

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS (PAMS) COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)
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Household estimates and projections branch update – April 2013

1. We published [2010-based household projections for Scotland's Strategic Development Plan areas and National Parks](#) in December.
2. We have a HARG (Household Analysis Review Group) meeting planned for 25 April. We will discuss the following subjects that we are working on:
 - Household estimates for 2012
 - 2011 Census household estimates were published as part of [‘Release 1B’](#) on 21 March 2013.
 - We are planning to publish our 2012 household estimates at the end of June or start of July.
 - Compare our household estimates to the published 2011 Census figures.
 - Discuss how we'll adjust our current and previous household estimates to the census.
 - Discuss what we'll put into our ‘reconciliation report’ comparing our figures to the census.
 - Household projections literature review, covering the history of household projections in Scotland and what other countries do.
 - Plans for the household projections following the census, e.g.,
 - Using the last two or three censuses.
 - Projections methodology, e.g., using ‘Head of household’, ‘Household representative person’ or ‘Household membership rates’.
 - Any other changes we could make, e.g., different household types.
 - SCOTSIM update – by the end of April, we are hoping to get handover of the microsimulation model of Scotland's population and households, which our PhD student produced.
 - Council Tax changes update – on 1st April 2013, the [Scottish Government changed the way that Council Tax is payable on certain types of empty properties](#). Councils now have the opportunity to remove the Council Tax discount on these properties, or increase the amount of Council Tax payable. As our household estimates are based on information from Council Tax systems on the number of dwellings, and how many of them are empty or second homes, we are monitoring the possible impacts of this change.
3. Staff update: Debbie Amabile had a baby in November, and she is having a year's maternity leave. Kim Reimann has moved to our branch, and is working on the household estimates and small area statistics while Debbie is away. Hugh Mackenzie has joined our branch, and is looking into ways of improving the household projections once we have 2011 Census data. Esther Roughsedge is now working four days a week (Tuesday-Friday), rather than three days a week.

Valerie Hale is working on the household projections; her work pattern continues as Tuesdays-Thursdays.

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