

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

CENSUS - Processing progress

Committee members are asked to note the Scottish Census processing progress

1. Over a year has now passed since Census Day, and GROS are on track to meet the first release date for 2001 Census results in August 2002 - Census Day and mid-year population estimates based on the Census.
2. Scottish processing at the Widnes site is virtually complete with the contractor Lockheed Martin having delivered data for the whole of Scotland. In the main, the quality of data appears to be acceptable. Some problems were identified and these were resolved prior to the data passing through subsequent processes. Microfilm of the images is still to be produced, and the form destruction will begin shortly.
3. All data has been loaded in to ONS systems to allow cleaning, imputation and estimation to continue. Half the data has now passed through edit and imputation, and the level of item non-response is comparable with 1991.
4. One Number Census has started to match findings from the Census Coverage Survey and Census. Matching has completed for over half the data. Each area is being matched twice and comparisons between the two indicate that the quality of matching is high. The first area Dumfries and Galloway, and parts of Ayrshire have passed through estimation, and the results are generally as expected.
5. Quality checks on the data are being carried out in three stages: after the data has been loaded, after edit and imputation, and after ONC and disclosure control. Comparisons are being made within the census data and also against other data sets. No major quality issues have been discovered so far.

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