POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

Household Estimates and Projections:

1. This is a brief note to update PAMS members.

2. The next meeting of the **Household Analyses Review Group** will be on 17 April 2003. The main items on the agenda will be:-

- Summary of responses to the consultation with non-LA users of HH estimates and projections; and the implications of this and earlier consultations for the outputs required.
- Development of household **estimates** methodologies at national, local authority and neighbourhood levels to – possibly - incorporate housing stock estimates/ council tax billing data/ and population estimates.
- Key elements of a specification of a review of household projections methodologies for Scotland; ands an outline timetable.
- The need for interim projections of headship rates using 1991 and 2001 Census data, and resource implications.

3. I envisage that we may have a follow-up meeting in mid-late June to agree the final specification and timetabling of work on developing the household projections methodology; in the short and longer term.

4. Last week the Parliament approved the Order under the Local Government Finance Act permitting councils to supply **non-personal data which they hold in order to administer the Council Tax**. Following discussion with IRRV, we are taking forward the practical issues of developing councils' blling systems to provide the data through a joint working group with councils' IT suppliers, council representatives and the SE council tax policy team. It is likely that we will arrange to get unit post-code level counts of empty and occupied dwellings as at September each year consistent with the annual – local authority level - council tax base return supplied to SE by councils as part of the local government finance distribution system.

5. Table 1 shows how, for each council the total number of occupied dwellings in September 2001 council tax base eturns compared with the number of households recorded in the Census. It is notable that for most councils, the council tax base return overstates the number of households by 1% or so. This is likely to relate to the speed with which the council tax base weeds out empty properties.

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Census 2001: Occupied dwellings

	Census (1)	Council tax: Occupied dwellings Sep-00	Sep-01	Ctax as % of Census Sep-00	Sep-01
SCOTLAND	**2,192,246**	**2,202,523**	**2,216,798**	**100.5**	**101.1**
Aberdeen City	97,013	99,348	99,726	102.4	102.8
Aberdeenshire	90,736	90,637	91,506	99.9	100.8
Angus	46,945	47,291	47,500	100.7	101.2
Argyll & Bute	38,969	38,618	38,601	99.1	99.1
Clackmannanshire	20,558	20,424	20,581	99.3	100.1
Dumfries & Galloway	63,807	63,711	63,854	99.8	100.1
Dundee City	66,908	66,002	66,109	98.6	98.8
East Ayrshire	50,346	51,178	51,546	101.7	102.4
East Dunbartonshire	42,206	42,401	42,500	100.5	100.7
East Lothian	38,157	38,166	38,492	100.0	100.9
East Renfrewshire	34,950	35,091	35,403	100.4	101.3
Edinburgh, City of	204,683	206,039	207,998	100.7	101.6
Eilean Siar	11,275	11,537	11,597	102.3	102.9
Falkirk	62,598	62,429	63,100	99.7	100.8
Fife	150,274	149,408	150,694	99.4	100.3
Glasgow City	271,596	275,668	276,024	101.5	101.6
Highland	89,533	89,894	90,667	100.4	101.3
Inverclyde	36,691	36,738	37,093	100.1	101.1
Midlothian	32,922	32,620	32,798	99.1	99.6
Moray	35,803	36,247	36,494	101.2	101.9
North Ayrshire	58,726	59,286	59,647	101.0	101.6
North Lanarkshire	132,619	132,326	133,779	99.8	100.9
Orkney Islands	8,342	8,366	8,383	100.3	100.5
Perth & Kinross	58,323	58,160	58,448	99.7	100.2
Renfrewshire	75,355	76,645	76,337	101.7	101.3
Scottish Borders	47,371	47,642	47,877	100.6	101.1
Shetland Islands	9,111	9,033	9,120	99.1	100.1
South Ayrshire	48,748	49,075	49,305	100.7	101.1
South Lanarkshire	126,496	127,781	128,839	101.0	101.9
Stirling	35,508	34,717	35,155	97.8	99.0
West Dunbartonshire	40,781	41,830	42,255	102.6	103.6
West Lothian	64,896	64,215	65,370	99.0	100.7