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Dear

Re: Census 2022 data collection to enumerate persons in collective living institutions and tourist hotels

As you may be aware, the next population count is upon us and Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is on course to conduct the census next month. The fourth population count was scheduled to be conducted in October 2021 and had to be postponed to ensure that the census processes do not coincide with local elections. The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting lockdowns also had an impact on our plans.

Census 2022 will be conducted from 3 to 28 February 2022, and Census night will be on midnight of 2 February 2022. Stats SA fieldworkers will enumerate the homeless, the transient population, those in communal living quarters such as hotels, B&Bs, hospitals, correctional centres, old age homes, etc.

This will be the first digital census in the country and three modes of data collection will be deployed that will allow respondents to complete the Census questionnaire online, with the assistance of a fieldworker or a call centre clerk. The three modes of data collection are:



completing the Census questionnaire online, by telephone or with a Stats SA fieldworker who will visit households. All households are required to register and select their preferred method to complete the Census questionnaire.

I take this opportunity to invite you to also register your household and select the preferred method of completing the Census questionnaire.

Register on: <https://www.getcounted.statssa.gov.za>.

Given the enormous task of delivering a successful census, Stats SA is requesting your department to assist with reaching out and obtaining access to all establishments/institutions linked to your department (or their affiliated organisations) such as tourist hotels, lodges, B&Bs, guest houses and other establishments that offer accommodation. The fieldworkers will collect data from these facilities on Census night of 2 February 2022. The information required is about guests who spent the night in the establishments as they will not be counted from their homes. The establishments/institutions have three options of providing data to Stats SA, which are listed below:

- Establishments/institutions can register with Stats SA to provide information electronically, based on their registers used in their daily business process. This process requires establishments/institutions who opt for this method to register online or by telephone. Registration will close on 30 January 2022.
- The establishments/institutions can request Stats SA call centre clerks to call them to register and administer the questionnaire telephonically.
- Alternatively, Census staff will visit the establishments/institutions to administer a questionnaire on Census night (2 February 2022).

We look forward to your department's full participation and cooperation to deliver a well-executed Census 2022.

Yours sincerely



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