



THE SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES IN IRELAND

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Census 2011 – An important night for the country

Opportunity to redress the surfeit of anecdotal ‘evidence’

The results from the census will have a profound impact on the shape of our country in the years to come and the Society of Actuaries in Ireland is urging everyone to participate fully in Census 2011.

John Armstrong, Chairman of the Demography Committee of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland stated:

“At the current time, providing an accurate picture of the population is more important than ever, given our changing demographic profile due to the economic downturn. The census is also a welcome opportunity to redress the surfeit of anecdotal ‘evidence’ generated by the recent political turbulence.

“The results from the census are of tremendous importance for all government planning. They provide details of the population in terms of, among other things, age, gender and geographic split. They also allow us to project the profile of the population in years to come. This is vital in planning public services in many areas, including health, education, social welfare and transport and infrastructural planning.”

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profession has a statutory role relating to the supervision of pension schemes and insurance companies. The Society seeks to make an impartial contribution to public debate on social policy and public interest matters where an actuarial perspective can add value.