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

I believe that conducting a census once a decade which has been stated as including more information about individuals in the population would be much more important, not just to family researchers who genuinely are interested in people's circumstances from many years before, but to the government and others as to how the individuals were employed and the living conditions. It would also be a more accurate assessment of the population and help avoid people that don't exist being counted in error as could probably occur with a census based on administrative data and large annual 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.**

I believe that the census which has been taken every decade has been very successful in the past in providing all the information that has been needed for this country and other countries also. Australia and USA are still carrying on with these census so I see no need to change it.

**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?**

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.**

The current census is very important to family history researchers as they may be able to find relatives who they might never have been aware of as I did when I found family residing in Australia that I had no knowledge of and now am in contact with them and distant cousins in England that I knew nothing of.

**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?**