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LAUNCHING OF THE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET SURVEY 2026

The Statistical Service announces the launching of the Household Budget Survey 2026. The survey is conducted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council, which all EU member states are obliged to implement.

The main objective of the survey is to record the household consumption expenditure patterns throughout the year. The data collected, will form the basis for both the revision of the weights of the Consumer Price Index and the update of the of the goods and services included in the "household basket". Furthermore, the results of the survey will be used for the compilation of socio-economic indicators and to study the level and distribution of household expenditure and income, as well as to update the estimates for private final consumption expenditure in the national accounts.

The survey is conducted on a sample basis and will cover 4.800 households in urban and rural areas of Cyprus.

Data collection will be evenly distributed over a period of 12 months, from February 2026 to January 2027 and every 18 days, the enumerators will be visiting approximately 240 households in total. By this process, it is ensured that the data collected accurately reflect household consumption trends and habits throughout the year, minimizing seasonal bias. All trained enumerators who will visit the sample households for the completion of the survey questionnaire will carry a special identity card of the Statistical Service.

The survey is conducted in accordance with the Official Statistics Law of 2021 (Law No. 25(I)/2021). The Statistical Service is obliged to keep the data reported as **confidential** and to use them exclusively for statistical purposes. According to the Law, the provision of data for statistical purposes by any person is mandatory. Any person who refuses, omits or neglects to provide data to the Statistical Service, does not comply with the deadlines set or provides false, incomplete or inaccurate data is liable to the consequences of the Law. The results are disseminated in a format that provides the respondents with the appropriate safeguards as to the protection of their personal data.

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