

Scottish Census Steering Committee

Background Information

Representatives from groups that reflect different parts of Scottish society have been invited to provide the Registrar General, Duncan Macniven, with advice on how to develop plans for Scotland's 2011 Census.

Mr Macniven, who is legally responsible for running the census, chairs the Census Steering Committee which will meet at key stages in the programme.

The committee's role is to advise Mr Macniven on:

- the needs of the Scottish public
- the requirements of users of census information and
- data security and confidentiality.

The committee will bring all these interests together in the one place to look at the census as a whole and act as a sounding board. Its work will support the extensive census consultation programme that General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) began in 2004.

The Census Steering Committee was first announced in December 2008 in [Scotland's Census 2011: A Government Statement point. 1.29](#)

Membership

Membership includes representatives of:

- people who have special difficulties filling in the questionnaire
- minority ethnic communities
- Gaelic speakers
- local authorities
- the health service
- industrial and commercial census data users
- academics.

Further information about the committee's membership is detailed in its charter statement.