

**RESPONDENT:** Arfon Rhys  
**SECTOR:** Individual

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

I think we need a census every 10 years to check on the number of Welsh speakers in the UK because it does inform us of the effectiveness of conservation measures and what need there is for the future. I am sure this is also true for other statistics where funding depends on funding and informs us of the effectiveness of government in eradicating poverty and also housing needs. The question of new comers into the UK has been a hot political issue and again statistics help to prove the facts on either side of the debate. I think the 10 year census does hold government to account and so it should continue. There is no other means of getting all the facts about the UK except with the census and the number of Welsh speakers is a good example of this.

**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?**

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?**

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?**

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

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

