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

Completing a survey which covers the members in a household is a useful tool for the government to work with. However if it is compulsory then it obviously shows the number who are living in our country. I always feel that changing something that isn't broke has reason. By 2021 everybody will be on-line or will have access to one (library etc).

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

It is covered already.

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?

Medium

If medium or high, please give further information.

The nation needs to know who is who and where. That way you can find out about ghettos, health outbreaks, education.

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.

Military research

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

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

I would rather it was not done - big brother and all that - however it has been a wonderful tool with regards to family and military research.

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

If it isn't broke - why fix it?