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SECTOR: Unknown - Individual

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

A once a decade survey is enough, if it is complete. Online would save on printing and postage costs. While most people have internet access provision would have to be made for those who do not. I think that the forms have got too complicated. A shorter, more basic form should be enough. From a family historians point of view. Family group, ages, birthplaces, occupations and present address are essential items to keep in.

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

None in my field of study

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

As above

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.

We need to know about everybody

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.

Population movements at times like the industrial revolution can lead to interesting demographics

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?

All archiving is welcome. A less than 100 year rule would be appreciated

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

People are often reluctant to wade through a 10 or 12 page leaflet, but will fill in something simple. I would suggest online, with a tv advert saying that paper forms are available on request.

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

Try and get the whole population interested