

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

CENSUS - 2001 Census Evaluation

Committee members are asked to

- **note the GROS 2001 Census Evaluation plans; and**
 - **feel free to comment on the evaluation findings as they are published on the GROS web site.**
1. GROS are evaluating Scotland's Census on a project by project basis. The findings of the project evaluations will be brought together in the report [Taking Scotland's 2001 Census - A Review](#).
 2. The report will provide the Registrar General's assessment of how the Census in Scotland measured up against the four strategic aims of the Census.
 - To ensure that the question content is appropriate to meet the demonstrated requirements of users;
 - To deliver products and services to meet legal obligations and users' needs within stated quality standards and to a pre-defined timetable;
 - To ensure that all aspects of the census data collection operation and the dissemination of results are acceptable to the public and comply with Data Protection law;
 - To demonstrate that the Census represents value for money.
 3. It will contain four parts Census User Needs and Legislation; Census Operations; Quality of Census Results; and Value for Money.
 4. Individual parts of the report will be published on the GROS web site as they become available. Each part of the report is written in isolation from the remaining parts, and the lessons learned will be reviewed in light of future parts of the report. The final version of the report will be published by March 2003 to coincide with the main results of the Census.
 5. Evaluation on User Needs and Legislation was published on the GROS web site in March 2002. Evaluation of Census Operations is due to be published in May 2002, but it is likely that the processing operations section of this will be delayed until September 2002.
 6. Where appropriate, to avoid duplication of effort, the three Census Offices plan to carry out some joint evaluations at the project level. Information on the ONS Evaluation can be found on their web site.

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ANNEX A: GROS EVALUATION RELEASE TIMETABLE
Taking Scotland's 2001 Census - A Review

| Part | Census projects included | Planned Release |
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| Census User needs and Legislation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation • Data Needs (including consultation and question testing) | March 2002 (Released) |
| Census Operations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity • Census Coverage Survey • Enumeration Geography • Data Collection Development • Data Collection Support • Processing Operations | May 2002 |
| Quality of Census Results | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing • Edit and Imputation • One Number Census • Downstream processing (including IS strategy) • Data Quality (including disclosure control) • Output Production | To coincide with release of Scottish Census results by March 2003 |
| Value for Money | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme Management (including costs and contracts) • Output Policy and Dissemination • Scottish Census Results Output Library | March 2003 |

GROS web site

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/grosweb/grosweb.nsf/pages/censushm>

ONS web site

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/default.asp>