

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

2001 Census: Progress and plans

Action for committee

1. *The Committee is asked to note progress and plans and comment as appropriate.*

Progress

2. *Since the last meeting of the committee, the following progress has been made:*
 - a. The occasional paper on travel to work/study was published on 27th September 2006. It contains a wide variety of analyses, mainly at local authority level but also at urban/rural area level. There is also a section which looks at commuters into Scotland's four largest cities. The report can be accessed at <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/occpapers/scotlands-census-2001-statistics-on-travel-to-work-or-study/index.html>.
 - b. Two further Census occasional papers were placed on the Web in October 2006, covering Underenumeration (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/occpapers/modelling-census-under-enumeration/index.html>) and Household Change (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/occpapers/household-change-scotland-in-a-european-setting/index.html>).
 - c. By the time of the meeting on 27th November, tables for the 2005 Scottish Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies (excluding the migration and travel tables) should have been put onto the SCROL website, replacing the tables for the previous (1996) constituency areas. The migration and travel tables will be added at a later date.
 - d. The 1991 origin-destination tables for the current council areas have been completed for both "Special Migration Statistics" and "Special Workplace Statistics". These tables, which show flows between Scottish council areas and flows into Scottish council areas from elsewhere in Great Britain and from outside Great Britain, were e-mailed to PAMS members in May and July. The tables are also in the process of being placed on the GROS website.
 - e. Statistics Customer Services continue to receive requests for commissioned output. In the four month period to the end of September, just over 400 requests for information were received, half of which were Census related. The work is almost complete on updating the list on the GROS website of tables produced– it is expected that an updated version will appear on the website in the near future.

Plans

3. *GROS plan the following:*

- a. To publish further analyses from the 2001 Census. Work is progressing on an occasional paper on migrating moving groups, which it is hoped to publish in early 2007.
- b. Work is being progressed which will result in the ethnicity and religion tables (which are currently restricted) at all geographies and the migration and travel tables at Westminster Parliamentary Constituency level going onto the SCROL website.
- c. Work is likely to begin in the new year on creating tables for the new ward areas. These tables will initially be placed on the GROS website, starting with the Key Statistics tables.
- d. The issue of providing access to the Controlled Access Microdata (“unsafe”) SARs in Scotland is being taken forward by ONS. The latest situation is that ONS have received funding from the Economic Social and Research Council which implicitly allows ONS to expand access to other Government departments. As a result, a pilot scheme will be launched at four sites across the UK, including the Scottish Executive in Glasgow. It is likely that this arrangement will be set up late in the current financial year.
- e. A further report on Census quality, describing the One Number Census process, will be made available on the GROS website in due course.
- f. Work is progressing on the review of both the SCROL and the GROS Websites. A new statistics page and new topic homepages are planned for the GROS website in the near future.
- g. To continue to provide tables commissioned by users.