

PREFACE

The **ANNUAL STATISTICAL DIGEST** is intended to provide a single convenient compendium of economic series currently produced in Barbados. It features extensive detail on finance, government, trade, production, prices and employment as well as summaries of the performance of other CARICOM countries. It is a companion volume to the monthly **Economic and Financial Statistics**, published by the Central Bank, which provides updates on series which are available on a monthly or quarterly basis.

The tables in this publication are accompanied by detailed notes which deserve close attention by users. The notes provide definitions, reconciliation between tables and explanations of unusual features of the data.

The Central Bank welcomes suggestions for improved coverage and for convenience of presentation of the data. Your comments and enquiries should be addressed to:

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