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Census 2005

Today, 19th May 2005 the National Statistics Office launched the 16th Census of Population and Housing to be held in November this year. The Census is held every ten years and is carried out on a nationwide scale in order to take a snapshot of Maltese society at a point in time. Basically, the Census comprises a count of persons and dwellings in Malta and Gozo. The Census yields a wealth of social and economic information that enables a better understanding of our living conditions and that highlights emerging trends in Maltese society. As such, the results are used in policy-making and planning mainly in the education, health and social services sectors. They are also widely used at local council, business and individual level.

Census Night is Sunday, 27 November 2005. The questionnaire will be mailed to all households throughout November. Around 1,100 enumerators will collect the completed questionnaires over a 3-week period, between 21 November and 10 December 2005. The enumerators will also be available to assist households in the completion of the questionnaire.

The official logo and slogan "sehmek jghodd" (your contribution counts), as well as a website dedicated to the Census, were also presented.

This is a large-scale exercise involving a detailed and multi-faceted planning strategy. Preparations are well underway and at the moment, the questionnaire is being finalised.

The NSO is planning a substantial information and communications campaign with the objective of acquainting the public with the purpose, process and other aspects of the Census. One arm of this campaign is the census website www.census2005.gov.mt, which is being continuously updated with new information. Members of the public may also address their queries to e-mail address: census2005@gov.mt. A freephone service will be launched later this year ■

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