POPULATION & MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

Developments in dissemination and 2001 Census analysis

General Register Office for Scotland

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to inform members of the committee about recent developments in dissemination and 2001 Census analysis at the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS).
It gives an update on progress since the last meeting of the committee (16 June 2008) as well as an outline of future plans.

2. Progress since last meeting

2.1 The Registrar General's Annual Report (Scotland's Population 2007 - The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends) was published on 15 August 2008.

2.2 Ethnicity and religion tables at all geographies (except Multi-Member Wards) are now available in the section "2001 Census Data for Ethnicity and Religion tables" accessible via the SCROL home page.

2.3 An A-Z glossary of statistical terms has been added to the GROS website.

2.4 A map of Scotland providing a summary of key statistics for each council area has been added to the GROS website.

2.5 Factsheets on household estimates and vital events have been published.

2.6 A Statistics Customer Services survey started this month, with a link to the questionnaire being provided at the end of GROS email responses to customer requests. We are keen to get views from customers on the quality of the service we provide, and how it could be improved.

3. Future work

3.1 Work is ongoing to publish the remaining Census tables at Westminster Parliamentary Constituency level (ethnicity and religion; travel and migration) on the SCROL website. All tables have been created and next step is loading of the data onto the web site.

[Note – ethnicity and religion tables at Westminster Parliamentary Constituency level are available in the section "2001 Census Data for Ethnicity and Religion tables" accessible via the SCROL home page].

3.2 Work is ongoing to publish the remaining census tables at multi-member ward level (ethnicity and religion; travel and migration) on the warehouse section of the SCROL website. Work is continuing with the Office for National Statistics, which provides information from the Census in England and Wales required for these tables.

3.3 A factsheet on population projections is being drafted for publication in Jan/Feb 2009.

3.4 Further improvements are planned to the GROS website. A possible interactive tabulation software package for the Web is being considered.

3.5 GROS plans to set up a focus group to look at the GROS website and provide advice on how it can be improved.

3.6 An integrated project team is working on outputs for the 2011 Census. Providing feedback from the 2001 Census, in particular what information customers required, will be an important aspect of this work.

3.7 The 2011 Census will have its own website. This is due to go live in January 2009 and will be clearly signposted from the GROS website.

3.8 Planned GROS web publications:

Births, Marriages and Deaths 3rd Quarter 2008	11-Dec-08
Popular Forenames in Scotland 2008	17-Dec-08
Electoral Statistics, Scotland, 2008	24-Feb-09
Births, Marriages and Deaths Preliminary Return 2008	12-Mar-09
Births, Marriages and Deaths 4th Quarter 2008	12-Mar-09
Life Expectancy in Special Areas in Scotland, 2005-2007	Mar-09
Mid-2008 Population Estimates Scotland	Apr-09
Household Estimates for Scotland: 2008	May-09
Births, Marriages and Deaths 1st Quarter 2009	11-Jun-09
The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends	Jul-09
Drug-Related Deaths in Scotland in 2008	Aug-09
Births, Marriages and Deaths: 2nd Quarter 2009	10-Sep-09
Increased Winter Mortality	Oct-09
Small Area Population Estimates	Nov-09

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