

Statistics Advisory Board discusses developments of official statistics work

The Statistics Advisory Board held a meeting today (May 14) to discuss official statistics work and its recent developments.

Members noted that the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) is going to launch a new round of survey in the second half of 2019 to collect updated information on persons with disabilities and chronic diseases. The survey will comprise a special topic enquiry of target respondents via the General Household Survey and an enumeration of inmates residing in institutions, such as elderly homes and long-stay care hospitals. The fieldwork of the survey will last for about one year. In the meeting, members discussed the major concerns of stakeholders and the measures that the C&SD would implement to address them.

Members also noted the availability of a new set of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates (called advance estimates) at a time lag of around one month as from the first quarter of 2019 and the relevant dissemination arrangement.

The Commissioner for Census and Statistics and Chairman of the Statistics Advisory Board, Mr Leslie Tang, said, "The advancement of the first release of GDP estimates is achieved through enhancement of estimation methods and streamlining of workflow on data processing and analysis. The earlier availability of the GDP estimates can facilitate an early assessment of the latest economic performance and the sources of growth."

The Statistics Advisory Board is a non-statutory advisory body which advises the Commissioner for Census and Statistics on matters pertaining to government statistical work. Its membership consists of professionals from the business sector, the academia and the community, which provides for a wide representation to assist the Commissioner in integrating views of data users, data suppliers and statisticians. The terms of reference and composition of the Board can be found on the C&SD website (www.censtatd.gov.hk/about_us/our_advisory_board/index.jsp).