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CHALLENGES/DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PRODUCING TRAVEL/TOURISM STATISTICS



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- The Statistical Office is mainly a user of tourism/travel statistics.
- Statistics on tourism are compiled by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism Authority



- Other statistics relating to travel are compiled by the Immigration Department.
- Expenditure on Tourism is compiled by the ECCB in collaboration with the SVGTA.



Uses of Tourism/Travel Statistics

- The Statistical Office uses tourism statistics to deflate certain industries to derive constant price estimates for National Accounts compilation.



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- It is also used to derived current price value added estimates for tourism related industries in the absence of actual data.



CHALLENGES

- HOTELS

It is very challenging to calculate the Hotel Industry's contribution to GVA

- Very low response rate to survey
- Lack of current administrative data



CHALLENGES

- SVGTA indicated that their major problem with compiling tourism statistics is the timeliness of the reports from the data sources.
 - Customs Department
 - Reports are late and sometimes incomplete



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– Immigration Department

- Manual compilation of passenger statistics
- Several ports of entry – this creates additional delay in compiling reports



Future Prospects

- SVTA indicated that they would like to replace the CTO's MIST with a new system. This will have significant financial implications.
- Enhance procedures for data collection and data entry.

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