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

I would prefer that the census continue every 10 years, as before, so that it is possible to make closer "like for like" comparisons between the data in each. I also think it is important that future generations have access the data to aid in family history research. This is a popular hobby and I don't see that changing, but for many, it also gives a vital lifeline to a family they may not have known and a whole world of possibilities. I hope we can preserve that.

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.

It would make it impossible to use these records for family research.

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.

Clearly, in this case it would be beneficial for these purposes if data were more up to date, although I don't see why the census could not be produced every 10 years and this data be compiled alongside it, or during the other 9 years in 10.

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?