

Scotland's Census 2021: Understanding user needs

Update for PAMS
May 2016

Topic consultation

- Primarily online consultation seeking high-level information requirements
- Open, transparent and start of a dialogue
- Presented initial view to encourage response
- Aim to identify topics needed; then for NRS to find ways to meet those needs

Key issues/ sensitivities

- Publicity around potential inclusion of topics on sexual orientation and income
- Move to online may increase demand for topics to be included – still need to consider respondent burden
- Understanding links with other sources

Response

114 responses – 90 from organisations

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- Scottish Government (6)
- Local government (17)
- Health related (23)
- Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion (EILR) related (15)
- Research (10)

Some highlights

- Received strong response on income and sexual orientation
- Mixed messages around the inclusion of rooms or bedrooms
- Limited interest on citizenship and type of migration
- Support to include contributory questions to National Statistics Socio-economic Classification NS-SeC
- Also for separate question on address of place of study

Next steps

- Analysing responses to report summary of responses, and update initial view
- Review and report on additional topics using criteria used to form initial view
- Report planned for July 2016 , subject to sign off process by Census Programme Board