Under the Vision 2030 Jamaica - National Development Plan framework, key indicators of national well-being were examined for this quarterly press briefing under three main reporting areas—Health Status, Education Status and Labour Force Quality.

Under Health Status, we report on immunization coverage for children. The immunization coverage for children between 0-11 months for BCG, OPV and DPT/DT (covering tuberculosis, polio, diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus respectively) declined slightly to an average of 93.9 per cent in 2011, based on preliminary figures, down 0.8 percentage point from an average of 94.7 per cent in 2010. The
immunization coverage for children between 12-23 months for MMR (covering measles, mumps and rubella) also fell slightly to 86.5 per cent in 2011, down 0.6 percentage point from 87.1 per cent in 2010.

In Education, the gross enrolment rate of students at the tertiary level for the academic year 2010-2011 has increased to 35.9 per cent, based on preliminary figures, up by 3.1 percentage points compared to the academic year 2009-2010. This significant increase in tertiary enrolment in a single year is attributed largely to an increase in the access to and number of tertiary educational institutions and programmes in Jamaica.

Labour Force Quality continues to improve, with an average of 23.2 per cent of the total labour force having vocational or professional certification based on the quarterly labour force
surveys for 2011, up 2.0 percentage points from the previous year.

Finally, while we are not reporting on Security Status in this press briefing, we can comment that the preliminary data indicate that both the rate of major crimes and the murder rate have declined for 2011 as compared to 2010, which would mark the second consecutive year in which both rates have declined.

This concludes the reporting on key indicators of national well-being for this quarterly press briefing.