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Via Email

**Office for National Statistics briefing on the future of population and migration statistics in England and Wales**

Thank you for appearing at the Committee's meeting on Thursday, 21 September 2023 to provide a briefing on the future of population and migration statistics in England and Wales. During the meeting, you offered to report back to the Committee with the following information after attending the International Census Forum in October 2023:

- Information about how other countries collect data on languages in bilingual countries, such as how they collect data on the French language in Canada;
- Any other information that may fall under the Committee's remit from the Forum.

The Committee would also be interested to know more about the ONS joint work plan with the Welsh Government on reliable data collection relating to the Welsh language. This would include information on how robust data about the Welsh language might be collected in the future using administrative data sampling rather than large scale surveys.

We look forward to your response in due course and would be happy to receive any additional information of relevance you may wish to share.

Yours sincerely,



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**Committee Chair**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.