

Scotland's Census 2011

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- Questionnaire Finalisation & the Legislative Process
- Census Population Definitions and Output Bases
- Census Outputs

2009 Rehearsal Evaluation

- Questions – new and ‘old’
- Data capture
- Print
- Census Quality Survey
- Feedback
- Internet Data Capture

Cognitive Testing

- Language
- Long-term health conditions
- National identity
- Whole of questionnaire

Legislative Process

- Census Order laid before Scottish Parliament end Nov 2009
- Census Regulations laid late Feb 2010

Census Population Definitions

- Now finalised for Scotland
- Who is counted?....
- Enumeration base = ‘usual residents’ + ‘visitors’
- ‘Usual resident of the UK’ – 6 months or more

Census Population Definitions cont..

- Where people are counted....
- Changes for 2011
- People who work away from home, including members of the Armed Forces
- People who are temporarily outwith the UK

People who work away from home

- In line with rest of UK
- No second residence question
- Challenge! – but second residence question not solution in itself
- Work with ONS colleagues to develop methodology

People temporarily outwith the UK

- In line with the rest of the UK
- UN definition of ‘usual residence’ based on 12 months

Census Output Bases

- Base for 2011 will move to a definitive 12 months
- 2001 – no adjustment made to enumeration base (self-assessed)
- Better for MYEs

Census Output Bases cont.

- Need to adjust from 6 month enumeration base to 12 month for outputs
- But no ‘intention to stay’ question
- Challenge!.....

Census Output Bases cont.

- Modelling to identify people here for between 6 to 12 months
- Develop with ONS:
- Rehearsal data, other Census variables, IPS data.....

Census Outputs

- Formal consultation on outputs end 2009
- Focussing on:
- Detail of proposed standard tables
- Delivery formats
- Related issues

Census Outputs cont.

- Other work..
- Tabulation & dissemination software
- UK-wide comparable outputs
- Giving users as much flexibility as possible
- PAMS working group - geographies

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