

STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

DRAFT CENSUS (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 202-

Lodged au Greffe on 22nd September 2020
by the Chief Minister

STATES GREFFE

REPORT

This report details the reasons behind the Draft Census Appointed Day Act 202-.

Under the [Statistics and Census \(Jersey\) Law 2018](#), Statistics Jersey are required to take a census at intervals as directed by the Chief Statistician.

The United Nations recommends that a population census be taken at least every 10 years. A traditional population census enumerates the entire population of a jurisdiction, along with key demographic data related to that population, to produce key statistical information. This information is critical to the planning of government services to benefit the entire population.

A census has taken place in Jersey generally every 10 years since 1821; the last census took place on 27th March 2011. Consequently, the Chief Statistician has directed a traditional census to take place on 21st March 2021.

While the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018, specifies how the Census should be conducted, the law requires an Act of the States to appoint the Census day (paragraph 8(4)). This proposed Act seeks to verify that 21st March 2021 as the date of the next census.

Financial and manpower implications

A budget of £750,000 over 2 years has already been set aside as part of the Government Plan for the Census. This covers staff to run the census, printing, distribution, collection and data analysis.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Act, if passed, would appoint 21st March 2021 as the day for holding a Census in Jersey.



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THE STATES make this Act under Article 8(4) of the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018¹ –

1 Day appointed for 2021 Census

The Census is to be taken on 21st March 2021.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Census (Appointed Day) Act 202-.

ENDNOTES

Table of Endnote References

1 *chapter 15.710*