



Advisory Group Paper AG(02)11

2001 CENSUS EVALUATION PROGRAMME: UPDATE

Introduction

- 1 Systematic and continuous review has formed a fundamental part of the Census programme and the 2001 Census evaluation programme is now well underway. Advisory Group Paper AG(02)04 set out the general direction and timetable of the ONS approach.

Action

- 2 **Advisory Group members are asked to note this update on progress.**

Key aims

- 3 The key aims of the programme are to:
 - inform users of issues surrounding data collection and processing to assist them in interpreting data;
 - address the need for public accountability;
 - signpost the potential for change in planning towards 2011; and
 - learn and inform in the wider ONS context.
- 4 The programme will ensure that all project and cross-project activities in the 2001 Census Programme are fully evaluated, resulting in the production of Evaluation Reports from each project, reports on cross-project themes and the publication of the *2001 Census General Report*. Cross-project themes are:
 - (a) Security and confidentiality
 - (b) User Consultation
 - (c) Use of experts (academic, commercial)
 - (d) Risk management
 - (e) Co-ordination and communication
 - (f) Staffing of the 2001 programme.

- 6 Six evaluation reports have now been published on the website covering:
- Census Coverage Survey;
 - Publicity;
 - Data Needs;
 - Legislation;
 - Data Collection Support; and
 - Non Compliance (Executive Summary only).
- 7 The timetable for production of the remaining Project Evaluation Reports is in Annex A. The reports published to date and further information are available on the National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/revealtimetable.asp>

Annex A Evaluation reports and planned publication dates

Project	Date
Geography Area Planning System	Mar 2003
Geography & Support of Processing	April 2003
Output Policy & Dissemination	May 2003
Census Access	Oct 2003
Edit & Imputation	Nov 2002
One Number Census	March 2003
Downstream Processing	March 2003
Data Quality	Jan 2003
Output Production	
Part 1 (review of output released to date)	Nov 2003
Part 2 (including SARS/Origin Destination)	April 2004
Data Collection Development	Dec 2002
Processing	Feb 2003
Programme Management	March 2003
Quality Report	July 2003
General Report	Dec 2003

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