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

A census once a decade will enable future historians to trace family and other social history. A census based on Administrative Data will be of limited value, unless it is compulsory for everybody to be included on one National database, as was intended with the proposal for the introduction of Identity Cards which has now been scrapped. This may be a catalyst for getting the project restarted.

**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.**

**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?**

Institutions as well as individuals should be encouraged to complete the census on line. How about an incentive? A small rebate on the Council Tax, or Business Rates. People without internet access could get those with it to submit their information, or alternatively it could be a role for charities.

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