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Q1 - What are your views of the different census approaches described in the consultation document?

Annual Census has merit to avoid creating a generation of Statisticians & increasing the employment in this area. As the Administrative information is always being updated, it will provide such specific information that may be required for specific needs. eg household income is available on Income tax returns.

Q2 - Please specify any significant uses of population and housing statistics that we have not already identified.

Benefits outweigh, use of internet reporting and ever increasing knowledge and understanding of social media will encourage involvement and accuracy of reporting.

Q3 - Please specify any significant additional benefits of population and housing statistics that we have not already identified.

Q4 - What would the impact be if the most detailed statistics for very small geographic areas and small population groups were no longer available? High, medium, low or no impact?

Low

If medium or high, please give further information.

Q5 - What would the additional benefit be if more frequent (i.e. annual) statistics about population characteristics were available for areas like local authorities and electoral wards? High, medium, low or no additional benefit?

Low

If medium or high please give further information.

Q6 - Please specify any significant uses of census information for historical research that we have not already identified.

We may not be able to forecast the future, but it is our duty to ensure that historical information is accurate and readily available whenever it is required. Paper records being digitized to ensure those in the future understand our behavior and lifestyles that they may disclose.

Q7 - What advantages or disadvantages for genealogical or historical research can you see from a move to a solution based on archiving administrative data sources?

The advantages would only be recognised by students of statistics, a mass of numbers!

Q8 - What are your views of the risks of each census approach and how they might be managed?

The risks are reasonable and may well be lessened as technology increases. Without risk, nothing is achieved.

Q9 - Are there any other issues that you believe we should be taking into account?

The strengths of social media and general increase in technical knowledge & willing participation.

