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

The 2012 census (& beyond) should continue primarily in its previous format - detailed questions to be answered by householder. Accepting that the world is moving towards an internet age, it should be acceptable for the census return to be completed online. There is a wealth of social information on the earlier census records concerning householders and their families (birth, address, age, occupation, health, language, householder's hand writing) which would be lost if the census findings were to be based solely on information gleaned from administrative data and compulsory surveys.

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

**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?**

High

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

Individual family data would be lost, the information would be lumped together with out people - those speaking Welsh, or people with chronic illness, etc.

**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.**

**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?**

Very little. The census return in its current format provides sufficient information to enable one to know the direction in which one should research - without this basic data, one would be left floundering, 'rudderless'

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

An online format could be hacked into and private information about a family or individual stolen.

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

Individual privacy