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Dear Ed,

I am writing to request an alternative release time for our statistical bulletin on the first release of 2021 Census data for Wales.

We would like to publish the bulletin at 11am on Tuesday 28 June. This is in line with the Office for National Statistics's (ONS) plans to publish the statistical bulletin [Population and household estimates for Wales: Census 2021](#) at 11am on Tuesday 28 June, which you approved on 13 May.

An alternative release time would allow the necessary time for the ONS's statistical bulletin for Wales to be laid before Senedd Cymru (Welsh Parliament) at the same time as the statistical bulletin for England and Wales is to be laid before UK Parliament. This would be in line with the approach for the 2011 Census first releases.

Similar to the request made by the ONS, this alternative release time would mean that we could ensure equality of access to the first release of 2021 Census data for Wales (in both English and in Welsh) for all users on the day of publication. Subject to your approval of this request, we will inform our users of the alternative release time via our [@StatisticsWales/@YstadegauCymru](#) Twitter accounts, and via e-mail correspondence with our statistics distribution lists.

We would also like to request an alternative release time for our statistical bulletins that will accompany the [planned 2021 Census topic summaries from the ONS](#). We anticipate that ONS will publish topic summaries at 09:30 as this is the standard release time for official statistics. We would like to publish statistical bulletins at 12:30 on the same day to accompany the ONS topic summaries. A 12:30 release time would allow us to summarise the main points for Wales (in both English and in Welsh). This would be consistent with our approach for other population statistics, which ensures equality of access and public value for users looking for statistics about Wales.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The ONS's release plans for topic summaries are still subject to confirmation. I will write to you again if the arrangements I have set out here need to be altered when ONS's plans have been confirmed.

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