the taking of a census relating to population and housing this year. The Census will determine demographic, social and economic characteristics of persons, families and households, as well as data on housing at a national, regional and local level.

Regulation 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on population and housing censuses also stipulates that every EU Member State shall determine a reference date in 2011 to conduct the Census. The Regulation establishes common rules for the decennial provision of comprehensive data on population and housing.

Mr Pace Ross will be setting up a coordinating committee to plan and execute this year’s Census, the second one to be taken since Malta acceded to the European Union. The five censuses taken in Malta between 1957 and 2005 were all held in November.