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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISION AGREED BY ROUND ROBIN

The following was approved by Round Robin on **Friday 22nd April 2022**: -

EX MIN 22/132

EX MEMO 2022/92 ANGUILLA POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2022 (AP&H CENSUS 2022) – POSTPONEMENT OF CENSUS DAY

In March 2021, in Ex Min 21/81 Executive Council agreed that the AP&H Census should take place in 2022. Presently, the AP&H Census 2022 Census Day falls in the middle of the pre-election period, which will create a requirement for additional Publicity, Motivation and Sensitisation (PMS). This means that the AP&H Census messaging and the by-election messaging will be occurring at the same time. For the PMS of the AP&H Census and the electoral exercise, the same mediums are typically used. The current proposed schedule is as follows:

- Nomination Day - Friday 29th April 2022
- Census Day - Wednesday 11th May 2022
- Election Day - Tuesday 24th May 2022

One of the key recommendations made by census experts is to avoid conducting a census during an election period, as there may be a potential shift in the focus of the population, which may potentially disrupt the census activities. Given the current allocated resources and the approach to PMS being undertaken, there may be challenges having a census and an election so closely together and the census should not be overshadowed by the election activities.

Council noted the information provided and approved Wednesday, June 15, 2022 as the new Census Day for the AP&H Census 2022.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

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