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identification pilots Overview of what our research involves We conduct research on a

wide range of subjects, which helps inform our work and our policies. We measure the

quality of the electoral registers and carry out surveys on public attitudes about

democracy and the process of voting. Following elections and referendums, we collect

data such as the size of the electorate, turnout and rejected ballot papers.

Descriptions of our different research projects and responsibilities Accuracy and

completeness of electoral registers We measure the quality of the electoral registers

in the UK. Accuracy means we look at the number of false entries on the electoral

registers and completeness means measuring whether those eligible to register are on

the registers. Analysis of electoral registration data Our analysis looks at key data

relating to entries on the electoral registers, such as the number of entries,

attainers, additions and deletions. It also looks at the results of the annual

canvass activities that electoral registration officers at local councils carry out

each year. Public attitudes We carry out public opinion surveys covering a range of

electoral issues such as voting, registering to vote, party finance and electoral

fraud. Electoral data We collect data following elections and referendums in the UK.

This includes data such as the size of the electorate, turnout, the number of

rejected ballot papers and information on postal voting. Voter identification pilots

We evaluated the Government's pilot schemes in 2018 and 2019, where voters were

required to bring identification to vote at the local government elections in

England. Reporting on electoral fraud We collect data from all police forces across

the UK about allegations of electoral fraud. Referendum question research For

referendums in the UK, we look at the way the proposed referendum question is worded

to make sure it is easy for voters to understand. As part of our assessment, we carry

out research with the public. Modernising elections research We carried out some

qualitative research to look at public attitudes to voting and the information around

elections. The research considers views on current voting methods and explores ideas

and attitudes about possible new ways of casting a vote in the future. Related

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