

**NOTE FOR OUTPUTS WORKING GROUP 05/03/04
2001 Census Debrief and 2011 Census**

Introduction

This paper seeks to provide a framework for user views that may help ONS in planning for the 2011 Census at this early stage. It also provides an opportunity for debriefing users on 2001 Outputs.

We accept that work on 2011 Outputs has started before 2001 Outputs are fully delivered. We would like to identify the most significant messages that users want to give us now, in order that these views can be fed into planning for 2011, whilst also embracing valid comments that users have to make on 2001.

2001 Outputs

We seek users' views on the following:

1. Innovations in 2001: how successful were they?
 - Terms and conditions/Census Access
 - New media (CDs, DVDs, web, Neighbourhood Statistics)
 - Output geography
 - Disclosure control
 - Concurrent release/One Number Census
 - "100%" coding and imputation
2. Support information provided (metadata)
3. Form of output, ie conventional tabulations.

2011 Priorities

Key aims for 2011 are:

- A common UK approach which reflects needs of devolved administrations
- User friendly outputs
- Standard outputs freely available to all
- Flexible outputs on demand
- Minimise risk of disclosing information about identifiable individuals
- Encourage informed use of census results
- Timeliness and trade-offs

What are our priorities for planning for 2011 at this early stage?

- Delivery and form of outputs (internet, flexible output on demand)
- Disclosure control
- How do we allow users to make the most of the data available (eg understanding quality measures, limitations of data)?
- Maintenance and updating of output geography

Key areas that we will be involved with over the coming years include:

- Working with others (eg Methodology Group) to help increase flexibility of outputs without revealing disclosive information.
- Greater harmonisation within ONS (this will have an effect on what outputs the 2011 Census will produce).
- Close links with Data Needs. The work on 2011 outputs will be conducted in parallel with the Data Needs project to ensure that we are producing outputs that are relevant to the needs of users.

Means of engagement

We would like advice on the best way of engaging users in the future. Options are:

Conventional roadshows

- Questionnaires
- Advisory groups
- Expert gatherings/sub groups
- Direct individual contributions (correspondence) possibly with updated electronic interaction.

ACTIONS:

OWG users are asked to:

- Comment on 2001 Outputs based on the framework detailed above.
- Give their views on what they would like to see for future output.

Provide advice on the most suitable means of engagement for future consultation.