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

The detailed information presently gathered, is invaluable to many diverse individuals and organisation and could more simply and cheaply obtained by online submission, since the growth of smartphone and tablet use has increased exponentially, in recent years and may well soon reach the total household population. The gathering of information from secondary source can only produce estimations, at best and would be totally unreliable and questionably against data protection rules.

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.

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.

More responsive to needs of communities for housing, infrastructure, schools, healthcare, employment, etc.

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

As we become more multicultural and relationships change, it is more important than ever that we can access our heritage and understand how past live influence present thinking.

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?

Absolutely NONE

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

Advances in computing hard and software, by 2021 should be able to eliminate potential fraud, probably by fingerprint, iris or DNA recognition.

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