

Emails: 16 November 2020 – 15 February 2021

From: [REDACTED] > On Behalf Of National Statistician

Sent: 11 December 2020 10:57

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: To be female is to be a woman.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry.

The questions for Census 2021 in England and Wales were finalised through the secondary legislation passed earlier this year in Parliament and the Senedd. The Census will ask the same binary sex question (female/male) which has been asked since 1801, thus maintaining the integrity of census outputs on sex data. However, a new voluntary question on gender identity will be asked of people aged 16 and over. There will be a note with the sex question that a question on gender identity will follow. The guidance for the sex question is still under consideration and yet to be finalised.

ONS undertook three years of extensive research, consultation and engagement with a wide range of groups and individuals in making its recommendations for Census 2021. At the heart of the design is maximising response and minimising undercounts to ensure the best data is captured for user needs. Census 2021 will collect and output data on sex, as in all previous censuses, since this information is of fundamental importance for a range of census users. However our research and consultation also found information on gender identity is needed to support work on policy development and service provision, as well as to further equality under the relevant equality law.

We would like to thank you for contacting us and for taking an interest in Census 2021.

Kindest regards

Sir Ian Diamond

National Statistician

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2020 09:20
To: National Statistician <national.statistician@statistics.gov.uk>
Subject: To be female is to be a woman.

I read that the government plans to remove the term 'sex' from future national statistics. This, in exchange for the term 'gender'.

I object strongly and challenge this, if indeed, true.

To do so will wipe out the truth of the biologically human sex based experience of women hood; female.

I want it recorded that I strongly oppose this intention. To do so will wipe out the truth of the lived reality of what it means to be female. Truth will be wiped out. Biology is real, our experience is real.

I fear the blatant screw of invented statistics, manipulated to conform to the demands of the trans constructed agenda.

This must not be allowed to happen for reasons I am sure are blatantly self evident.

I look forward to hearing from the department, what the plans there are for gathering information for the future.

