Trusted Official Statistics
For Good Governance and Evidence Based Decision Making
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Functions of Parliament

Legislation:
• Bills debated by Parliament and if approved become Acts (Law)

Oversight:
• Parliament monitors the quality of the work of the government regarding implementation of the law, development plans and budgets

Budgetary:
• Independent and accurately scrutinise the budget processes and procedures - overall public financial management

Representation:
Make citizens "present" in public policy making processes, making decisions in the best interest of citizens.

What is needed for these Functions to be done effectively?
To drive demand in Trusted Statistics we are building the capacity of Parliament.
Coordination of the Vanuatu Statistical System

We must align our Business Plan activities to the Corporate Plan and, our Corporate Plan to the NSDP (highest policy framework). The budget narrative will then show the impact of investment.

We brought together Policy Analysts, Expenditure Analysts, Subject Specialists and Statisticians on key Areas including Education, Health, Disasters, Public Accounts, Labour, Inland Revenue and Trade.
Training Programme for Parliamentary Civil Servants

**CONTENT**

1. National Statistical System  
2. Data Enabling Development  
3. Factors in Building Trust in Data  
4. Data Sources  
5. Data Interpretation and Use  
6. Data Communication  
7. Financial Statistics

**KEY CONCEPTS**

- Principles of Official Statistics  
- Alignment of Government Frameworks  
- Data Quality - metadata, Disaggregated Data  
- Good Governance  
- Data Storytelling  
- Understanding Impact of Investment

**TRAINING METHODS**

- Presentations  
- Group Work  
- Feedback  
- Games  
- Discussions  
- Pre & Post Assessment

**TIMELINES**

- August 7th all content complete  
- September 5-6th trained to use skills to develop an evidence-based Policy Brief  
- September 20-21st trained to use the National Sustainable Development Plan Indicator Tracking Platform

Long Term Outcome: Good Governance and evidence based decision-making improved in Parliament

Indicator: Proportion of parliamentary sittings and Standing Committees annually that use Trusted statistics while debating
Briefing Programme for Members of Parliament

We initially had the Clerk of Parliament choose 6 Members of Parliament. Handouts are a sample of the Santo Rural Constituency. The Policy Recommendations are left blank as Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics will guide MPs to make their own recommendations after interpreting the Trusted Statistics.
Next Steps - National Sustainable Development Plan Indicator Tracking Platform and Mobile App

This Platform will make official statistics in Vanuatu more open and accessible. Support Parliament’s roles of:
- Oversight
- Representation
- Budget
- Legislation

Planned Official Launch End September

Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan
The national sustainable development goals and policy objectives outlined in Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan (National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 to 2030) are the overarching guide for government planning over the next 15 years. Together they articulate a path for Vanuatu to emerge as a much stronger nation, renewing our traditions and values, and creating economic opportunities for all.

Indicators of the National Sustainable Development Plan
Click on each goal for Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan indicator data.