

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS: PAMS MEETING ON 20 MAY 2009

Para	Action	Who	Completed?
2.1	Paul McNamara will replace Richard Belding on Population and Migration Statistics (PAMS) – his details should be added to the PAMS list.	Andrew White	Completed
3.2	There was also discussion around paragraph 13.1 which suggested future meetings should start at 1pm. This could cause problems as the morning meeting might not finish until around this time. A compromise of 1:15 was agreed for the next meeting.	Andrew White	This will be implemented for the first meeting in 2010.
4.2	Kirsty MacLachlan to send a copy of the programme of the Paisley event to Jan Freeke and Jenny Boag	Kirsty MacLachlan	The 'Finding the Statistics You Need' programme and presentations are on the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) website at www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/user-consultation-groups-seminars/seminars/index.html
4.2	Jan Freeke and Jenny Boag to investigate possibility of a half day event in their location and contact Kirsty MacLachlan	Jan Freeke and Jenny Boag	David Hazel of Glasgow City Council is liaising with Kirsty MacLachlan about organizing an event in the City Chambers in the new year. Jenny Boag is still investigating the possibility of such an event.
7.2	Jan said he felt that there was a need for more details in the plan and Andrew Macartney suggested he would add key business objectives either to the main body of the plan or as an annex. Jenny pointed out that the plan did not currently mention the publication of sub-national population projections. This would be added and further comments were welcome.	Andrew Macartney	An annex containing business objectives has been added to the plan and an entry for sub-national population projections has also been added.
7.3	Jan asked whether there was any planned follow-up to the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) demography research projects. Kirsty MacLachlan explained that the work would continue through the Centre for Population Change (which should also be mentioned in the stats plan). Kirsty offered to circulate a paper on this and mentioned that an update would be given at the next Population and Household Statistics stakeholder event (see 12.2 below).	Kirsty MacLachlan	Information on the Centre for Population Change is available on the GROS website at http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/scotlands-demography-research-programme.html . It is also mentioned in the statistics plan at http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/general-information-statistics/demography-division-statistics-plan-2009-10.html
8.6	Finally Jan suggested that an equivalent Scotland-wide report would be useful. Alasdair will look into the possibility of providing commentary and/or a Scotland wide report.	Alasdair Anthony	This has been looked into but resources have not been available to produce either commentary or a Scotland-wide report

8.11	Andrew White said that contacts in Office for National Statistics (ONS) had said that the International Passenger Survey (IPS) might not be available until later than normal due to changes being made to the survey. He would investigate this further.	Andrew White	ONS have reassured us that there should be no problem in supplying us with mid-2009 data by March. This should enable GROS to publish mid-2009 estimates in April 2010 as planned.
8.12	Andrew Macartney offered to give an update on investigations into 'ways of sharing data and information in a controlled environment' at the next meeting.	Andrew Macartney	This is still being looked into but has stalled slightly due to staff changes. The dissemination plan to follow this up shortly.
9.5	There had been interest from Local Authorities (LA) at the morning meeting in contributing to the work of a group to discuss census output geography issues. It was agreed that Sandy would contact Jenny to seek some LA nominees.	Sandy Taylor	LA nominees provided - a first meeting of the census outputs geography working group was held on 26 August.
9.10	It was agreed that the paper outlining options for the population base for Census 2011 should be revised before being sent out to a wider group of people, including Central and Local Information Partnership (CLIP). Celia also offered to update on work to produce an estimate of short term migrants, this will give an idea of the number of people who might be in a 6 month base but not in a 12 month base.	Cecilia Macintyre and Kirsty MacLean	<p>This was overtaken by events as census definitions are now finalised. GROS are working with the other administrations to ensure a shared understanding of census definitions and their implications.</p> <p>Regarding short term migrants, we are still awaiting Scottish figures and it may be some time before we receive them. However, as an indication, 291,000 migrants entered England & Wales for a period of 3-12 months in the year to mid-2007 with 433,000 going in the other direction.</p>