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Anguilla Statistics Week October 13 – 18 “Statistics in Every Life – Let us Educate and Appreciate”

**Address by the Governor of Anguilla
Her Excellency Christina Scott**

The year, 2013, is being celebrated and recognised worldwide as the International Year of Statistics for the contributions of statistical science.

Statistics2013, supported by organisations worldwide, is promoting the importance of Statistics to every corner of our lives. Good statistics are crucial in science; to support good policy decisions by governments; to help businesses expand to their full potential, to improve transparency through the media, and for each of us in our daily lives.

IN fact all areas of life; Agriculture, Environment, all branches of Health; Demography, Economics, Finance, Engineering, Sports, Telecoms, Transportation and many others require and or use statistics to conduct both basic and more complex activities.

That is why the Anguilla Statistics Department is working to increase awareness and appreciation of the importance of statistics, and how we can all play our part.

Yesterday marked the start of a week of activities in Anguilla to raise awareness and celebrate statistics. This year's Statistics Week marks the fifth such Week organised by the Anguilla Statistics Department.

The theme this year as in previous years: 'Statistics in Every Life – Let us Educate and Appreciate' is intended to help all sectors of our society understand the importance of

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statistics and how a better appreciation can help not just us, but also Anguilla as a whole and the wider region. In fact, Anguilla will be joining other CARICOM countries on 15 October as we mark Caribbean Statistics Day.

Florence Nightingale was known as the passionate statistician. She said that: ‘Statistics is the most important science in the whole world, for upon it depends the practical application of every other science and of every art. It is the one science essential to all political and social administration, all education, all organization based on experience, for it only gives results of our experience’.

So I would encourage you all to make the most of the events planned. There should be an activity suitable to everyone. These include:

- Two competitions; Poetry Writing and Word Creation
- Video Presentations for Primary School Aged students Grades 3 - 6
- Radio interviews and addresses
- A Statistics Exhibition at the Public Library until October 31,
- And a Statistics Seminar for the General Public

Please consider getting involved in the activities arranged by the Anguilla Statistics Department.

An awareness and understanding of Statistics will help each of us in our own lives, and also help to ensure as a country we take the right steps to build a sustainable future for Anguilla.