



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 065 – 24

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa


Subject: Department of the Interior's of Insular Affairs' Economic Statistics Framework and Exploratory Mission

A team from the US Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) led by OIA Economist Melissa Braybrooks will be on island on March 18-21, 2024 with OIA Contractors, Economist Dr. Mark Sturton, and Statistician Mr. Glenn McKinlay.

The team will evaluate all statistical products that the American Samoa Government collects to help seek opportunities in developing programs for local capacity building; and to improve statistical collection and analysis, especially in areas of economic statistics.

The Department of Commerce (DOC) is the local designated agency to coordinate the visit and schedule meetings among all key ASG agencies from which data used in economic statistics is derived. Your full cooperation with DOC and the OIA team in participating in meetings scheduled for next week is expected. I ask that each department, office, and semiautonomous agency requested by DOC all accommodate the team's visit, as they will only be on the island until next Thursday.

I look forward to your full support of this undertaking. If you need more information, please contact Director Petti Matila of the Department of Commerce.


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Governor