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

The census should be as close as possible to the previous censuses, therefore the online version should be chosen. The other option is really of very little value in 100 years' time. The detailed personal information provided by the online option is extremely valuable to family historians and social historians alike. This would all be lost by using the second option.

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

Significant for Cornwall would be statistics showing the number of speakers of the Cornish language. This information could be used in various ways, to promote the language, history and culture of this particular celtic region.

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

It would be of benefit to the Cornish people to have their language, history and culture promoted and to be given more opportunity for the study of these - both in school and beyond.

**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?**

High

**If medium or high, please give further information.**

Small geographic areas and small population groups are very individual and have a strong sense of identity, as in Cornwall. The information gathered from other areas/groups would not be at all representative of these areas/groups which would be to discriminate against them.

**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?**

Medium

**If medium or high please give further information.**

There would probably be some additional benefits in theory but it is not at all certain whether local authorities would act upon the information received to put the benefits in place, either through lack of funding or through lack of motivation.

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

So much can be learned from historical research that the uses are countless.

**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?**

None whatsoever.

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

There is always the risk of people not wishing to supply census information but the majority do so. Help would need to be provided for those who are not familiar with nor have easy access to the internet. If using the second option, how would that tally with Data Protection?

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

If using the online option, there should be a question for Cornish people regarding their knowledge of their Cornish language, as there is in the Welsh census.