

Actions from output roadshow meetings in Scotland

Introduction

1. Three output roadshow meetings took place in Scotland in October 2001. These were held in Glasgow on 4 October (47 delegates), Aberdeen on 9 October (23 delegates) and Edinburgh on 11 October (39 delegates).
2. The meetings introduced documents containing the final proposals for the complete set of Standard Area Statistics for Scotland from the 2001 Census. The main paper, *Standard Area Statistics, Scotland: final proposals*, describes the proposed products which are the outcome of previous rounds of consultation. The proposals were presented as final, apart from a few remaining points for user comment.

Purpose of Roadshows

3. Apart from the presentation of final proposals for key output products, the main purpose of the roadshow was to demonstrate proposals for the Scottish Census Results Output Library (SCROL). The meetings also gave an update on how the Census was going, plans for consultation on topic-theme reports, and arrangements for commissioning and paying for customised output.
4. Each meeting allowed substantial time for users to raise comments or questions about the 2001 Census. A few of those points raised required action from the census offices. All points raised have been summarised and users were informed that we would carry out the necessary work and report back progress and outcomes to users.
5. Annex A of this paper summarises the questions and answers that GROS recorded at the roadshows and points raised requiring action.
6. ONS have already prepared a paper covering issues raised at the England and Wales meetings only. It is intended that any extra actions from events in Scotland and Northern Ireland are added to that paper, and any common issues are identified as such also.

Proposals for dealing with actions and reporting back to users.

7. It is proposed that the Census Offices will report back progress using Census News and the Advisory groups in due course.

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List of actions from Output Roadshow

1. Update from 2001 Census

	Comment / Question	Answer given or Su Required
1.1	Request for further information on coverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which areas had the lowest response rates? - What proportion of data captured for occupation and industry will be published? 	<p>Response was lowest generally followed a s the 1991 Census. No had responses below expected.</p> <p>Responses on occupi are being coded as fo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% of people ag - those in work or wh 1996 or later; - for people aged 65- those in work

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1.2	<p>Imputation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will details on the level of adjustment of figures be published? - Edit and Imputation using 'other records' was mentioned. What are these other records? 	<p>Yes, as part of Censu</p> <p>The Census Coverag population estimates Executive surveys (e Household Survey) w One Number Census Missing records in Hc will be plugged by co other similar records.</p>
1.3	<p>Forms received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 98% of forms expected have been received – how many forms are expected? 	<p>Forms were deliverec properties. Forms an from vacant propertie second or holiday ho on Census night. Arc total number of forms expected.</p>
1.4	<p>Record-swapping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will record-swapping be done between neighbouring areas? 	<p>Records will be swap Estimation Areas, ac authorities but not ac Areas (ie groups of c containing some 0.5 r</p>

2. Output Proposals

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2.1	<p>Output Timetable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any plans to produce output on Key Statistics by the end of 2002? - Will SARs be available in 2003 also? - When will the Origin-Destination statistics be available? 	<p>No firm plans. These produced with the others by March 2003 but could be available.</p> <p>Not sure yet.</p> <p>Ideally by March 2003 as dependent on UK census ready.</p> <p>As output timetable becomes available information will be included in News and in Advisory</p>
2.2	<p>Ethnic Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is still a feeling that more work is required on vocabulary used when describing ethnic group issues. - The term 'sufficient ethnic diversity' is problematical and requires a finer definition. - In 1991, full data on ethnicity was published as a topic report. Will this be done for 2001? 	<p>GROS agrees that the work to be done on this would welcome users (16 November).</p> <p>An area is defined as 'ethnic diversity' for the 14-category ethnic group Tables if it contains at least 10% of the population in 'White' ethnic group and 10% of the population in 'Other' ethnic group.</p> <p>Not sure yet.</p>

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2.3	Will the Census offices be providing comparisons between 1991 and 2001?	<p>The Census offices' main objective for the 2001 Census is to provide a high quality and user friendly census that provides the information needed for such comparisons for the future.</p> <p>Output Areas are being used to maintain some consistency with the 1991.</p>

3. Output Geography

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3.1	Neighbourhoods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the Census offices be producing output for 'Neighbourhoods'? - Will the Census offices define 'Neighbourhoods'? - Can Neighbourhoods be defined this time and used next time? - If users wish to pre-define Neighbourhood areas which subdivide postcodes is this possible? 	There are no plans to 'Neighbourhood' class commercial sector do helpful if users could offices know what the would be. If users defined for Neighbourhood Statistics probably be quicker a users to aggregate on Neighbourhoods then the Census offices to that only they can pre
3.2	Postcode sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will each postcode sector nest within a council area? - Will postcode sectors be split this time? 	Yes, postcode sectors ensure this although the below-threshold problem have to merge any be areas. Many PC sectors split any case. Where necessary sectors will be merged neighbouring sectors above confidentiality threshold will be done using the used in 1991 where possible

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3.3	<p>Output Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will there be compatibility between 1991 and 2001 Output Areas? - Can users have OA boundaries as early as possible in advance of the data being released? - Are OAs the smallest geographical area for which output will be produced? - When will Output Area geography be available? 	<p>2001 OAs will be designed within a hierarchy of areas that can be done within the current OAs are one such area is a large measure of geographical continuity.</p> <p>In principle, yes. Metadata to be available electronically.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>This will be available in actual small area data.</p>

4. Origin Destination Statistics

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4.1	Travel to work – concern expressed that data for travel to work will be contaminated by travel to place of study details, especially since it is impossible to distinguish those who are part-time students. Request a data split of hours worked at 16+ hours to give a truer picture of full-time workers. This would also help comparisons with 1991.	GROS is aware of this clearly a problem for 1991. GROS will try to resolve this.
4.2	Can users commission their own O-D statistics?	Yes
4.3	Special Workplace Statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Census form asked about the main place of work (or study). Will it be possible to consider providing information on more than one job in future censuses? - Will the write-in answers for workplace be checked for plausibility and accuracy? 	Possibly – but this might be done by an interview-type survey. Experience has shown that we should keep the Census form as simple as possible. Yes, it is hoped that the data will be checked against other data. Must bear in mind that the study is probably also...

SCROL

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5.1	SCROL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the SCROL Pilot be available to users on CD or DVD? - Will SCROL provide 'time-series' data? - Are the data and services of the SCROL project really free? - Can geography be downloaded from the Internet? - How will comparisons with 1991 and projecting forward to future Censuses be achieved? - Will there be a 'Helpdesk' function available? - How will maps be used to display data? 	<p>Not sure yet, possibly</p> <p>Not at the moment but considered if users remind the added comp</p> <p>Yes, other than the likely charges for producing</p> <p>GROS are looking at</p> <p>Data will fit to any but on a best-fit basis.</p> <p>GROS will consider providing helpdesk function with Services branch.</p> <p>Thematic mapping will SuperWEB product but OA level.</p>

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5.2	<p>SuperTABLE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is it possible to save SuperTABLE files in SPSS format? - Can SuperTABLE export data for more complicated processing in other formats? - What would the framework for SuperTABLE training be and how much would it cost? - Can a local authority buy one CD and make it available to several schools in its area? - Can SARs and Longitudinal Studies be done in a more user-friendly medium like SuperTABLE? - How would Origin-Destination statistics be supplied through SuperTABLE? - Is SuperTABLE free to users? 	<p>Not sure.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>There is no definite plan will have to assess the training first.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>This needs further investigation</p> <p>It could be contained with double-geography rehearse this and make well for smaller areas. will find some other way may develop something there is also a product by academics at Leeds</p> <p>Yes, with the specific</p>

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5.2 cont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is not provided in SuperCUBE format? - Will files be zipped to avoid time being wasted in downloading large files? - Will the system work with, say 100 users at a time? - Can it be loaded on to a network server? - Will it work with Ordnance Survey background maps and is this allowed in terms of copyright? - Can data be grouped using a gazetteer-type function? 	<p>Each table provided in consultation document. Anything else would have to be commissioned.</p> <p>There is no zip function in SCROL pilot but GRC can do this. Tests show that there is a delay in downloading.</p> <p>Not sure yet.</p> <p>Not sure yet.</p> <p>It would work but the Ordnance Survey data cannot be downloaded.</p> <p>Yes – once the mapping is working. Alternatively, we could create groups of areas as requested and re-download them again.</p>
5.3	<p>SASPAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SASPAC plan to have a demo later in the year. Will there be a market for SASPAC to become involved in disseminating Census data? - Can SuperCUBE be exported into SASPAC and other statistical packages? 	<p>That would be for SASPAC to consider.</p> <p>That will be considered by census offices who would do this for themselves.</p>