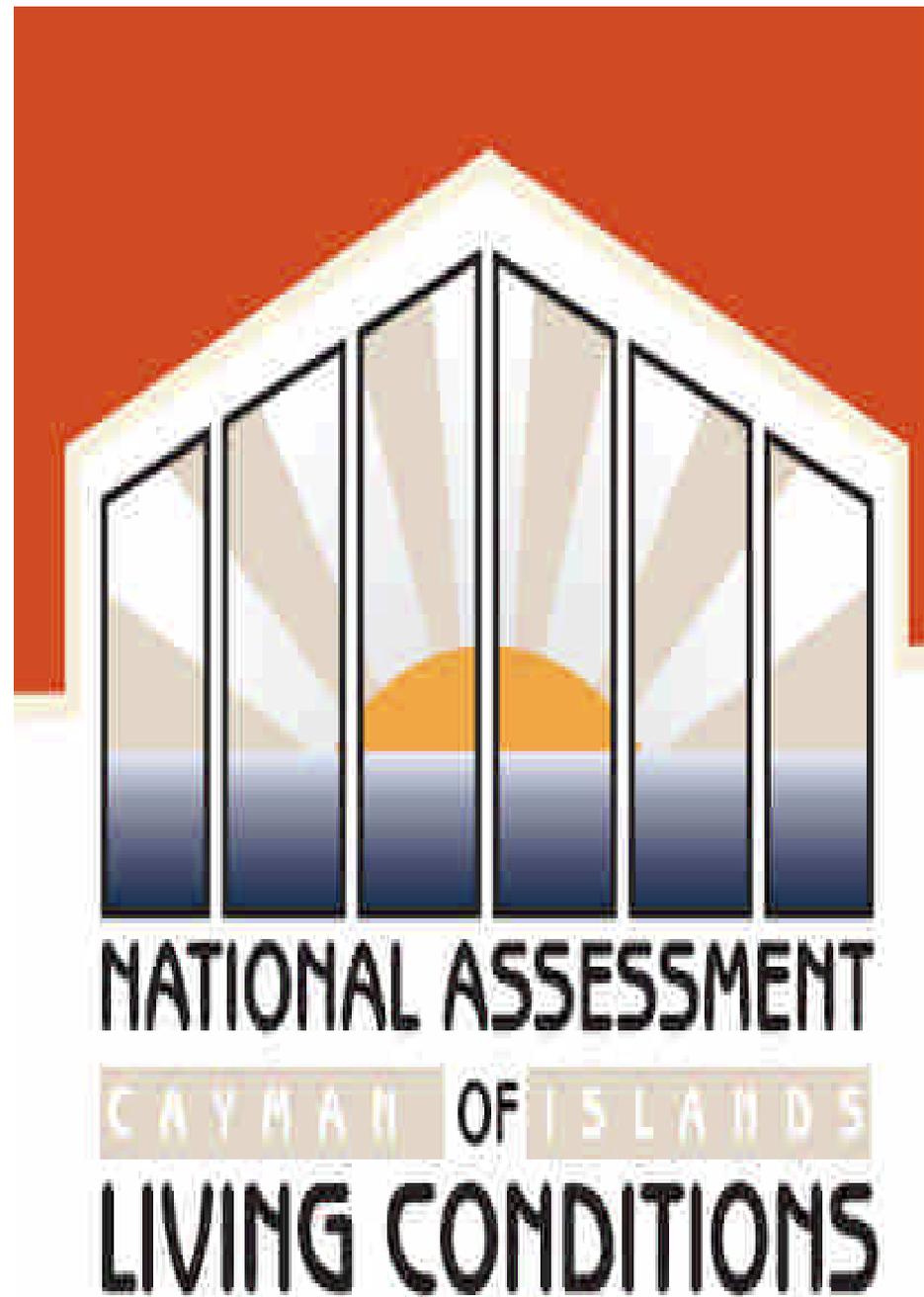


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The Survey of Living Conditions (SLC) and the Household Budget Survey

- The SLC and HBS will be conducted from January 29 to April 28, 2007 to gather data from about 1900 households in all electoral districts in the 3 islands.
- Households will be randomly selected by a computer program.
- The SLC will ask adult household members questions regarding their housing, health, educational, employment or unemployment conditions, social and safety issues. These questions are expected to clarify why some households live below or above the poverty line. This information should be able to help the Government know what issues need to be addressed in reducing poverty in the Cayman Islands.
- The HBS aims to gather data on household expenditures and income based on a questionnaire and a diary of expenses. These shall be used to estimate the cost of living in the Cayman Islands and determine the poverty line and how many households in the Cayman Islands live below this poverty line.
- All data to be gathered will be handled confidentially and all interviewers will be asked to take an oath or affirmation of confidentiality.
- In making its report, the National Assessment Team will not have access to any household-specific data from the SLC/HBS and will make use only of data processed from all households.
- Households will be interviewed within 2 weeks. However, they can also finish within 1 day if they so desire. Diaries of expenditures will have to be completed in 2 weeks. Enumerators will be trained to assist household members to complete their questionnaires.
- All 35 enumerators will be trained intensively for 5 days prior to the actual conduct of interviews.
- Each responding adult with expense data will receive a voucher of \$25 for completing the SLC/HBS questionnaire/s and diaries.
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