

# ***UPDATE ON OUTPUT PROPOSALS***

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“the effort and cost of taking a Census is only worthwhile when results meet needs and are delivered effectively”

“emphasis will be put on responsiveness to users”

“a policy of innovation will continue throughout the cycle of the Census”

# *Topics to be covered*

- Standard Area Statistics - consultation documentation
- Discussion paper - main points
- Origin-destination statistics
- Geography and products
- Metadata
- Update on other products
- Timetable
- Next phases of consultation

# ***Product Proposals - Overview***

The starting points - Census Legislation  
(section 4.2 of the Census Act 1920)

Two types of output

- reports (to Parliament(s))
  - funded by taxpayer
- “statistical abstracts”
  - commissioned and funded by users

# ***Product Proposals - Overview***

The starting points (1999)

Output strategy reflecting user needs.

Key elements (1):

- concurrent release of results for whole country
- pre-planned, standard output to convey full range of Census results
- cost-effective services for customised output
- comprehensive information (metadata) service

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Output strategy.....continued

Key elements (2):

- output geography developed for statistical purposes
- products rationalised, tested and accepted in advance of final production runs
- improved access through use of current technology
- implemented on a UK basis, whilst devolving the Census function

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Three innovations - being implemented

## **(1) Concurrent output**

- the one number census process will be completed simultaneously for all areas
- main results for all areas in concurrent tranch(es)
- detailed results in electronic form
- much richer, more valuable output
  - + comparability indicators included
  - + out-migrants, workplace populations added

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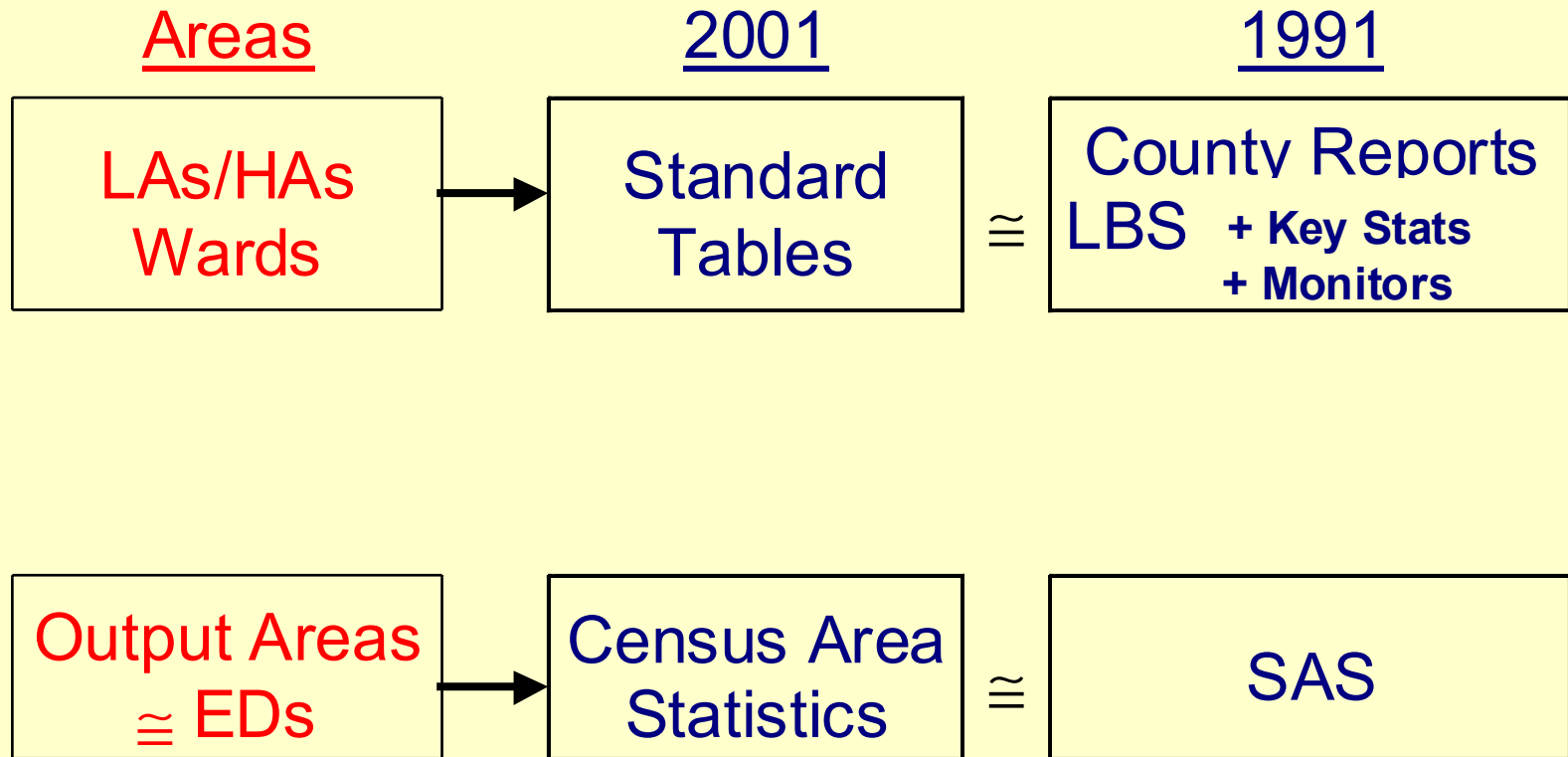
## **(2) Reports with electronic supplements**

- succinct printed parts = 1991 Key Statistics
- detailed tables included on CD-ROM/Internet
- software for viewing, manipulating, and extracting included
- geographical base and graphics included

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## (3) Cost-effective services for customised output

- fast tabulation systems
- meta-data and specification process in electronic form
- speedy, 'on-line' options for supply
- production from database modified to minimise risk of disclosure



But “Breaking the ‘81/’91 mould”