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## Section 1.1: About you

Please provide your contact details.

Your name: Meagan Levin

Are you answering this questionnaire on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?

Organisation - please specify:

Organisation:

The Royal British Legion

Consent

Yes, I consent to my name being published with my response

## Section 1.2: Your usage of census data

### Usage of Census data

1 Have you or your organisation used data or analysis produced by NISRA from previous censuses?

No

- 2 Which topic areas would you access 2021 Census data or analysis products on?

UK Armed Forces veterans

- 3 Are there any specific topics, areas or population groups you need data for?

Yes, topics (e.g. ethnic group)

If you selected 'Yes', please list the topics, areas and/or population groups in priority order:

UK Armed Forces veterans; UK Armed Forces veterans dependents and household members

## Section 2.1: Methods of dissemination

### Two main methods of dissemination

- 4 Do you plan to access 2021 Census results via the 'ready-made' tables system and/or the 'build-your-own' tables system?

Ready-made tables

- 5 Does the plan to release the 2021 Census results via "flat files" of information meet your requirements?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

- 6 Into which analysis software do you plan to import 2021 Census results?

Excel

If you selected 'Other', please tell us which analysis software you plan to use:

N/A

## Section 2.2: Release schedule

### Pre-defined tables

- 7 Does the proposed list of ready-made tables for releases one, two and three meet your requirements?

No

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

UK Armed Forces veterans in second release and then a further release on dependents/household members of UK Armed Forces in the second or third release.

In order to provide support to the UK veteran population, the charitable and statutory sector require access to the data release on that topic as soon as it can be produced. The earlier release date would ensure that the data can be released in line with the UK veterans data captured via the ONS census in England and Wales, and allow for comparison to identify areas of disadvantage or need.

- 8 Does the proposal to publish all topics in the second and third releases simultaneously meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

- 9 Does the list of topics that will be included in the second and third releases meet your data user needs?

No

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

We would like to see UK Armed Forces veterans incorporated into the second release, then data matching on the families of UK Armed Forces veterans included in the third.

- 10 Do the proposed release dates for releases one, two and three meet your requirements?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please explain why and provide your requirements:

N/A

### Flexible table builder

11 Do the proposals for the release of data in the flexible table builder meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please explain why and provide your requirements:

N/A

### Final staged releases

12 Does the proposed list of multivariate, ready-made tables meet your requirements?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

### Commissioned table service

13 Have you or your organisation used the commissioned table service from previous censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us what information you have previously requested via this service:

N/A

14 Do the proposals for the 2021 Census commissioned table service meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please explain why, and provide your requirements:

N/A

## Grid Square

15 Have you or your organisation used grid square statistics from previous censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which grid square products you have used previously:

N/A

16 Do the proposals for a 2021 Grid Square product meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information. Please also include any extra variables you require in addition to those available in 2011:

Whilst we understand that UK Armed Forces veterans is a new topic, and therefore it is impossible to provide historical comparisons within a grid square, we hope that the data output on veterans is maintained into future NISRA outputs and therefore we would like it to be included as a base dataset for future comparison.

## Workplace/Place of Study

17 Have you or your organisation used any of the microdata products from previous censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which microdata products you have used previously:

N/A

18 Do the proposals for 2021 Census microdata products meet your data user needs?

N/A - no user need for microdata

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

### Ireland and Northern Ireland microdata product

19 If available, would you use an Ireland and Northern Ireland microdata product?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do, and the value of undertaking this research. Please also indicate the sample size and which variable(s) you would like in this dataset:

N/A

### Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study incorporation of Census 2021

20 Have you or your organisation used NILS data in the past?

No

21 Do the proposals for the NILS incorporation of Census 2021 data meet your needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

Yes, so long as UK Armed Force veteran data is included.

### Administrative Data Research Northern Ireland (ADR NI) - availability of 2021 data

22 Have you or your organisation used any ADR NI data in the past?

No

23 Do the proposals for the availability of 2021 data within ADR NI meet your data user needs?

N/A - no user need for ADR NI data

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

### Ireland and Northern Ireland census report

24 Have you or your organisation used data or analysis from the Census 2011 Ireland and Northern Ireland report?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which data from the Ireland and Northern Ireland report you have used previously:

N/A

25 Do you or your organisation have any needs for Ireland and Northern Ireland data for the 2021 and 2022 Censuses?

Yes

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us what information or key statistics you require and explain why you need this:

Not Answered

## Section 2.3: Standard Variables

### New variables in 2021

26 Do you require any additional output categories in the renewable energy systems classification?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

### Analysis of renewable energy systems

27 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for renewable energy systems?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

### Sexual orientation

28 Do you require any additional output categories in the sexual orientation classification?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

### Collapsed output classification

29 Does the collapsed output classification for more detailed cross-tabulations on sexual orientation meet your needs?

Not Answered

If you selected 'No', please tell us why the collapsed output classification does not meet your needs:

N/A



## Analysis of Sexual Orientation

30 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for sexual orientation?

Yes

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

Sexual Orientation cross tabulated with UK Armed Forces veteran status, as included under the UK veterans section below. Until 2000, members of the Armed Forces with LGBTQ status could be dismissed from the Armed Forces as a result, leaving them with unique needs as a result, including ineligibility for some pension rights and the stripping of medals. In order to address this historic hurt, it would be beneficial to understand any indicators that may inform estimates of the potential scale of need within the UK veteran population.

## Frequency of speaking Irish and Ulster-Scots

31 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for Irish and Ulster-Scots?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

## UK Armed Forces veteran

32 Does the proposed output classification for UK Armed Forces veteran meet your needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please tell us why the output classification does not meet your needs:

N/A

## Analysis of UK Armed Forces veterans

33 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for UK Armed Forces veterans?

Yes

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

Not Answered

## Other standard variables in 2021

34 Aside from 'current religion' and 'religion/religion brought up in', do you have any additional needs for further religion outputs?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

## Full-detail tables

35 Do the proposals to produce full-detail tables in the same way as in 2011 meet your needs?

Not Answered

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

36 Do you have any data needs for a full-detail table on Sexual Orientation?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the analysis you would undertake and why the analysis is needed:

N/A

## Section 2.4: Proposals for new derived variables

### Education and employment

37 If available, which of the proposed new variables on education and employment would you have data needs for?

Skills mismatch,

Economic risk created by the coronavirus pandemic indicator

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the new variables, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

We would use the above selected factors if they were cross tabulated with the UK veterans data output. Whilst overall employment levels within the UK veteran population appear to mirror the general working age population, there is evidence to suggest that under-employment is a significant concern amongst the population, and that long term employment outcomes after leaving service are more variable. We would therefore welcome census data to provide more comprehensive statistics to provide a greater understanding of this within the veteran population in Northern Ireland

### Health and living arrangements

38 If available, which of the proposed new variables on health and living arrangements would you have data needs for?

Not Answered

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the new variables, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

N/A

### Accommodation type

39 If available, would you have any data needs for a "Care home resident" variable?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the analysis you would undertake and why the analysis is needed:

N/A

### Additional data needs

40 Are there any new derived variables you require that have not been discussed in this consultation?

Not Answered

Specifics on additional derived variables required:

N/A

## Section 2.5: Population base specifications

### Workplace population

41 Do the proposals for workplace population outputs meet your data user needs?

Not Answered

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

### Daytime population

42 Do the proposals for daytime population outputs meet your data user needs?

Not Answered

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

## Out-of-term population

43 Do the proposals for out-of-term population outputs meet your data user needs?

Not Answered

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

## Small populations

44 Do you have any requirement for census information for a small population group?

Not Answered

Specific requirements for census information for a small population group:

N/A

## Section 2.6: Taking a census during a period of change

### Place of residence

45 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on place of residence to supplement 2021 Census data?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

46 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for place of residence data, either separately or in combination?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes, fully' or 'Yes, partially', please list the data sources and describe how they could meet your needs:

N/A

47 Is there any new analysis of place of residence you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the planned analysis and how it would be used:

N/A

### Economic activity and employment

48 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on economic activity and employment to supplement 2021 Census data?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

49 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for economic activity and employment data, either separately or in combination?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes, fully' or 'Yes, partially', please list the data sources and describe how they could meet your needs:

N/A

50 Is there any new analysis of economic activity and employment you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the planned analysis and how it would be used:

N/A

### Travel to work/school

51 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on travel to work/school to supplement 2021 Census data?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

52 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for travel-to-work/school data, either separately or in combination?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes, fully' or 'Yes, partially', please list the data sources and describe how they could meet your needs:

N/A

53 Is there any new analysis of travel to work you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the planned analysis and how it would be used:

N/A

### Workplace zones

54 Do you require data published using the workplace zone geography?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

### Impacts on other outputs

55 Do you anticipate needing any additional data to supplement 2021 Census data?

Not Answered

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

### Section 2.7: Paradata

Paradata refer to information about how we collected the census.

56 If available, which of the proposed paradata for the 2021 Census would you use?

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the paradata, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

N/A

### Section 2.8: Statistical Output Geography

#### Revision of statistical output geography

57 Other than the current local government districts, do you have any requirements for census statistical outputs aligned with any other geographies?

Not Answered



If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which additional geographies you need census statistical outputs to align with. Please also explain why you need this, including the analysis that you plan to do and the value of undertaking this research:

N/A

### Section 3: Any other comments

58 Do you have any data or analysis needs related to any of the areas listed below that will not be met and you have not been able to note elsewhere in this consultation?

Not Answered

If you selected "Other", please provide more information about the topic area for which you have unmet data needs:

N/A

59 Describe your unmet data needs

Please provide your requirements and explain why you require this. For example, what policy or planning decisions would the results effect? Please make it clear what variables and geographies you would need in relation to each of your additional unmet needs:

Not Answered

60 If you have any further comments on the content of this consultation, please provide these below.

Further comments on the content of the consultation:

RBL is grateful for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. Identifying veterans through census data is something that we have long called for. We understand the difficulties within Northern Ireland of asking veterans to directly declare their veteran status due to perceived security concerns.

Therefore, whilst we regret the lack of a direct veterans question within the census itself, we are grateful to NISRA for using data from the MoD's records to provide much needed census-like data on this cohort. This data will go some way to enhancing out

understanding of UK Armed Forces veterans in Northern Ireland, however for the data to be most effective the following should be considered:

### Dependents and Families

Capturing the number of veterans in Northern Ireland should not be seen in isolation and through cross referencing with other household members an attempt should be made to capture partners and dependents. NISRA should explore how the wider Armed Forces community, as encompassed by the Covenant, can also be identified. This could include spouses, children, parents, or carers. Through cross referencing the following members of the Armed Forces community should be included within census outputs:

- Spouse or Partner of former members of HM Armed Forces
- Widow(er)s of former members of HM Armed Forces
- Dependent children of former members of HM Armed Forces

### Interrogable Data

RBL welcomes that UK Armed Forces veteran data will be cross referenced with other census data such as employment, health and disabilities. Our concern with the Local Government Department Data is for those areas where there are less than 100 veterans identified. Depending on the number of areas where there are less than 100 veterans, this may risk excluding a significant number of veterans whose needs cannot be captured as they are not able to be cross referenced with other data in the tables. We would like to see plans put forward on how to capture and cross reference the data for those areas where there are fewer than 100 veterans.

### Dissemination Methods

RBL welcomes an interactive flexible table builder which will allow for data to be cross referenced by demographic, household and health statistics. For this to be most effective for third sector organisations and those who support veterans in Northern Ireland training should be provided so that they are able to effectively use the data from the tables.

### UK wide outputs

In order to ensure that the census data on UK Armed Forces veterans provides the most comprehensive picture possible of the population and their demographics, we urge NISRA, ONS, and NRS to align outputs in quantity, topic and date wherever possible. Reducing the output in one area of the UK risks a significant portion of the community, and any specific characteristics within that, being lost from tailored service provision initiatives.