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After all, the paper itself does say that the rationale is the needs of the census...but I don't want to get into any public quibble about whether or not we agreed that every aspect was actually a need of the census...my main concern is that ONS should clearly state its working! Glad we agree ... hopefully this will now turn out to be non-contentious, but at least it should be less contentious than it might have been.

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That's OK with me, I completely understand where you are coming from and that is the message the panel gave – it is a particular choice - so it accurately describes the discussion and outcome.

Owen

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Not quite.

[REDACTED].
I have no problem with "draft guidance". I suppose I can live with removing the phrase "that would be provided, with the aim...".

But I am not very happy with "the one best reflecting the needs of the Census". So what I propose is

"The panel felt that ONS had clearly set out a range of target variables and its rationale for arriving at a particular choice."

Hope that's OK, but very glad to discuss or explain further if necessary... Bernard

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