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The St Helena Pets and Livestock Return 2014

A census of animals on St Helena is now due.

Under the Agriculture & Livestock Improvement Ordinance, Cap.94, Section 7, and the Dogs & Cats Ordinance, 2011, Section 12A, all persons owning or having in their possession any cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, donkeys, poultry, bees, dogs and cats are required to complete a Return. This Return must be provided in respect of all pets and livestock owned or kept on **Sunday 14**th **December 2014**, for each member of the household who is the principal owner or keeper.

Under the current law the Return is a legally enforced obligation, as the statistics so provided assists with the planning and assessment of agricultural policies designed to increase the productivity of the island. The census also includes dogs and cats as they too impact on different aspects of the island's environment.

Forms should be completed by **Sunday 21**st **December 2014**. Failure to provide a Return can result in a fine on conviction of up to £100 for every day overdue. Please note that those who do not own or care for any animals should **not** fill in a return. Forms will be delivered in early to mid December by enumerators acting on behalf of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Division, and will also subsequently be collected by the Enumerators.

Advice on how to fill in the form is included in the form, however additional advice can be sought from the Enumerator, or the Veterinary Section at ANRD on 24724.

Roy Burke Chief Secretary

The Castle, St Helena 26 November 2014