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**Ed Humpherson, Director General for Office for Statistics Regulation**

Alastair McAlpine  
Chief Statistician  
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(by email)

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Dear Alastair,

**Scottish Health and Wellbeing Census**

Thank you for your [response](#) to our letter regarding the Health and Wellbeing Census in Scotland. We welcome the publication of the [Health and Wellbeing Census Scotland: Background Report](#). We consider that this document will provide valuable information to users and meets the requirement for Scottish Government to review its approach to developing questions for the Health and Wellbeing Census as set out in our [July 2022 letter](#).

We appreciate your assurances relating to your role as Chief Statistician for Scotland and Scottish Ministers. We look forward to seeing how the recommendations on decision making with respect to cross-cutting statistical projects, as outlined in your [internal review on Scotland's Census 2022](#), are taken forward.

Yours sincerely



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Director General for OSR