

ONE NUMBER CENSUS CONTINGENCY FOR IMPLAUSIBLE RESULTS

1. It has been recognised for some time that a contingency plan of action needs to be drawn up in case the results of the ONC process (through matching the Census and the Census Coverage Survey (CCS)) are considered implausible. This has been the subject of discussion within the ONC project but because resources have been prioritised towards developing the ONC methodology itself, it has not yet been possible to consider all the options and issues.
2. The main approach to be used in the Quality Assurance process will be to use the demographic estimates and administrative records (at an aggregate level) and demographic analysis techniques to highlight where the results of the ONC might be suspect. It should be possible to set out an approach for the most likely scenarios although, of course, planning for every eventuality is impossible.
3. The basic strategy is set out in Section 5 of ONS(ONC)(SC)99/09 but the ONC project team are due to discuss this more fully in the next few months. It is proposed to produce a paper for the next ONC Steering Committee.
4. **The Steering Committee are asked to note the work planned.**

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