POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS: PAMS MEETING ON 24 November 2008

Para	Action	Who	Completed?
2.2	Set meeting of next PAMS meeting further in advance	**Andrew White**	Completed
4.2	Jenny Boag asked if she could be provided with an electronic copy of the paper looking into Private Landlord Registration to circulate for comment.	**Esther Roughsedge**	Completed
5.2	Kirsty asked if the group wanted reports on progression of the PAMS conference workshop suggestions and the consensus was that this would be useful.	**Kirsty MacLachlan**	Included at agenda item 8 (e).
7.1	Jen Woolford spoke about the implementation of further improvements to population statistics. ONS are starting to plan the strategy for implementing improvements for the period before the publication of 2011 census results. Jen offered a paper on this and someone to present it at the next PAMS meeting.	**Jen Woolford**	The PAMS meeting coincides with a coherent migration statistics reporting date and so ONS could not be represented. Someone will attend the next meeting in November.
8.6	Jenny asked if Marina could provide a copy of the slides which she presented so that Jenny could then circulate around LAs	**Marina Curran**	Completed
9.1	Ganka ran through the main points of the paper which described a programme which aims to investigate external administrative data sources which may improve census operations. It also discussed a pilot study to be carried out around the time of the census rehearsal. Ganka asked if the group could circulate it around their colleagues to generate interest in participating in the research of the programme.	**All PAMS members**	Ganka to update at meeting.
9.7	Alasdair to circulate the migration report around the group when it is more advanced.	**Alasdair Anthony**	See agenda item
9.11	Kirsty suggested that GROS could combine forces with Marina Curran and Sara Grainger, who will also be making visits to stakeholders. Kirsty said she could get together with Marina to discuss a pilot road show.	**Kirsty MacLachlan**	A visit to Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and East Renfrewshire was organised. Update at meeting.
10.5	Jenny asked whether it would be possible to get 24 hours notice of when the Government Statement would be published and Peter agreed this would be possible. Jenny also mentioned that LAs wanted output at output area level rather than just datazone level and enquired about when decisions on disclosure control would be made. Peter answered that data would be made available at output area level and said that decisions on disclosure control should be made over the next 6-9 months. LAs will be kept informed.	**Peter Scrimgeour**	Government Statement published. Updates on output and disclosure control will be provided at the next meeting. **Completed**

| 10.8 | Jenny mentioned that discussions at their morning meeting had suggested that Royal Mail had been removing certain buildings such as second homes from the Postcode Address File (PAF) and vacant homes that hadn't received mail for a certain length of time. Peter agreed that this would have to be looked into as the PAF will be the starting point for the address list although will be supplemented by the Corporate Address Gazetteer (CAG). | **Peter Scrimgeour** | The GROS Geography team have supplied the following update. *Royal Mail admitted a mistake had been made and that a number of addresses had been removed from PAF in error. What happened was that a local RM Delivery Office had dealt with holiday lets incorrectly, passing these through to the Address Management Unit as deletions. Royal Mail confirmed that the problem was isolated to the North of Scotland and are reinstating all addresses that had been incorrectly removed. Royal Mail have also asked all Delivery Offices nationally to confirm that they have not made any incorrect deletions to PAF, and have said that in future a sample check of all addresses flagged for deletion from PAF will be subject to internal spot checks by the Address Management Unit to provide additional assurance on the accuracy and compliance with the removal policy.* **Completed** |