

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

**2011 Census – Progress so far & plans for future releases**

We will be providing a short presentation to PAMs highlighting both our progress thus far and plans moving forward in relation to Census 2011. In short :

**Progress so far**

1. As PAMs members will be aware, Release 1A and 1B have now been published (on 17 December 2012 & 21 March 2013, respectively).
2. These releases have been received positively and have inspired good media interest and also some follow-up. We are keen for views and comments from PAMs about their impressions of these releases and what interest there has been locally. We also prepared visualisations and a mapping tool to sit alongside Release 1B and made these available on the Census 2011 website. We are keen to hear views from PAMs members who have looked at the visualisations and whether they have found them to be helpful.
3. National Records of Scotland (NRS) are thankful again for the support of PAMS members in helping to get the releases out and their input to the related QA processes etc.

**Plans for future releases**

4. An update will be provided to members in relation to NRS' progress towards future releases. This will include an update about the timing and content for Release 1C.
5. We are also keen for PAMS members' views on Office for National Statistics (ONS) & Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) plans to swap the timing for their Releases 3 & 4. At the moment, and in line with our Outputs Prospectus, NRS intends to release the 'Local Characteristics' tables as Release 3 and the 'Detailed Characteristics' as Release 4. This had also been the intended ONS and NISRA approach. However, in responding to queries and feedback from users, both ONS & NISRA have recently announced their intention to swap the order of their releases.
6. NRS has sought views from users about this – as part of the March Newsletter and the updated Outputs Prospectus – and we would be very keen to hear your views on this at the PAMS meeting.
7. Finally, NRS intends to publish the Outputs Prospectus and the Census 2011 Newsletter on a more regular basis. We are also considering other routes and means for keeping in touch with our users. Suggestions are welcome.

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