

# LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 2020

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the Labour Force Survey (LFS)?**

*The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey conducted by the Department of Economic Planning and Statistics (JPES), Ministry of Finance and Economy which covers selected households only in the whole country.*

### **What is the purpose of this survey?**

*The study aims to collect latest information on the size, structure, distribution and characteristics of the labour force, employment, unemployment and other economic characteristics of the population. This information will be used to assist in the planning, research, policy-making and management concerning the labour force in the country.*

### **When is this survey conducted?**

*LFS 2020 were implemented in two stages:*

**i) First stage (31 August - 19 September 2020):**

*The purpose of this first stage is to do the listing of all housing units in the selected areas only throughout the country. Survey officers will collect information about the households such as the name of the head of household and the number of members living in the housing unit. The information will be used during the sampling for the second stage.*

**ii) Second stage (19 October to 15 November 2020):**

*During the second stage, the survey officers will visit the selected households to interview the head and each member of the household in order to collect the required information in the survey.*

### **My household has been selected for this survey while my neighbours are not. How is the selection determined?**

*The coverage of the LFS 2020 is on a sample basis only. Several villages/areas in each district have been selected and only a number of houses and households from the selected villages/areas will be chosen by random to be covered in the LFS 2020.*

***My household was selected for a survey conducted by JPES before. Why is my household selected again?***

*The selection of villages/areas as well as households is done systematically according to a random sampling procedure. Thus, there is some chance that the same household is selected again in future surveys.*

***Can my household be replaced with another household?***

*Once selected, your household cannot be replaced with another household. Hence, the cooperation from all selected households is required to ensure the information collected achieves the target coverage and quality to represent all the households in the country.*

***How is the survey conducted?***

*Before the start of survey period, the appointed survey officers will be given various training related to the LFS to ensure that the interviews were done smoothly and correctly.*

*During the survey period, the appointed survey officers will visit the residence of the selected households and will perform the interview with the head and every member of the household to obtain the required information.*

***How do I ensure that the survey officer that come to visit is the one being appointed by JPES?***

*As an appointment confirmation, each survey officer will bring with them their respective letter of appointment. They will also wear an official vest and the LFS 2020 Survey Officer Pass. You may also ask them to see their identity cards as confirmation.*

***Will my information be kept confidential?***

*The LFS 2020 is conducted under the Statistics Act, Chapter 81 from the Laws of Brunei Darussalam.*

*The survey officers are required to take an oath to ensure that the information obtained will be kept secret and confidential, and will not be disclosed to any unauthorised persons.*

*JPES will release the results of this survey in aggregated form only.*

***What are the uses of the results of this survey?***

*The results of the survey will provide the latest and comprehensive information on the labour force. Comparison with the results of previous surveys will show the changes in the pattern of labour force, employment and unemployment in the country.*

*Apart from that, results from the LFS can also be used by a variety of users including the private sector, scholars, researchers, students and the general public for their respective needs and purposes.*

***If I have any queries, to whom should I refer?***

*You may contact JPES officers by telephone at 2230250, or 2230265 during office hours.*

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