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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT**

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Decision No: **135/2010**

Special Meeting No: **12/2010**

Subject: **NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010, Council:

1. noted the content of Policy Submission No. 24/2010;
2. endorsed the development of the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) for Papua New Guinea;
3. approved the participation of Department of National Planning & Monitoring (DNPM) as the Central Agency responsibility for planning in partnership with the National Statistical Office (NSO), relevant government stakeholders, with expert advice and funding assistance to develop the NSDS;
4. approved a technical working group comprised of relevant Government Stakeholders and Civil Society;
5. endorsed and approved for a NEC Policy Submission or Information Paper on the NSDS to Cabinet through the Minister for National Planning & District Development on the NSDS;
6. approved the development of a Work-Plan in developing the NSDS within the next 12-18 months;
7. endorsed a NSDS Working Committee with representation from key government sectors and development partners; and
8. endorsed funding support within Government and from development partners.

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9. directed the Minister for National Planning & District Development in collaboration with the NSDS Technical Working Group, the NSDS Working Committee, and the NSO to review the period of conducting National Census every 10 years and develop options to carry out mid National Census through the current data systems within the Government Agencies.

I Certify the above to be a correct record of the  
Decisions reached by the National Executive Council

  
M. T. SOMARE Chairman

  
MANLY UA Secretary, NEC

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010

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