1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
   Bureau of Statistics, P.O. Box 455, Maseru.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
   census, but reference is also made to previous censuses (cf. para. 8).

3. Coverage of the census:
   (a) Geographical scope: Whole country.

   (b) Persons covered: All persons of all ages, excluding institutional populations.

4. Reference period:
   Both short and long reference periods were used when asking questions on the economically
   active population, employment and unemployment, i.e., the week and the year prior to the
   census.

5. Main topics:
   (a) Total population, by sex and age: yes

   (b) Economically active population, by sex and age group: yes

   (c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex: yes

   (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex: yes

   (e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex: yes

   (f) Hours of work: no

   (g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity: no

   Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of age at last birthday.

6. Concepts and definitions:
   (a) Economically active population: It comprises all persons aged 10 years and over (except
   those mentioned under 3 (b) above) who, during the reference periods, were either employed
   or unemployed, according to the definitions given below.

   (b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 10 years and over who, during
   the reference week, performed any paid or unpaid work of an economic value, at home or out
   of home. Also included are the following categories:

   (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
   (ii) persons engaged in the production of primary products for own consumption;
   (iii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
   (iv) working students with a part time job;
   (v) seasonal or occasional workers;
   (vi) multiple job holders;
   (vii) apprentices and trainees.

   Only persons belonging to categories (i) and (ii) can be identified separately.

   (c) Unemployment: Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 10 years and over who,
   during the reference week, were without work and looking for work. Jobseekers were also re-
  quested to specify their employment status in April 1985, i.e. one year before the census.

7. Classifications used:
   Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by indus-
  try, by occupation and by status in employment.
(a) **Industry:** The specific questions asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine industry group are: "Last week, who was your employer (not applicable; government; parastatal; private, including self employed)?" and "What was the main product, service or activity of your place of work (or last place of work)?". For coding industry 37 groups were used. Links to the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) has been established to the division (2-digit) level.

(b) **Occupation:** The specific question asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine occupation group relates to the type of work done during the reference week (for jobseekers: type of last work done). For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) has been used to the minor group (2-digit) level.

(c) **Status in employment:** A specific question was asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine their status in employment. For coding this variable, the following groups were used: employer; own-account worker/farmer; regular wage/salary earner; casual worker; unpaid family worker; jobseeker; other.

8. **The previous population censuses:**

   Essentially, the same questions and reference periods were used in previous censuses to determine and describe the economically active population and its components.

9. **The next population census:**

   It is not planned to carry out a population census during the period 1989-95.