

Australia
ISSP 2016 – Role of Government V
Questionnaire

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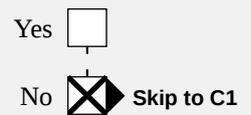
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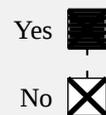
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Work part time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Move to the coast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Section A: Role of Government

- A1. In general, would you say that people should obey the law without exception, or are there exceptional occasions on which people should follow their consciences even if it means breaking the law?**

Please cross one box only

Obey the law without exception	<input type="checkbox"/>
Follow conscience on occasions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>

- A2. There are many ways people or organisations can protest against a government action they strongly oppose. Please show which you think should be allowed and which should not be allowed by crossing a box on each line.**

Please cross one box on each line

	Definitely	Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose
Organising public meetings to protest against the government	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Organising protest marches and demonstrations	<input type="checkbox"/>				

- A3. There are some people whose views are considered extreme by the majority. Consider people who want to overthrow the government by revolution. Do you think such people should be allowed to ...**

Please cross one box on each line

	Definitely	Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	Can't choose
... hold public meetings to express their views?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
... publish books expressing their views?	<input type="checkbox"/>				

- A4. All systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse ...**

Please cross one box only

... to convict an innocent person	<input type="checkbox"/>
... to let a guilty person go free?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>



A7. On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to ...

Please cross one box on each line

	Definitely should be	Probably should be	Probably should not be	Definitely should not be	Can't choose
... provide a job for everyone who wants one	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... keep prices under control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... provide health care for the sick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... provide a decent standard of living for the old	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... provide industry with the help it needs to grow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... reduce income differences between the rich and the poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... give financial help to university students from low-income families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... provide decent housing for those who can't afford it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... promote equality between men and women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A8. People have different opinions on who should provide services in Australia. Who do you think should primarily provide...
Health care for the sick?**

Please cross one box only

Government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private companies/for-profit organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-profit organisations/charities/cooperatives	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family, relatives or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>

A9. Care for older people?

Please cross one box only

Government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private companies/for-profit organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-profit organisations/charities/cooperatives	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family, relatives or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>



A10. School education for children?

Please cross one box only

- Government
- Private companies/for-profit organisations
- Non-profit organisations/charities/cooperatives
- Religious organisations
- Family, relatives or friends
- Can't choose

A11. Here is a list of people and organisations that can influence government actions.

Please read through the list and write in the boxes below the letters corresponding to the ones you think have the most and the second most influence on the actions of the Australian government?

- A. The media**
- B. Trade unions**
- C. Business, banks and industry**
- D. Religious organisations/authorities**
- E. The military/army**
- F. Organised crime**
- G. People who vote for the party/the parties in government**
- H. Citizens in general**
- I. Civic and voluntary organisations**
- J. International organisations (e.g. United Nations, International Monetary Fund)**
- K. Can't choose**

Please write in the letters of your choice in the boxes below

- Most influence
- Second most influence

A12. Here are two opinions about what affects policies in Australia. Which of them comes closest to your view?

Please cross one box only

- Policies in Australia depend more on what is happening in the world economy, rather than who is in government
- Policies in Australia depend more on who is in government, rather than what is happening in the world economy
- Can't choose



Now some questions about civil liberties and public security.

A13. Do you think that the Australian government should or should not have the right to do the following:

Please cross one box on each line

	Definitely should have right	Probably should have right	Probably should not have right	Definitely should not have right	Can't choose
... keep people under video surveillance in public areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... monitor e-mails and any other information exchanged on the Internet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A14. Here is a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 is "all government information should be publicly available, even if this meant a risk to public security" and 10 is "public security should be given priority, even if this meant limiting access to government information".

Where would you place yourself on such a scale?

Please cross one box only

All government information should be publicly available, even if this meant a risk to public security	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public security should be given priority, even if this meant limiting access to government information	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can't choose	<input type="checkbox"/>

A15. Some people think that governments should have the right to take certain measures in the name of national security. Others disagree.

Do you think that the Australian government should or should not have the right to do the following:

Please cross one box on each line

	Definitely should have right	Probably should have right	Probably should not have right	Definitely should not have right	Can't choose
collect information about anyone living in Australia without their knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
collect information about anyone living in other countries without their knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



A16. Suppose the government suspected that a terrorist act was about to happen. Do you think the authorities should have the right to...

Please cross one box on each line

	Definitely should have right	Probably should have right	Probably should not have right	Definitely should not have right	Can't choose
... detain people for as long as they want without putting them on trial?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... tap people's telephone conversations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... stop and search people in the street at random?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Now some more questions about politics

A17. How interested would you say you personally are in politics?

Please cross one box only

Very interested

Fairly interested

Somewhat interested

Not very interested

Not at all interested

Can't choose

A18. Please cross one box on each line to show how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

Please cross one box on each line

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
People like me don't have any say about what the government does	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People we elect as MPs try to keep the promises they have made during the election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Most public servants can be trusted to do what is best for the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A19. Generally, how would you describe taxes in Australia today? (We mean all taxes together, including income tax, GST and all the rest.)

First, for those with high incomes, are taxes ...

Please cross one box only

... much too high,

too high,

about right,

too low,

or, are they much too low?

Can't choose



A20. Next, for those with middle incomes, are taxes ...

Please cross one box only

... much too high,

too high,

about right,

too low,

or, are they much too low?

Can't choose

A21. Lastly, for those with low incomes, are taxes ...

Please cross one box only

... much too high,

too high,

about right,

too low,

or, are they much too low?

Can't choose

A22. In general, how often do you think that the tax authorities in Australia do the following...

Please cross one box on each line

	Almost always	Often	Sometimes	Almost never	Can't choose
... make sure people pay their taxes?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
... treat everyone in accordance with the law, regardless of their contacts or position in society?	<input type="checkbox"/>				

A23. In general, how often do you think that major private companies in Australia do the following...

Please cross one box on each line

	Almost always	Often	Sometimes	Almost never	Can't choose
... comply with laws and regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
... try to avoid paying their taxes?	<input type="checkbox"/>				



A28. Over the past two years or so, have you done any of the following things to express your views or represent your interests?

Please cross one box on each line

Yes No

Contacted a politician or government official either in person, or in writing, or some other way

Taken part in a protest, march or demonstration

Worked together with people who shared the same concern

Boycotted or bought certain products for environmental, ethical or political reasons

Participated in a strike or industrial action

A29. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

Please cross one box only

Can be trusted

Can't be too careful

Can't choose

Section B: Overseas aid and government

B1. Every year the Australian government gives aid money to poorer countries. Currently just under \$1 out of every \$100 of federal government spending is given as aid. Which one of the following options best reflects your opinion about aid spending?

Please cross one box only

The Australian government gives too much aid

The Australian government gives about the right amount of aid

The Australian government does not give enough aid

I don't know

B2. Do you think Australian government aid to poor countries should be given primarily for the purpose of helping people in poor countries, or do you think Australian aid should be given primarily to help advance Australia's commercial and strategic interests?

Please cross one box only

Strongly favour helping people in poor countries

Favour helping people in poor countries

Favour Australia's commercial and strategic interests

Strongly favour Australia's commercial and strategic interests

I don't think the Australian government should give aid

I don't know



B3. Thinking now about why the Australian government should give aid to poorer countries, which one of the following comes closest to describing the main reason you think Australia should give aid?

Please cross one box only

I don't think the Australian government should give aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skip to B5
The Australian government should give aid to bring direct benefits to Australia (more trade, more money for Australian firms etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The Australian government should give aid to bring indirect benefits to Australia (a world safer from terrorism, stopping the spread of diseases etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The Australian government should give aid to be kind. I don't think Australia is obliged to send aid, but I think it is a kind thing to do	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The Australian government should give aid because Australia has a moral obligation to help poor people in other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The Australian government should give aid to offset problems Australia has played a role in causing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	

B4. Thinking again about government spending on aid in poor countries, please indicate what you think are the first, second, and third most important areas for government spending on overseas aid in poor countries.

1. Agriculture – growing food and other crops
2. Debt relief – reducing debts owed by poor countries
3. Disaster relief – helping in emergencies and urgent humanitarian crises
4. Economic growth – creating jobs and supporting the economy
5. Education – helping people to attend school and receive an education
6. Energy – providing electricity and other energy services
7. Family planning – providing access to contraception and other family services
8. Governance – improving government accountability, transparency and legal rights
9. Health – treating diseases such as HIV and malaria and providing vaccinations
10. Infrastructure – providing roads, access to clean water, sanitation and telecommunications
11. Women's empowerment – supporting gender equality and women's rights

Please write in the corresponding number in the boxes below

First most important	
Second most important	
Third most important	



B5. Thinking about the aid that the governments of wealthier countries such as Australia give to poorer countries, and what this aid actually achieves, on average do you think that this aid...

Please cross one box only

- Helps poor people in poorer countries a lot
- Helps poor people in poorer countries a little bit
- Makes almost no difference to the lives of poor people in poorer countries
- Makes the lives of poor people in poorer countries somewhat worse
- Makes the lives of poor people in poorer countries a lot worse
- I don't know

B6. If someone claimed that in the last 15 years the lives of poor people living in the typical poor country have improved significantly, would you think this claim was...

Please cross one box only

- Completely unbelievable
- Somewhat unbelievable
- Somewhat believable
- Completely believable
- I don't know

B7. If someone claimed that an Australian earning the minimum wage earned more than over 80% of Indonesians do, even taking into account the different costs of living in the two countries, would you say this claim was...

Please cross one box only

- Completely unbelievable
- Somewhat unbelievable
- Somewhat believable
- Completely believable
- I don't know

B8. Some people argue that the corrupt governments of poor countries cause these countries to be poor. Other people disagree and say there are other causes. Thinking about this issue, which of the following statements is closest to what you believe?

Please cross one box only

- Corruption is the sole reason why poor countries are poor
- Corruption is the main reason why poor countries are poor, but other problems play some role
- Corruption is part of the reason why poor countries are poor, but other problems play an equal role
- Corruption plays some role in making poor countries poor, but other problems are the main reason why these countries are poor
- Corruption is not the reason why poor countries are poor
- I don't know



Section C: IVF Technology and Sex Selection

C1. Do you approve or disapprove of the use of IVF technology to avoid characteristics of children such as:

Please cross one box on each line

	Strongly approve	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove
An intellectual disability (e.g. Down syndrome)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A physical disability (e.g. resulting in an inability to use the arms and legs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A tendency to develop obesity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A tendency to develop cancer in adulthood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A certain sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low level of intelligence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C2. Do you approve or disapprove of the use of abortion to avoid having children with characteristics such as:

Please cross one box on each line

	Strongly approve	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove
An intellectual disability (e.g. Down syndrome)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A physical disability (e.g. resulting in an inability to use the arms and legs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A tendency to develop obesity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A tendency to develop cancer in adulthood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A certain sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low level of intelligence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C3. Suppose you did not have any children but would very much want to. If given a choice, would you like your first born child to be...?

Please cross one box only

A boy	<input type="checkbox"/>
A girl	<input type="checkbox"/>
No preference	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>



C4. If for whatever reason you could only have one child, what sex would you wish your only child to be?

Please cross one box only

- A boy
- A girl
- No preference
- I don't know

C5. Suppose there was a medication available that enabled parents to choose the sex of their children. Couples simply had to take a blue pill to ensure the birth of a boy or a pink pill to ensure the birth of a girl. Do you think such a medication should be legally available?

Please cross one box only

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

C6. If you were planning to have children, would you take advantage of such a medication?

Please cross one box only

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

C7. Should IVF be legal in Australia for choosing a child's sex for:

Please cross one box on each line

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| medical reasons | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| family balancing - sex of second child different from first | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| family balancing - sex of third child different from first two | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| any reason | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Section D: Religion and society

D1. In your opinion how concerned would you feel if one of your close relatives were to marry a person of ...

Please cross one box on each line

	Very concerned	Concerned	Moderately concerned	Slightly concerned	Not concerned
Christian faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Muslim faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Jewish faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Buddhist faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				

D2. In your opinion how would you feel if one of your neighbours was a person of ...

Please cross one box on each line

	Very negative	Negative	Neutral	Slightly positive	Very positive
Christian faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Muslim faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Jewish faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Buddhist faith	<input type="checkbox"/>				

D3. How accepting would you be to live near the following places of worship?

Please cross one box on each line

	Strongly opposing	Opposing	Don't care	Accepting	Very accepting
Church	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Mosque	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Synagogue	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Buddhist temple	<input type="checkbox"/>				



D4. How much do you agree with the following statements about practicing Muslims (like for example Muslim women wearing the veil and Muslim men growing a beard)?

Please cross one box on each line

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly agree
Practicing Muslims are pious people and therefore they are more trustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Practicing Muslims are the same as other citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Practicing Muslims do not fit Australian society	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Practicing Muslims pose a threat to Australian society	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Practicing Muslims should be searched more thoroughly than others in airports and stations	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Counter-terrorism policies in Australia should focus exclusively on practicing Muslims	<input type="checkbox"/>				

D5. Compared to other religions, do you think there are more violent extremists within Islam, fewer, or about the same as in other religions?

Please cross one box only

Much more	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhat more	<input type="checkbox"/>
About the same	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhat fewer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Much fewer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

D6. Do you think violence against women is more common among Muslims in Australia than among other communities?

Please cross one box only

More common in Muslim communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
About the same	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less common in Muslim communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

D7. What do you think is the percentage of Muslims in Australia?

Please cross one box only

About 0.5%	<input type="checkbox"/>
About 2%	<input type="checkbox"/>
About 10%	<input type="checkbox"/>
About 25%	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>



D8. What do you think is the percentage of asylum claims from Muslim-majority countries in Australia?

Please cross one box only

- About 25%
- About 50%
- About 75%
- Almost all
- Don't know

D9. Thinking about the recent global terrorist attacks, to what extent do you think the Muslim community in Australia should be held responsible?

Please cross one box only

- Entirely responsible
- Moderately responsible
- Slightly responsible
- Not at all responsible
- Don't know

D10. Please think about the current situation in Australia: nowadays how serious is the threat posed to Australia by...

Please cross one box on each line

	Very serious	Serious	Moderately serious	Slightly serious	Not at all serious	Don't know
Terrorism	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Crime in general	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Economic challenges	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Cultural and religious diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>					

D11. How concerned are you about you personally, a friend, or a relative being the victim of a future terrorist attack in Australia in the near future?

Please cross one box only

- Not at all concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Concerned
- Extremely concerned
- Don't know



D12. How much would you say you know about the Muslim religion and its practices?

Please cross one box only

- A great deal
- Some
- Not very much
- Nothing at all

D13. Now a few questions about your interest and knowledge of religion. If you don't know the answer, just indicate that and move on to the next one. Don't ask others and don't look up the correct answers on the Internet: we are interested in your general knowledge of religion.

What is the main religious text for Muslims, like the Bible is for Christians?

Please cross one box only

- Sunnah
- Torah
- Qur'an
- Sharia
- Don't know

D14. What does the word Ramadan indicate?

Please cross one box only

- A traditional Muslim food
- A Muslim community festival
- A month when Muslims fast
- A type of Islamic prayer
- Don't know

D15. Is Jesus a revered Prophet in Islam?

Please cross one box only

- Yes
- No
- Only for some Muslims
- Don't know

D16. Is Islam an Abrahamic religion as Judaism and Christianity are?

Please cross one box only

- Yes
- No
- All Abrahamic religions are no longer relevant
- Don't know



E2. If you had to choose just ONE Prime Minister from the following list, who do you think is, or was the best Prime Minister?

Please cross one box only

- Paul Keating
- John Howard
- Kevin Rudd
- Julia Gillard
- Tony Abbott
- Malcolm Turnbull

E3. In general terms, do you think that the quality of Australian political leaders has improved or declined over the last 20 years?

Please cross one box only

- Improved a lot
- Improved somewhat
- Stayed about the same
- Declined somewhat
- Declined a lot

Section F: Aboriginality

F1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the situation of Aboriginal people in Australia today?

Please cross one box on each line

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Aboriginal people are now treated equally to other Australians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aboriginal people's level of disadvantage justifies extra government assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aboriginal people should not have to change their culture to fit into Australian society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Granting land rights to Aboriginal people is unfair to other Australians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The next questions are about your interaction with Aboriginal people.

F2. For yourself, how often do you mix with Aboriginal people?

Please cross one box only

- Very frequently
- Sometimes
- Occasionally
- Not at all



Section H: Digital disruption

H1. If you had no way of accessing the Internet for one week, how disruptive would that be to each of the following things?

Please cross one box on each line

	No disruption at all - 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extremely disruptive - 10
Your knowledge of news and current affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your ability to socialise with friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your capacity to manage your finances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your ability to stay in touch with your family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your ability to keep yourself entertained in your spare time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your awareness of what's going on in your social circles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section I: Youth and government

I1. How much do you agree or disagree with children and youth (3-18 year olds) having opportunities to influence government decisions (e.g., inclusion in public consultations and inquiries, local and national children and youth policies, youth parliamentary representatives, youth councils)?

Please provide a response for each age group.

Please cross one box on each line

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
3 - 5 year olds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 - 10 year olds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 - 14 year olds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 - 18 year olds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Section J: Ageing

J1. In all countries, there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in Australia how much conflict is there between older people and younger people?

Very strong conflicts

Strong conflicts

Not very strong conflicts

No conflicts

Can't choose

J2. Do you think older workers (those aged 50 years and older) are treated by employers better, worse or about the same as younger workers?

Better

About the same

Worse

J3. Do you think older workers (those 50 years and older) on average contribute more or less to the workplace than younger workers?

More

Less

The same

J4. Do you think older people (aged 65 years and older) are treated better, worse or about the same as younger people by...

Treated better Worse About the same

doctors, nurses or other health care professionals?

people they don't know such as people in shops, on buses or in other public areas?

J5. Do you feel that people over 65 years get too much, too little, or about the right amount of respect from younger people these days?

Too much

Too little

Right amount

Don't know

J6. How much influence do you think retired older Australians have?

Too much

Too little

About the right amount



J7. Right now, do you think older people are getting more than their fair share, less than their fair share, or about their fair share of government benefits?

More than their fair share

Less than their fair share

About their fair share

J8. Each generation has different social and economic opportunities over their lives. How would you say the life-long opportunities for baby boomers (those born from 1946 to 1960) compare to those for younger people today?

Better for baby boomers

About the same

Better for younger people

J9. How would you say the life-long opportunities for baby boomers (those born from 1946 to 1960) compare to those for older people who have already retired?

Better for baby boomers

About the same

Better for the already retired people

J10. The Australian Government is gradually raising the eligibility age for the pension to 67 years by 2023. Do you:

Support raising the pension age to 67 years

Oppose raising the pension age to 67 years

Don't know or are not sure

J11. How often, in the past year...

Never 0 1 2 3 Very often 4 Don't know

has anyone shown prejudice against you or treated you unfairly because of your age?

have you felt that someone showed you a lack of respect because of your age, for instance by ignoring or patronising you?

has someone treated you badly because of your age, for example by insulting you or refusing you services?

J12. Thinking about everything you see and hear in the media (TV, online, radio, newspapers, magazines), do you think older adults (aged 65 years and older) are treated better, worse or about the same as younger people?

Better

Worse

About the same as younger people



J13. How much do you agree or disagree that...

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The media portrays older people in diverse ways?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
There are generally as many positive stories in the media about ageing as there are negative stories?	<input type="checkbox"/>				
There are enough older role models portrayed in the media?	<input type="checkbox"/>				

J14. How common or uncommon do you feel age discrimination is in Australia?

Very uncommon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uncommon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither uncommon nor common	<input type="checkbox"/>
Common	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very common	<input type="checkbox"/>

J15. Because of your age, have you ever been...

	Yes	No
Turned down for a position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ignored	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treated with disrespect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subjected to jokes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Verbally insulted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refused service/had difficulty making a purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Denied access to service/products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refused promotion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discriminated against in some other way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physically abused	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



J16. Thinking about older workers (someone aged 55+ years), how strongly do you agree or disagree that, compared to younger workers they are...

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
At greater risk of being made redundant	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Less likely to be promoted	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More likely to have difficulty adapting to change	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Difficult to teach new things	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not in the role as long	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Less likely to have the same technical skills	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Less willing to work overtime	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Less productive	<input type="checkbox"/>				



Section K: Insurance

K1. Thinking about your main place of residence, which of the following best describes the type of insurance cover that you or someone who lives with you has purchased? The residence is currently covered by...

- House and contents insurance
- Contents insurance only
- House insurance only
- Neither house nor contents insurance **Skip to K3**
- Unsure **Skip to K3**

K2. If a natural disaster (e.g. bushfire, cyclone, major storm or flood) strikes your place of residence, how confident are you that your insurance will adequately cover repairs and/or replacement of losses?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Unsure
- Somewhat unconfident
- Very unconfident

K3. How likely is your place of residence to be struck by a natural disaster (e.g. bushfire, cyclone, major storm or flood)?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Unsure
- Somewhat unlikely
- Very unlikely

Section L: Personal background

Now we would like to finish up by asking you some questions about your background. The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.

L1. Are you ...

- Male
- Female

L2. When were you born?

Please, write in the year of your birth (use four digits for the year)

Year (YYYY)



L3. Are you currently in school or studying in higher education?

I am still at school

I am still at college/university/in vocational training

No I am not currently in school, college, university or in vocational training

L4. How many full years of schooling or education have you had?

Please include primary and secondary schooling, university and full-time vocational training, but do not include repeated years. If you are currently in education count the number of years you have completed so far.

Years

L5. What is the highest year of schooling you have completed?

Please cross one box only

Year 12 or equivalent

Year 11 or equivalent

Year 10 or equivalent

Completed primary school

Completed pre-primary school

Did not go to school

L6. What is the highest educational qualification you have completed outside of school?

Please cross one box only

Doctorate by research

Doctorate by coursework

Masters' Degree

Graduate Diploma

Graduate Certificate

Bachelor Degree

Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree

Diploma

Certificate IV

Certificate III

Certificate II

Certificate I

No post-school qualification



L7. Are you currently working for pay, did you work for pay in the past, or have you never been in paid work?

By work we mean doing income-producing work, as an employee, self-employed or working for your own family's business, for at least one hour per week.

If you temporarily are not working for pay because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike, etc., please refer to your normal work situation.

- I am currently in paid work
- I am currently not in paid work but I had paid work in the past **Skip to L9**
- I have never had paid work **Skip to L16**

L8. How many hours, on average, do you usually work for pay in a normal week, including overtime?

If you work for more than one employer, or if you are both employed and self-employed, please count the total number of working hours that you do.

Hours

The next questions deal with some more details on your work situation.

L9. Are/were you an employee, self-employed, or working for your own family's business?

If you work for more than one employer, or if you are both employed and self-employed, please refer to your main job.

If you are retired or not currently working, please refer to your last main job.

Please cross one box only

- An employee
- Working for your own family's business
- Self-employed without employees
- Self-employed with employees

How many employees do/did you have, not counting yourself?

L10. Do/did you supervise other employees?

Please cross one box only

- No
- Yes

How many employees do/did you supervise?

L11. Do/did you work for a for-profit organisation or for a non-profit organisation?

Please cross one box only

- I work/ed for a for-profit organisation
- I work/ed for a non-profit organisation



L17. Do you have a spouse or a partner and, if yes, do you share the same household?

Please cross one box only

- Yes, I have a spouse/partner and we share the same household
- Yes, I have a spouse/partner but we don't share the same household
- No, I don't have a spouse/partner **Skip to L26**

The next questions deal with the work situation of your spouse/partner.

L18. Is your spouse/partner currently working for pay, did he/she work for pay in the past, or has he/she never been paid work?

By work we mean doing income-producing work, as an employee, self-employed or working for his/her own family's business, for at least one hour per week.

If he/she temporarily is not working for pay because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike, etc., please refer to his/her normal work situation.

Please cross one box only

- He/she is currently in paid work
- He/she is currently not in paid work but he/she had paid work in the past **Skip to L20**
- He/she has never had paid work **Skip to L25**

L19. How many hours, on average, does your spouse/partner usually work for pay in a normal week, including overtime?

If he/she works for more than one employer, or if he/she is both employed and self-employed, please count the total number of working hours that he/she does.

Hours

The next questions deal with some more details on your spouse's/partner's work situation.

L20. Is/was your spouse/partner an employee, self-employed, or working for his/her own family's business?

If he/she works for more than one employer, or if he/she is both employed and self-employed, please refer to his/her main job.

If he/she is retired or not currently working, please refer to his/her last main job.

Please cross one box only

- An employee
- Self-employed without employees
- Self-employed with employees
- Working for his/her own family's business

L21. Does/did your spouse/partner supervise other employees?

Please cross one box only

- Yes
- No



L41. In your home, do you have a computer (such as a PC, laptop or iPad) that is connected to the Internet?

Yes

No

Don't know

L42. Before taxes and other deductions, what on average is your own total monthly income?

per month \$

L43. Before taxes and other deductions, what on average is the total monthly income of your household?

per month \$

L44. What is your current legal marital status?

Please cross one box only

Married

Separated from my spouse but still legally married

Divorced from spouse

Widowed

I have never been married

L45. Would you describe the place where you live as ...

Please cross one box only

A big city

The suburbs or outskirts of a big city

A town or a small city

A country village

A farm or home in the country

L46. Do you own outright, are you buying or renting the dwelling in which you now live?

Own outright

Own, paying off mortgage

Rent from private landlord

Rent from public housing authority

Other (boarding, living at home, etc)



Section M: Optional feedback

M1. What is the date that you mostly filled out this questionnaire?

Day

Month

M2. If you would like to participate in future research conducted by ACSPRI Academic Surveys Australia, please provide your name and email address below.

Your details will not be linked to your responses. We will not provide your details to a third party. Your contact details will only be used for ACSPRI Academic Surveys Australia to contact you to request participation in online surveys for research purposes.

Your name

Your email address

M3. About how many minutes did it take you to fill out this questionnaire?

Minutes



That is the end of the questionnaire.

Please put the questionnaire in the pre-paid reply envelope and post it back to us.

If you have misplaced your pre-paid reply envelope, please place the questionnaire in an envelope, and address it to:

**ACSPRI Academic Surveys Australia
Reply Paid 86308
ALPHINGTON VIC 3078**

No stamp or payment is required

We really appreciate your cooperation and effort!