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Preliminary information

Q1. In which state or territory are you/your organisation based?

- ACT
- NSW
- Victoria
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia
- Tasmania
- Northern Australia
- Overseas (Please Specify:)

Note: For organisations with offices at more than one location please tick the state or territory where your head office is located.

Q2. Are you completing this questionnaire as a private individual or as a representative of an organisation?

- Private individual – not representing any organisation
- Representative of an organisation

Q3. Which sector best describes your organisation?

- Government Sector – Federal
- Government Sector – State
- Government Sector – Local
- Private sector (fewer than 20 employees)
- Private sector (20 or more employees)
- Other (please specify):

Views on the proposal to enhance the 2006 Population Census dataset

Proposal 1

The ABS is proposing to create the Statistical Longitudinal Census Dataset (SLCD) by:

- combining data from the 2006 Census with data from future censuses; and
- combining data from the 2001 Census with data from the 2006 Census.

Data would be brought together without using name and address, using statistical techniques. Name and address would be destroyed after census processing. The SLCD would be for statistical use only and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 2.

Q4. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 1 if 2006 Census data are combined with data from future censuses?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q5. What are your reasons?

maybe i can not see how 2001 data can now be meaningfully combined if names/address information has been taken out.

Q6. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 1 if 2001 Census data are combined with data from the 2006 Census?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q7. What are your reasons?

obviously the ability to successfully (confidently) combine data across census relies on statistical algorithms to overcome the removal of name/address information. i can't see how statistical techniques can be readily applied to small areas such as LGAs

Proposal 2

The ABS is proposing to make the SLCD available for use in conjunction with other ABS statistical collections, such as ABS household surveys, using statistical techniques. Use would be for statistical purposes only, with no identifiable data released outside the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 3.

Q8. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 2?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q9. What are your reasons?

intergration of census + survey data at the personal level would help quality control- might help the ABS to understand after the curiosities that occur such as inconsistencies between census income/expenditure data and localised the expendidure results and to personal income statistics.

Proposal 3

The ABS is proposing to make the SLCD available for use, in conjunction with selected non-ABS datasets. These datasets are birth and death register data, long-term immigration data and national disease registers. This would involve using statistical techniques to bring the datasets together. Use would be for statistical purposes only, and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Chapter 4.

Q10. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 3?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q11. What are your reasons?

similar to Q9

Proposal 4

(a) The ABS is proposing to use name and address information, available at the time of census processing, to bring together the 2006 Population Census data with the ABS' 2006 Agricultural Census.

Name and address information used in combining the data would be destroyed on completion of census processing. The dataset would be used for statistical purposes only, and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 5.

Q12. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 4(a) if the ABS used 2006 Population Census data with 2006 Agricultural Census data?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q13. What are your reasons?

i can't see the point. Censuses are of enterprises, not individuals of family household groups

(b) For quality studies and other particular statistical studies, the ABS proposes to consider the use of name and address information available at the time of census processing to bring together 2006 Population Census data with other selected datasets, namely ABS household surveys, birth and death register data, long-term immigration data and national disease register data.

Any datasets created for these statistical studies would be kept for a limited time and destroyed after completion of each project. Census name and address information would be destroyed on completion of census processing. No identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 5.

Q14. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 4(b) if the ABS used 2006 Population Census data with these additional datasets?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q15. What are your reasons?

name and address data is essential for longitudinal studies, especially ones supporting to study individuals as they move through time and from place to place.

Privacy and Confidentiality

The ABS abides by a range of privacy and confidentiality provisions. These are discussed in Section 6 of the Discussion Paper.

Q16. Are there any additional procedures or protocols you would like the ABS to consider?

Statistical user requirements

Q17. If the ABS adopted any of these proposals, would you, or your organisation, be likely to apply to use the SLCD, either in its own right or in conjunction with one of the other datasets specified in the Discussion Paper?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q18. If yes, what types of projects would you use the datasets for, why would you need the SLCD (or a combination of the SLCD and other datasets) and if known, which data items would you need?

the proposals make no mention of what areas the SLCD would be available for. I can not see the SLCD being useful of possible at the LGA level. If that is the case i can not see much point in the proposal other than 2 3 4. it would no doubt be of great value to have longitudinal data on

individuals and to combine data sets for these purposes. As I understand it won't be possible because name/address data will be removed. That means that the SLCD will be little different to a series of comparable surveys. As that kind of data will be available from published census results, at least (presumably at state territory level) now and in the future/ I wonder whether the effort would be worth the money. If the ABS has money to burn perhaps it could publish some of the data we have been used to having freely for LGAs in the past. Perhaps it could also carry out economic censuses (including agricultural) which have some relevance to LGAs

General comments

Q19. Do you have any other comments on the proposal to enhance the census dataset?

1. Tidying up the ancestry question so that it no longer captures mismatch of ethnicity, race, nationality etc. what do you make of an answer that states (accurately) 'Pakeha'. How is this answer compared with other answers from kiwis.

2. refining census geograph so that physically (refer to hard copy missing word can't read it) LGA's can be reported in several SLA's where there are several eg employment zones.

i guess that my summary reaction is that if the ABS is getting into controlling studies it will need to review the current privacy barriers. individuals not populations are the only meaningful way in which data of kind on pg 4 5 of the paper can be studied.

3. more published data on sla residential populations