



## PRESS STATEMENT

### Household Expenditure Survey 2017/18 Launch of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Survey Groups

The Singapore Department of Statistics (DOS) is conducting the 11<sup>th</sup> Household Expenditure Survey (HES) from October 2017 to September 2018. The survey covers 13,100 households, which are divided into 26 groups with each group being surveyed for a period of two weeks.

The forthcoming 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> groups of households will be surveyed in July and August 2018. The survey groups will cover areas in Bedok, Bishan, Geylang, Jurong East, Jurong West, Marine Parade, Punggol, Toa Payoh and Woodlands.

Survey officers carrying identification cards and letters of authorisation issued by DOS will visit the selected households. Selected households are kindly requested to provide their full cooperation. Households who wish to verify the identity of the survey officers may call the HES hotline at 1800-888-1718 from Mondays to Fridays, 9am to 10pm and on Saturdays and Sundays, 10am to 10pm (excluding public holidays).

Conducted once every five years, the HES collects up-to-date information on households' expenditure for updating the weighting pattern and the basket of goods and services used in the compilation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Data from the survey also serve to facilitate studies on household income and expenditure patterns.

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.

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