

**POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (PAMS)
(SCOTLAND)**

Household Estimates and Projections Branch Update – October 2010

Staff changes

1. Alan Sloan was replaced David Campbell in June and Martin Macfie was replaced by Debbie Amabile in August.

Household projections

2. We published 2008-based household projections for National Parks (NP) and Strategic Development Plan (SDP) areas in August. Additionally variants projections for NP and SDP areas were released on the General Register for Scotland (GROS) website in September.
3. We are continuing to investigate incorporating survey data into our household projections and have been liaising with colleagues at Department for Communities and Local Government to find out more about the household projections for England.
4. Ashley McCormick from Liverpool University is in his final year of a PhD. He is working on a microsimulation model for Scottish Household Projections, which will be of benefit to us. The microsimulation will also allow us to model “what if” scenarios. For example, changes to the rates of fertility, mortality and migration can be modelled.

Estimates of Households and Dwellings

5. We published ‘Estimates of Households and Dwellings in Scotland, 2009’ in May and have begun the data collection and quality assurance for next years publication.

UK Statistics Authority of Assessment

6. The UK Statistics Authority will shortly begin to assess the outputs of the Household estimates and projections branch. They are likely to consult users of our statistics in the course of our assessment.

2011 Census Quality assurance

7. We have been working closely with colleagues in census division to identify appropriate household data for quality assurance of the 2011 census results. Our annual update of communal establishment data will also feed into this process.

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