

## Statistics Authority Assessment of the 2011 Censuses - Phase 2

### NISRA Response

Number	UKSA Requirement	NISRA response	Action to be taken	Progress against action
1	Publish information about the outcomes from user consultations in a timely manner and explain clearly their decisions based on these consultations (para 3.3).	<p>NISRA accepts this requirement. This will be done through the NISRA website.</p> <p>NISRA will apply this retrospectively to its most recent consultation, and all future consultations.</p>	<p>Update the web content for the most recent consultation with a greater focus on decisions.</p> <p>By the end of September 2011</p>	Completed - user consultation reports now on NISRA website.
2	Inform users about any changes to plans for publishing the outputs prospectus and timetable, and explain clearly the reasons for any changes (para 3.5).	NISRA accepts this requirement.	No retrospective action is required.	Information days arranged for Jan / Feb 12 where users will be informed of output schedules. Output schedules will be placed on the NISRA website post Information days.
3	Publish more information about Census Advisory Groups and about the UK Census Outputs Working Group (para 3.8).	<p>NISRA accepts this requirement.</p> <p>A section will be created on the NISRA website to provide information on the NI Census Advisory Group (CAG).</p>	Create a section on the NISRA website for the NI CAG - by end of Sept 2011.	Completed - CAG information on the NISRA website.

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		NISRA will work with ONS and NRS to disseminate information about the UKCOWG. This will probably be done through the ONS website.	Put a link on the NISRA website to information about the UKCOWG - when available.	NISRA continuing to work with ONS and NRS.
4	Adopt clear pricing policies for any supplementary statistical services related to Census outputs (para 3.11).	NISRA accepts this requirement. NISRA will work with ONS and NRS.	No retrospective action is required.	NISRA preparing pricing policy position paper.
5	GROS and NISRA should improve the signposting to relevant methodology papers on ONS's website (para 3.20).	<p>NISRA accepts this requirement.</p> <p>As part of a general review of the NISRA Census website, links will be provided to the relevant parts of the ONS website.</p>	The NISRA Census website will be reviewed, and updated by end of September 2011.	Ongoing - NISRA continuing to work with ONS.
6	GROS and NISRA should publish details of quality assurance advisory groups and accessible information about plans for quality assuring Census data (para 3.31).	<p>NISRA accepts this requirement.</p> <p>The material will be disseminated through the NISRA Census website.</p>	No retrospective action is required.	QA strategy document, which will meet the requirements of this recommendation, currently being prepared.

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7	Publish accessible information about Census output geography to help users understand the policies and why key decisions were made (para 3.44).	<p>NISRA accepts this requirement.</p> <p>A consultation paper on output geography for the 2011 Census will be published in autumn 2011.</p>	A consultation paper will published by end of autumn 2011.	Ongoing - to be placed on NISRA website w/c 5 Dec 11.
8	Publish information about statistical disclosure control methodology to help non-expert users understand the methods and why they were chosen (para 3.52).	<p>NISRA accepts this requirement.</p> <p>NISRA will continue to work with ONS and NRS colleagues on a common approach to SDC. It is anticipated that a single paper, applicable throughout the UK, will be published.</p>	A 'user-guide' paper on SDC will be published when agreed by the Census Offices.	NISRA continuing to work with ONS / NRS. SDC approach paper to be available 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 12.
9	Publish plans to develop commentary and analysis that aid interpretation of the Census results (para 3.68).	<p>NISRA accepts the requirement.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a single paper, applicable throughout the UK, will be published.</p>	A paper will be published when agreed by the Census Offices.	NISRA will work with ONS and will participate in ONS' plans to publish, by Mar 12, a commentary and analysis of the 2011 Census.

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10	Publish a list of administrative sources which will be used to quality assure the Census results, and information about the quality of these sources (para 3.80).	<p>NISRA accepts this requirement.</p> <p>The 2011 Census Quality Strategy which will be published on the NISRA Census website will cover this requirement.</p>	The 2011 Census Quality Strategy will be published by the end of September 2011.	Ongoing. (See number 6)

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