



ONS(ONC(SG))97/06

ONE NUMBER CENSUS (ONC) RESEARCH TIMETABLE

1. The ONC research programme timetable is attached. The key dates and deliverables are identified in CAPITALS. The timetable is focussed towards producing a methodological proposal by the end of 1997. This proposal will identify:
 - any further research that needs to be carried out in 1998 before a final decision is taken at the end of 1998, and;
 - provide some initial estimates of the likely time and resources required to carry out the necessary analyses after the 2001 Census.

The methodology will be dress-rehearsed using data from the 1999 Census Dress-Rehearsal.

2. Consultation will play a key part in the acceptance of the methodology. There are three main phases to this - in the Autumn of 1997, in Summer/Autumn 1998 (the key phase), and a final pre-2001 phase in 2000.
3. **The Steering Committee are asked to note**
 - a) **the timetable and the key deliverables; and,**
 - b) **that the timetable will need to be updated to reflect additional research to be identified later this year.**

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One Number Census Timetable and Key Deliverables

Key deliverables are in CAPITALS.

1997

By end February	First Advisory Group (for information) CCS Strategy Paper (preliminary) Previous use of demographic analyses by ONS (mainly 1991) Progress Report on use of admin. records Review US experience (draft paper)
7 March	First Project Steering Committee
24 March	LARIA Conference
20-25 March	Trip to US Census Bureau
March/April	First consultation via Advisory Groups
By end April	Experience in US and other countries National level strategy using demographic analyses and admin. records (including sources of errors in demo. analyses and possible use of cohort analyses) CCS Design Identification of which admin records might be used and evaluation criteria for their use Review of possible approaches to small area estimation
June	Second Project Steering Committee Preliminary Risk Register
15 June	1997 Census Test
July	Census Coverage Survey trial linked to 1997 Census Test
By end July	RECOMMENDATION ON PURPOSE/SIZE/OBJECTIVES AND DESIGN OF CCS

1997 (cont'd)

By end August	Recommended methodological approach to estimation at the national level Recommended approach to estimation at the sub-national level Recommendation on which admin. records to use, at what level and legal aspects surrounding their use Consultation plan Tendering Strategy for CCS in 1999/2001
September	Recommendation on micro-level imputation
End Sept	METHODOLOGICAL PROPOSAL AND TESTING PLAN (FOR ADVISORY GROUP, BSPS, STATS CANADA AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS)
Autumn	Second round of Advisory Groups BSPS
November	Stats Canada symposium Third Steering Committee meeting
By end November	ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSAL AND AGREEMENT OF RESEARCH PROGRAMME FOR 1998 (Steering Committee and Tim Holt) Evaluate 1997 Census Test CCS trial Start assessment of impact of ONC on main Census operations and legal aspects
By end year	Outline requirement for a CCS following 1999 Dress Rehearsal Report on consultations with customers Start discussions with GRO(S) and NISRA
 <u>1998</u>	
January	Begin tendering process for 1999 CCS
By end March	Evaluation of 1997 Test assess impact on ONC

1998 (cont'd)

By end April	Conclude assessment of impact on main Census operations and discussions with other UK Census Offices
Spring	RSS Meeting?
May	DRAFT FINAL RECOMMENDATION (INCLUDES IMPACT ON OUTPUT TIMETABLE, RISKS, CONTINGENCIES AND SCOPE)
June	Fourth Steering Committee meeting
July	AWARD CONTRACT FOR 1999 CCS ISSUE MAIN ONC CONSULTATION PAPER THROUGH ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS
Sept/Oct	Census Advisory Group meetings
End October	Report on second major consultations
November	Fifth Steering Committee meeting
December	DECISION ON EXTENT (and PRECISE METHODOLOGY) OF ONC - UNITED KINGDOM CENSUS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO DIRECTOR, ONS

1999

January	Start implementation planning
April	Dress Rehearsal (Field)
May/June	Coverage Survey
Summer	Begin tendering process for 2001 Coverage Survey

2000

January	Award contract for 2001 Coverage Survey
By mid year	Report on trial of methodology
Early Autumn	Final consultation via Census Advisory Groups
Autumn	FINAL METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH FOR 2001