

BUSINESS REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (BRIA)
ASSESSMENT NOT REQUIRED DECLARATION

Policy title	Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
Directorate: Division: team	National Records of Scotland: Statistical and Registration Services: Scotland's Census 2021 programme
Policy lead responsible for taking the decision	Amy Wilson, Director of NRS Statistical and Registration Services

Rationale for decision
<p>The principal purpose of the Bill is to make answering census questions about prescribed aspects of gender identity, and about sexual orientation, voluntary. The Bill will allow these questions to be placed on a voluntary basis by amending the penalty provisions of the Census Act 1920.</p> <p>There are no business regulatory impacts anticipated as a result of the Bill provisions.</p> <p>Whilst the scope of the Bill provisions is restricted to making specific question topics voluntary for inclusion in the 2021 Census, a Partial Business Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) process covering the full scope of the programme is underway.</p> <p>We consider that the relevant impacts of the programme lie in the enumeration of communal establishments (e.g. care homes, prisons, hospitals, university accommodation), and the legal requirement for managers of those establishments to fulfil a range of duties which support the enumeration process. We will explore the relevant impacts in more detail through the Partial BRIA.</p>

I confirm that the decision to not carry out a Business Regulatory Impact Assessment has been authorised by:

Name and job title of Deputy Director (or equivalent)	Date authorisation given
Amy Wilson, Director of NRS Statistical and Registration Services	2 nd October 2018