

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)**2011 Census Progress Report****2006 Test Evaluation**

- Response varied from 31.8% in Glasgow South to 61.5% in Lochaber.
- Income question did not appear to damage overall response, but income was the most poorly-completed question.
- Hand delivery by enumerators elicited a higher response than post-out.
- Language question poorly completed - to be redesigned.
- The answers to the marital/civil partnership status question suggest that the concept of a civil partnership is not well understood.
- Second residence questions poorly completed, with only 48.4% giving a valid postcode.
- An average of 0.04 visitors were recorded per household; of these, 67.8% gave a valid postcode of second residence.
- Full evaluation report now available on GROS website.

2007 Consultations

- The closing date for the consultation was 7th June 2007. More than 100 formal responses have been received.
- Four user consultation events were held during May in Aberdeen, Glasgow, Inverness and Edinburgh.
- The points raised as a result of these will be used to inform GROS of user requirements regarding questionnaire content and outputs.
- Comments and suggestions from both of these are currently being considered and an evaluation report summarizing the findings will be available in due course.

2011 Census

- Overall design almost complete, final Statement of Requirements (SOR v4) for Route A being put to 2 remaining bidders at end July.
- Route A includes Questionnaire and Envelope printing, Distribution, Operation Intelligence (eg field management info flows), Public Interface (eg call centre), Collection and Processing (eg scanning, data capture, data repository). Joint bid for the UK, with local variants.
- Bidders will submit Best & Final Offers (BAFO) in October, with awarding of contract in January 2008.
- GROS decided to recommend 27th March 2011 as Census date.
- Rehearsal planned for 2009, almost all aspects covered.