\$1.4 billion for April 2011 census

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The Jamaican government will have to find \$1.4 billion to conduct the next population and housing census due in April 2011.

Sonia Jackson, the director general of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) said that amount may not be enough to run the

The census which is conducted by STATIN every 10 years involves the gathering and recording of information on the population of the country.

Jackson said census workers are to conduct the survey over a four-month period starting on April 6.

She also said a campaign is to be implemented to sensitise Jamaicans about the importance of the Census and the work of data collectors.

She said census takers and data interviewers will be required to show their identification cards on entering homes and must keep the information confidential.