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

Keep the once a decade as it is a good snapshot in time and helps people researching their family history.

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.

Genealogists and people researching their family history need the census to provide as much information about the family unit as possible as this is invaluable in creating the full picture.

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?

It would be useful if the information were available sooner than the 100 years say if one can prove a family connection. I am sure there must be a way with all the technology around today to achieve this.

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

There are always people who refuse to complete their returns - some because they can't be bothered and others because they don't want anyone to know their whereabouts (criminals, illegal immigrants). You also have to produce the census paperwork in a variety of languages though I'm sure this is not a major issue.

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

None that I can think of.

