

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)
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2001 Census: Progress and plans**Action for committee**

- 1. *The Committee is asked to note progress and plans and comment as appropriate.***

Progress

- 2. *Since the last meeting of the committee, the following progress has been made:***
 - a. Census tables at multi-member ward level have been placed on the Warehouse section of the SCROL website - http://www.scrol.gov.uk/scrol/warehouse/NewWards_All.jsp. The following tables are currently on the website:
Key Statistics tables, published on 4th April 2007.
Univariate tables, published 2nd May 2007.
 - b. A new statistics page and new topic homepages were launched on the GROS website at the end of March 2007, making it much easier to locate material.
 - c. The data behind the charts in the 2005 Registrar General's Annual Report have been placed on the Web. They can be found at <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/annual-report-publications/rgs-annual-review-2005/appendix-3.html> (charts in Chapter 1) and <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/annual-report-publications/rgs-annual-review-2005/appendix-4.html> (charts in Chapter 2). It is intended that this also be done for future Annual Reports.
 - d. The 1991 origin-destination tables for the current council areas for both "Special Migration Statistics" and "Special Workplace Statistics" have been placed on the GROS website at, respectively, <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/census/1991-census-products/1991-census-special-migration-statistics.html> and <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/census/1991-census-products/1991-census-special-workplace-statistics.html>.
 - e. A four page paper factsheet has been produced on life expectancy. This factsheet, which is the first one we have produced, provides summary information on life expectancy and reproduces some of the main points from the most recently published data.
 - f. Statistics Customer Services continue to receive requests for commissioned output. In the year to the end of March 2007, just over 1,300 requests for information were received, half of which were Census related. An updated list has been placed on the GROS website of the commissioned tables we have produced– it is expected that a fully updated version will appear on the website in the autumn.

Plans

3. **GROS plan the following:**

- a. To publish further analyses from the 2001 Census. Work has been completed on an occasional paper on migrating moving households and moving groups. This paper will be published on Thursday 28th June. The paper contains a wide variety of analyses, mainly at Scotland level but also at local authority and urban/rural area level. There is also a section which looks at movers into and out of Scotland's four largest cities. The report will be able to be accessed at: <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/occpapers/index.html>.
- b. Work is in progress to put the remaining Census tables at multi-member ward level onto the Warehouse section of the SCROL website. The following outputs are planned:
 - Standard tables – end August 2007
 - Theme tables – October 2007
 - Census Area Statistics tables – November 2007
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 - Travel and migration and other remaining tables – February 2008
- c. Work is still being progressed which will result in the ethnicity and religion tables (which are currently restricted) at all geographies going onto the SCROL website. We plan to put these tables at council area, health board area and possibly postcode sector level onto the Analyser section of the website by October 2007. The remainder will be placed on SCROL as soon as possible thereafter.
- d. The remaining tables at Westminster Parliamentary Constituency level (the migration and travel tables) to go onto the SCROL website.
- e. Consideration is being given as to whether tables at datazone level should be placed on the SCROL website and, if so, where and in what format. Views are welcome.
- f. We would also like to offer the facility in SCROL whereby users can pick "Scotland" as a geography.
- g. The remaining Census quality reports, on the one number Census process and the assessment of downstream processing, will be placed on the GROS website by the end of June 2007.
- h. Further improvements are planned to the GROS website. While some minor changes may be made to the Statistics section, the main changes planned are for the 2001 Census section which needs to be given a clearer structure. We will also be considering whether customers would benefit from an interactive tabulation software package on the Web, to give them more freedom to produce the statistics they want.
- i. The issue of providing access to the Controlled Access Microdata ("unsafe") SARs in Scotland has moved slightly forward since the last update. ONS have now completed their pilot work of testing out microdata laboratory facilities at four sites across the UK (including the Scottish Executive in Glasgow) and have found no problems. ONS will therefore be coming up to Scotland in mid-July to discuss progressing this further.

- j. To continue to provide tables commissioned by users.

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