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

From a genealogy viewpoint the census data increases in value (from zero now to 100% in 100 plus years) as time goes on. The quite the opposite is true for public bodies involved in strategic planning. From a genealogy view point which is the only view that I can take, the data will be for my descendants to use and analyse. From their viewpoint absolute data on individuals is essential, sampled data on say 10% of the population every year is no use, nor are population trends.

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?

Low

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?

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.

With DNA testing becoming available for genealogy, medical and health insurance purposes in the future it will be important to identify ones ancestors

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?

Increase the use of on line collection but follow up strongly the non responders

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

