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

I can see the need for more frequent statistics being required, so that you can keep abreast of health, school, transportation requirements, as these change every year. But it would be nice for Genealogists to have access to the information for their own family research. In this instance we need detail on families, not necessarily statistics.

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

You seem to have covered most of them.

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

You seem to have covered most of them.

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.

I should think it is just as necessary for the very small geographic areas and small population groups to be able to plan for the future, as the larger areas.

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?

High

If medium or high please give further information.

Surely, all authorities need to know what is happening in their own areas, so they can plan - as long as the plans are implemented quickly rather than 10 years down the line.

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

This seems to be covered.

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?

I can't really see any advantages, if it doesn't give the detail of family groups.

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

As long as financial or income information is not required, then I don't see any risks.

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

In consultation with UK groups and other countries, I think you have covered most of the issues.

