

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

Scottish Population Surveys Co-ordinating Committee UPDATE FOR PAMS

Harmonised Core

Since the last PAMS meeting, the main focus of the survey harmonisation has been progressing the socio-economic core. The 20 questions have the following status:

Completed

Legal marital status/living in a couple
Age last birthday/DOB
Gender
Marital Status
Accommodation size (no rooms & no. bedrooms)
Accommodation type

In progress

Tenure
Economic status (ILO)
Full-part time
Limiting Long term illness incl disability
Self Perception of general health
Highest qualification held
Education Status

Not yet examined

Attendance on Government Training Scheme
Banded Household Income
Religion
Ethnic/cultural group
Access to car
Mode of transport to work/education/school
Household relationship

The questions deemed 'completed' will be placed into the SG question bank on the internet and their use will be actively promoted.

Harmonised Outputs

It is hoped that some harmonised outputs from Scotland's large scale surveys will be available during 2009.

Equalities

We will liaise with the Equalities Statistician, Sian Rasdale regarding all equality stream questions in the core.

Mode

We have so far concentrated on questions for CAPI - face to face questionnaires. We are aware of the importance of question mode for successful harmonisation of survey outputs and will visit each question in turn to develop a version for use in postal questionnaires and telephone interviewing. The question bank will contain the different modes for each harmonised question.

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