

## Response ID ANON-NRRU-MKUE-S

Submitted to **Scottish Household Survey (SHS) - Consultation on 2017 Survey**  
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### Introduction

**Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?**

Organisation

**What is your name or your organisation's name?**

**Name/orgname:**

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights

**Please state your Department and Division, if applicable.**

**department:**

**What is your email address?**

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**The Scottish Government generally seeks to publish responses to a consultation, in summary and where possible in detail. We would like your permission to publish:**

Your response along with your full name

**We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?**

Yes

### Section A - A Use of SHS

**1. What are the main social survey topics that you use in the SHS? Please tick all that apply. Please distinguish between the topics in your following answers.**

Household composition & characteristics of all occupants, Other - please indicate

**Other::**

Key adult characteristics, Accommodation/housing experiences, Neighbourhoods and community safety (including perception of local crime rate and local police performance, harassment and discrimination)

**Other::**

**2. What do you use the SHS for? We are particularly interested in how analysis of SHS data is used for informing, monitoring and evaluating policy and practice decisions, including examples of where analysis has influenced decision making. Please be as specific as possible in your answers.**

**Please explain:**

We use the SHS for research and policy development in regards to racial equality in Scotland. On the subjects in which data is disaggregated by ethnicity, we use the given to compare the experiences of minority ethnic individuals to white ethnic individuals.

Most recently, we have used data from the SHS in the development of the Scottish Government's Race Equality Framework for Scotland 2016-2030 and, in particular, in our research and policy development around community cohesion and safety (e.g. experiences of discrimination and harassment and feeling of community belonging).

We would greatly value the opportunity to use more data from the SHS, were more data and topics to be disaggregated by ethnicity.

**3. Are there any alternative evidence sources available for the topics and/or questions you use in the SHS?**

No

**Please list alternative evidence sources for each topic:**

In particular, the data on discrimination and harassment and community belonging is only presented in this way in the SHS.

While the composition of households is also presented in the Census, the SHS provides more up-to-date data in regards to ethnicity.

**Section B - Views on options for 2017**

**4. What would be the impact of SHS option A for your organisation's use of the SHS? Please distinguish between the different topics you use when answering.**

**Please explain:**

For our organisation, the impact would simply be that data on household composition and discrimination/harassment and belonging would be updated on a biennial rather than annual basis.

**5. What would be the impact of SHS option B for your organisation's use of the SHS? Please distinguish between the different topics you use when answering.**

**Please explain:**

The impact of this option has the potential to be greater for our organisation. As the minority ethnic population of Scotland is relatively small, we are concerned that reducing sample size may mean that the voices of diverse minority ethnic communities would be compromised. Detailed analysis of household composition for each ethnic group may be difficult to achieve with a smaller sample size, which would have a negative impact on our work.

**6. Do you prefer option A or option B?**

Option A

**What is the reason for your option preference?:**

As above, since we deal with data relating specifically to minority ethnic communities, a smaller sample size would compromise detailed analysis for household composition to potentially leave out some smaller communities from the survey.

**7. Under option A (biennial) half of the topics would be asked in 2017 (odd year) and half in 2018 (even year) (assuming this is the model adopted for 2018-2021). Do you have any views on what topics should be asked in 2017 and 2018?**

**Please explain:**

As not many topics at the moment are disaggregated by ethnicity, CRER does not have a strong opinion on this.

**8. Under option B (reduction in sample size), a small reduction in full sample topic coverage of around 4 minutes (around 7% of questions) is necessary to maintain current 'one third sample questions' at around their present sample size. How should this be achieved?**

iii. By introducing more biennial topics and questions

**9. In order to contribute to the 4 minute reduction, which of the topics which you use do you think could be:**

**Please be specific as possible in your answers.:**

As not many topics at the moment are disaggregated by ethnicity, CRER does not have a strong opinion on this.

**10. Under option B (cut in sample size), would you prefer local authority data to be published on a:**

Two year basis every two years (i.e. 2017 and 2018 data would be published in 2019, 2019 and 2020 data would be published in 2021)

**What is the reason for your preference?:**

**Section C - Looking Ahead**

**11. Looking ahead to 2018-2021, the Scottish Government may need to make further reductions to the SHS. If this is necessary, would you prefer any further changes to the SHS to be based on:**

ii. A reduction in the frequency of SHS data collection

**If other, please specify:**

**Please explain why.:**

Again, our concern is with the disaggregation of data in regards to ethnicity. A reduction in sample size will compromise this.

**12. What would be the impact on the work of your organisation if there were to be a further:**

**Please be specific as possible in your answers.:**

Our research and policy development would be compromised if the reduction in sample size made it difficult to provide household composition detailed by ethnic group.

## Section D - Any other comments and information about your organisation

### 13. Do you have any other comments about the SHS or this consultation?

**Please explain:**

It would be very beneficial for our organisation if more topics were disaggregated by ethnic group. The information gathered in SHS is comprehensive and we would greatly value the opportunity to be able to utilise more of it.

### 14. What sector do you work in?

Third sector (Voluntary and charity)

**If other, please specify:**

### 15. What is the main topic area(s) that your organisation as a whole focuses on?

Equalities

**If other, please specify:**

## Evaluation

**Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)**

**Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:**

Slightly satisfied

**Please enter comments here.:**

**Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:**

Slightly satisfied

**Please enter comments here.:**