



Progress Report from the Improving Migration and Population Statistics (IMPS) Project to the Population and Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee Meeting, 27 November 2006

This paper reports the progress of the IMPS project and developments relating to the Inter-Departmental Task Force on International Migration Statistics.

Inter-Departmental Task Force on International Migration Statistics

- The report from the task force has been signed off by the National Statistician and will be published on the National Statistics website on 15 December.

Improving Migration and Population Statistics Project

- Progress on the IMPS project is reported through regular updates on the National Statistics website at the following location:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/specific/population/future/imps/updates/default.asp>
- A further update on IMPS progress will be published shortly. The date will be pre-announced on the National Statistics Release Calendar at the following location:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/ReleaseCalendar/currentreleases.asp>
- We anticipate that this update will include information on the following topics.
 - i. Short-term migration
 - ii. Implementation of methodology changes:
ONS will be making a number of changes to the international migration methodology in 2007 and these will first take effect in the 2006 mid-year estimates, to be published in August 2007. These changes will effect:
 - the estimation of visitor switcher and migrant switcher adjustments;
 - the distribution of UK estimates of IPS-based inflows between the countries of the UK and between Government Office Regions (GOR) within England;
 - the distribution of IPS-based inflows for Wales and for GORs within England down to local authority level; and
 - the distribution of IPS-based outflows for Wales and for GORs within England down to local authority level.

ONS will be holding a number of roadshow events in spring 2007 to explain these methodology changes and the impact they will have at the local authority level. Planning for these events will be covered in the IMPS update.

- iii. Local authority case studies:

Work on the case studies has resumed following the completion of the task force report. A timetable for production of the four individual reports and the workshops that will follow is under consideration. Dates for each will be published in the IMPS update.

iv. Reporting of other research:

The IMPS update will also provide publication details for a number of pieces of research that have been, or will soon be, completed.

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