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

I think the snapshot census once a decade should continue - not least as it allows historical comparisons going back to the 19th century. Also it is well focused, there is fairly ready cooperation and there is not the same level of anxiety attached to it that there would be if data provided for other reasons already was hijacked without recourse by the ONs - even anonymised people are protective of this data and it would undoubtedly encompass more information (not necessarily wanted by the ONS) than the traditional census. Online however is key as it is the most economical. I think the regular administrative census would give more up to date data but that can be obtained anyway for specific needs..

Q2 - Please specify any significant uses of population and housing statistics that we have not already identified.

evaluation of long term disease trends

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?

Medium

If medium or high, please give further information.

Small admin areas can still have nationally significant functions within them and the effect should be measurable - eg Windscale

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?

Medium

If medium or high please give further information.

more immediate reaction to findings BUT equally immediate reactions to findings ignoring the longer term trends

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?

depending upon when the data was released - is there any intention to amend the 100 year rule - this could be massive for genealogical research - if no change minimal

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

Political interference in mini censuses - impossible to stop Hideous interference in major projects if a right wing government abandoned the decade census and allowed spurious so called data to be manipulated by big business interests

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

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