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1. The draft Census (Scotland) Order 2010, which detailed the questions for the 2011 Census, was re-laid (with agreed question changes) before the Scottish Parliament on 14 April and was approved. It was then successfully presented to the plenary session of the Scottish Parliament on 28 April and was again approved. Next step is for the Privy Council to bring it into force on 11 May, following which we can lay the draft Census (Scotland) Regulations (describing the plans for enumeration) before the Scottish Parliament by 21 May.
2. As indicated in the last 2011 Census progress report, the formal on-line consultation on the plans for 2011 Census Outputs is currently underway on the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) website and will conclude on 14 May. In tandem with the web based consultation exercise, the 2011 Census Outputs Branch are running a series of Road Shows throughout Scotland with various presentations covering the following topics:
 - 2011 Census: introduction and overview.
 - Presentation of the 11 consultation points.
 - Online Dissemination of the 2011 Census results.
 - Next Steps.
3. GROS will use the results of this consultation phase to help shape how 2011 Census Outputs will be developed and delivered to users. Our aim is to keep users informed and engaged throughout the project.
4. The Scottish Census Steering Committee¹ met on 13 April 2010. Matters for discussion included progress on the 2011 Census Order; enumeration of Communal Establishments; community engagement; demonstration of 2011 Census advertising options.
5. Our work to award contracts to support the 2011 Census continues:
 - Procurement of the 22 Field Offices is progressing well.
 - As a result of GROS decision to procure their own Statistical Software for the 2011 Census Outputs, procurement has now commenced with contract award expected by November.
 - The postal services contract for 2011 was signed with Royal Mail on 1 April 2010.

¹ Representatives from groups that reflect different parts of Scottish society have been invited to provide the Registrar General, Duncan Macniven, with advice on how to develop plans for Scotland's 2011 Census. Further information is available on [the GROS website](#).

- The contract to supply mobile telecommunications for our field staff and managers will be awarded shortly.

6. Main contractor update:

- a)** We have just completed a key service specification phase, crucial to the Development and Testing phases of the 2011 Census print, internet and paper data capture services. We now enter a long phase of development and rigorous testing in advance of these services going live for 2011.
 - b)** Now that the census questions have parliamentary approval, we can provide final artwork to allow the print presses to start rolling from June.
 - c)** We are working on the content for the Internet Public Assistance (IPA) site, which will provide a key interface with the public on what the census is about and how to complete your questionnaire. This service will go live on 2 August.
- 7.** As part of an ongoing programme to provide assurance that the plans, governance and financial management for the 2011 Census are appropriate, an internal Audit has taken place which produced a very positive report. A further Gateway Review is planned for October.
 - 8.** The development of the new Field Services System (an in-house GROS solution) is progressing well. The first working application for the recruitment of Census Regional Managers (CRM) was successfully launched on the GROS website on 29 April. Interviews will take place in June with successful candidates being appointed on 2 August. We will also recruit and appoint some 175 District Managers in October, 525 Team Leaders in January and 6,000 enumerators in March.
 - 9.** One of the first jobs for our CRMs will be to meet their local authority Census Liaison Officer (CLO) to discuss how they can work together to achieve a successful census in that area. That will include developing a local profile so that we can target additional effort and assistance to those who may need help to complete the questionnaire.

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