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Census Topic Consultation

In May 2005, the ONS published a consultation document 'The 2011 Census: Initial view on content for England and Wales'. This formed part of a programme of consultation regarding prospective topics for the 2011 Census in England and Wales. The aim of the consultation was to obtain feedback from interested parties on the ONS's initial position on Census topic content and to identify any additional topics requested for inclusion.

The number of responses was significantly higher than expected with around 2,000 topic responses from nearly 500 users in England and Wales. Amongst the respondents were central government departments, local and regional government, academia, businesses, faith groups, charities and the general public. The ONS response document was published in March 2006 and the Welsh Assembly Government's Statistical Directorate simultaneously published a summary of the 330 topic responses received from Welsh organisations or regarding Welsh issues. This summary is available at:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/pop-006/hdw200603081/?lang=en>

Most Welsh media coverage focused on the likely inclusion of a Welsh tick box in 2011, with some coverage of a potential additional Welsh language question on frequency of use.