

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**§ 2483. Roles and Duties of the Central Statistics Division.**

(a) The two central roles of the Central Statistics Division shall be:

(1) To collect and provide information required by the Commonwealth government and its subdivisions for policy-making and program planning and implementation; and

(2) To effectively coordinate all phases of statistical activities in the Commonwealth.

(b) Specific duties of the Central Statistics Division are:

(1) To make such statistical reports as specified in this article;

(2) To develop and establish statistical policy matters;

(3) To plan, design, and collect the statistical information specified in this article;

(4) To compile, analyze, abstract and publish official statistics outlined in this article;

(5) To coordinate and provide technical assistance as needed for all statistical activities being carried out in other departments or agencies of the Commonwealth government;

(6) To define and establish a statistical standard as a basis for official statistics in the Commonwealth;

(7) To make or construct statistical estimates, forecasts, projections, and models as necessary or appropriate;

(8) To plan, design and undertake censuses and surveys specified in this article;

(9) To examine, evaluate, and interpret any published or unpublished statistical data as it relates to the Commonwealth;

(10) To plan, design, and undertake statistical education and training through workshops, seminars and conferences for employees of the Commonwealth government and the public, as needed;

(11) To serve as the lead agency on statistical matters for the Commonwealth in contacting and interacting with federal, state, territorial, and local agencies, international and regional organizations, and private organizations and citizens;

(12) To plan, design, and carry out research, field studies, experiments, and such other activities for furthering development of statistical sciences;

(13) With the advice of the Statistical Advisory Council, the Chief of the Central Statistics Division shall have the sole responsibility for deciding the procedures and methods employed in the provision of all statistics produced or compiled by the Central Statistics Division, including the extent, form, and timing of statistical publications;

(14) The Central Statistics Division shall, as soon as practicable, at the end of June of each calendar year, publish an annual Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands statistical yearbook covering the range of statistics stated in this article;

(15) The Central Statistics Division shall, as soon as practicable, publish other statistical reports, such as unemployment statistics and special census and survey reports, as timely as possible; and

(16) In the discretion of the Chief of the Central Statistics Division, to undertake other activities relating to statistical activities as suggested by the Statistical Advisory Council.

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