



PRESS STATEMENT

Launch of Household Expenditure Survey 2017/18

The Singapore Department of Statistics (DOS) will be conducting its 11th Household Expenditure Survey (HES) from October 2017 to September 2018. The HES is conducted once in every five years to collect information on households' consumption expenditure.

About the HES

The HES 2017/18 collects detailed information on households' expenditure and data on socio-economic characteristics as well as ownership of consumer durables.

The data collected will be used to facilitate studies on household income and expenditure patterns. The HES data are also used to update the weighting pattern and the basket of goods and services used in the compilation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The HES 2017/18 covers 13,100 households, which are divided into 26 groups with each group recording their detailed daily expenditure for a period of two weeks. The first two groups of selected households will cover areas in Ang Mo Kio, Bukit Merah, Choa Chu Kang, Hougang, Pasir Ris and Serangoon. Other areas in Singapore will be covered progressively over a one-year period.

Publicity

Households selected for the survey will receive a letter from DOS informing them of their participation and an information pamphlet with more details about the survey.

Publicity posters for the survey will be displayed at public locations such as community centres, libraries, and at selected MRT stations. Further details on the HES are also available on our Department's website <http://www.singstat.gov.sg/hes1718>.

Authentication of Survey Officers' Identity

All HES survey officers carry an official identification card and a letter of authorisation issued by the Department of Statistics. Households who wish to verify the identity of the survey officers may also contact the HES hotline.

HES Hotline and Email Address

Members of the public who have queries on the survey may call the toll-free HES hotline at 1800-888-1718 from Mondays to Fridays, 9am to 10pm and on Saturdays and Sundays, 10am to 10pm (closed on public holidays). Enquiries on the survey may also be sent to: singstat_hes@singstat.gov.sg.

Confidentiality of Data Assured

The HES is conducted under the Statistics Act (Chapter 317) which ensures that all information supplied by households will be kept in confidence in accordance with the Statistics Act.

Our Department seeks the full support and cooperation of all selected households to ensure the success of this survey.

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