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2021 canvass: information about collection of electoral registration data

As you know, each year the Commission collects electoral registration data from EROs following the publication of the revised electoral registers. This data plays an important role in our reporting on electoral registration in Great Britain, and this year will help us to continue to demonstrate how the reformed canvass processes have been working in practice.

We have been working with electoral management software (EMS) suppliers to ensure that the data we will be requesting is available in your systems.

The data we will ask for will be the same as in 2020, with one minor amendment. In 2020, we asked for data on the number of properties in each canvass route that reported a minor change to be grouped together with the number of properties in each route that reported no change. This year, for Routes 1 and 2, we will ask for these figures to be provided disaggregated, so that we can report separately on the number of properties in each route that reported a minor change and those that reported no change.

We will be in touch by email in the near future to request the data and, with the support of the EMS providers, will be able to confirm at that stage how the relevant reports can be generated.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support with this work and for the time taken to supply the data to us.

Office for National Statistics research on administrative data sources

Would you like to talk about your work for research purposes? The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is conducting research about administrative data sources and is looking to speak to electoral administrators across Great Britain about their roles compiling and maintaining the electoral registers, including the new data matching

steps. ONS are in contact with National Records of Scotland to discuss the work.

ONS understands that your time is pressured and will look to minimise burden. Options to participate will include responding to a small number of questions via a short telephone interview, or via email if this is preferred. Focus groups, lasting a maximum of 1.5 hours, will then be held with those able to help further. Involvement would be at a time to suit you during Winter 2021/2022.

Your participation in the research will support ONS as it looks to make increasing use of administrative data sources in the production of official statistics, with the objective of reducing the cost and burden on the public created by conducting surveys.

If you would be happy to participate, even if you can only spare a short amount of time, please contact the lead researcher at ONS: jenny.knight@ons.gov.uk.

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