

**CENSUS AND MULTI SOURCE TOPIC REPORTS – SCOTSTAT RESPONSES AND ONS DEVELOPMENTS**

1. A paper from PAMS signed by Jenny Boag and David Orr went to the chairs of all SCOTSTAT Committees in December seeking requests for tables (for large areas) additional to anything that would be made available as standard from Area Statistics.
2. The following responses were received
  - a) Education – NIL return.
  - b) Crime and Justice – No new tables but data for Police Areas.
  - c) Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and others – Gaelic Language – something similar to 1991 Topic Report.

No other requests or NIL responses have been received by the 30 April target date.

3. It is known that not all the SCOTSTAT Committees met in the period between issue of the request in December and the 30 April target and it is believed that some Committees are now considering the request. Reminders have been sent.
4. **PAMS is invited to indicate whether there is a need for any additional tables to be commissioned to cover its area of responsibility. In its Census Advisory Group role PAMS is also invited to state whether the absence of demand from other Committees is a matter for concern and whether it wishes to make any further representations.**
5. PAMS may wish to note that ONS have initiated a programme of Multi Source Topic Reports. A list of subjects proposed initially is at Annex A. Scottish Executive have sought further clarification of the case for, and proposed content of, the reports before agreeing to a UK wide programme, in the belief that, at least for devolved matters, the demand should come from Scotland.
6. The Chief Statistician in the Scottish Executive has recognised that further work still needs to be done within the Executive to ensure the effective use of 2001 Census data. GROS will co-operate fully with this further work.

## Annex A

### Topics

1. The National Statistics Social Committee agreed in October 2001 that reports on the following topics should be given priority. Proposals for lead themes are also shown:
  - **People and places** [Social and Welfare, Population and Migration]
  - **Families** [Social and Welfare]
  - **Ethnicity, Nationality and Religion** [National Statistics Working Group on Ethnicity and Identity]
  - **Labour Market** [Labour Market]
  - **Health** (including section on disabled) [Health and Care]
  - **Migration** [Population and Migration]
  - **The Elderly** [Social and Welfare; Population and Migration]
  - **The Welsh** [National Statistics Working Group on Ethnicity and Identity]
2. In addition, following discussions with Heads of Profession, Theme Working Group Chairs and ONS Directors the following relevant topics have also been proposed:
  - **Housing** [Natural and Built Environment]
  - **Rural Areas** [Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry; Natural and Built Environment]
  - **Industry** (particularly the culture industry and tourism industry) [Commerce, Energy and Industry; Social and Welfare; Transport, Travel and Tourism]