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13-097070-01 - Hansard Society: Audit of Political Engagement 11 Additional questions FINAL

(T) Q1) SHOWCARD (R) **How would you vote if there were a General Election tomorrow?**
SINGLE CODE ONLY

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)
- Scottish/Welsh Nationalist
- Green Party
- UK Independence Party
- BNP
- Respect
- Other
- Would not vote
- Undecided
- Refused

APE 1-10

ASK ALL UNDECIDED OR REFUSED AT Q1

(T) Q2) SHOWCARD (R) AGAIN **Which party are you most inclined to support?** SINGLE
CODE ONLY

- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)
- Scottish/Welsh Nationalist
- Green Party
- UK Independence Party
- BNP
- Respect
- Other
- Would not vote
- Undecided
- Refused

APE 1-10

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ASK ALL

(T) Q3) **And how likely would you be to vote in an immediate general election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?** SINGLE CODE ONLY

10 (Absolutely certain to vote)

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

1 (Absolutely certain not to vote)

Refused

Don't know

APE 1-10

Q5. **How likely would you be to vote in an immediate election to the European Parliament, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?** SINGLE CODE ONLY

10 (Absolutely certain to vote)

9

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6

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4

3

2

1 (Absolutely certain not to vote)

Refused

Don't know

Q4: In the last 12 months have you done any of the following to influence decisions, laws or policies

SHOW SCREEN. MULTICODE

A) Contacted a local councillor or MP (SCOTLAND/WALES Contacted a local councillor /MP/MSP/Welsh Assembly Member)

B) Contacted the media

C) Taken an active part in a campaign

D) Created or signed a paper petition

E) Created or signed an e-petition

F) Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation

G) Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons

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- H) Attended political meetings
- I) Donated money or paid a membership fee to a political party
- J) Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march
- K) Voted in an election
- L) Contributed to a discussion or campaign online or on social media
- M) Taken part in a public consultation

None of these

Q5: Which of the following would you be prepared to do if you felt strongly enough about an issue?

SHOW SCREEN. MULTICODE

- A) Contact a local councillor or MP (SCOTLAND/WALES Contact a local councillor /MP/MSP/Welsh Assembly Member)
- B) Contact the media
- C) Take an active part in a campaign
- D) Create or sign a paper petition
- E) Create or sign an e-petition
- F) Donate money or pay a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation
- G) Boycott certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons
- H) Attend political meetings
- I) Donate money or pay a membership fee to a political party
- J) Take part in a demonstration, picket or march
- K) Vote in an election
- L) Contribute to a discussion or campaign online or on social media
- M) Take part in a public consultation

None of these

APE 10
Replacement
activity questions

(T) Q6) SHOWCARD (R) How interested would you say you are in politics?

SINGLE CODE ONLY

- Very interested
- Fairly interested
- Not very interested
- Not at all interested
- Don't know

Core indicator – APE
1-10

(T) Q7) SHOWCARD (R) How much, if anything, do you feel you know about...

SINGLE CODE ONLY

- a) Politics**
- b) The UK Parliament**

- A great deal
- A fair amount
- Not very much
- Nothing at all
- Don't know

A = APE 1-10
B = APE 1, 4, 7-10 (asked as
'Westminster Parliament' in
APE 1, 4, 7)

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(T) Q8) SHOWCARD (R) **Which of these statements best describes your opinion on the present system of governing Britain?** SINGLE CODE ONLY

Works extremely well and could not be improved
Could be improved in small ways but mainly works well
Could be improved quite a lot
Needs a great deal of improvement
Don't know

Core indicator – APE 1-10

(T) Q9) SHOWCARD (R) **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:** READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY FOR EACH.

a) When people like me get involved in politics, they really can change the way that the UK is run

Strongly agree
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

APE 1-10

Q10). SHOWCARD (R) **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?** RANDOMISE ORDER OF A) TO D)

The UK Parliament...

- (A) holds government to account**
- (B) encourages public involvement in politics**
- (C) is essential to our democracy**
- (D) debates and makes decisions about issues that matter to me**

APE 9, 10
Statement A
asked in APE 7
& 8.

Strongly agree
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

Q11). **How much influence, if any, do you feel you have over decision making in...**
... your local area?
... the country as a whole?

A great deal of influence
Some influence
Not very much influence

APE 6, 9, 10

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No influence at all
Don't know

Q12) SHOWCARD To what extent, if at all, would you like to be involved in decision making in ...

- ... your local area?
- ... the country as a whole?

APE 6, 8, 9, 10

Very involved
Fairly involved
Not very involved
Not at all involved
Don't know

Q13) As far as you know, is your name on the electoral register, that is, the official list of people entitled to vote, either where you are living now or somewhere else?

MULTICODE FOR 1 AND 2 ONLY

1. Yes – where living now
2. Yes – another address
3. No
4. DK

APE 10

Q14) SHOWCARD Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, not very strong, or not a supporter at all of any political party? SINGLE CODE ONLY

Very strong
Fairly strong
Not very strong
I am not a supporter of any political party
Don't know
Refused

APE 4

Prime Minister's Questions

Every week in Parliament there is a session called Prime Minister's Question Time (PMQs). For half an hour, the Prime Minister answers questions from MPs, with the Leader of the Opposition able to ask the Prime Minister several questions.

Q1. In the past twelve months, have you ever watched or seen/heard any of Prime Minister's Question Time?

- Yes – in full

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- Yes – but only seen/heard clips, eg. on the news
- No – but have seen it before then
- No – have never seen it
- DK

ASK ALL

Q2. Thinking about what you see and hear of Prime Minister's Questions, to what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements.....

RANDOMISE. SHOWSCREEN

- It deals with the important issues facing the country
- It makes me proud of our Parliament
- There is too much party political point scoring instead of answering the question
- It's exciting to watch
- It puts me off politics
- It's informative
- It's too noisy and aggressive
- The MPs behave professionally

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Accountability

RANDOMISE. SHOWSCREEN

Q3. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- Politicians are behaving in a more professional way than they were a few years ago
- Politicians should be expected to act according to a set of guidelines about their behaviour
- Politicians should have to undertake regular ethics and standards training
- Politicians should be prepared to make personal sacrifices if they want to play a role in running the country
- Most politicians go into politics because they want to make a positive difference in their community
- Politicians in the past were no better than today; they just didn't face the same media scrutiny
- Politicians don't understand the daily lives of people like me

Q4a. I am going to show you a number of ideas that have been suggested as ways to make politics more open and transparent, allowing the public to better hold politicians to

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account. Which two or three, if any, of the following do you think would be most effective in holding politicians to account?

SHOWSCREEN. RANDOMISE.

- Require all MPs to formally report in writing to constituents about their work each year
- Involve the public in monitoring the work of MPs – e.g. invite some constituents to serve on a citizens' jury and report on how their MP is doing their job
- Require all MPs to hold an open meeting where members of the public can question their MP at least twice a year
- Introduce a right for constituents to 'recall' their MP if they have behaved badly, forcing an immediate election for that MP
- Require national newspapers to devote at least one page each day to report on the debates in Parliament
- Require Parliament to make the attendance and voting records of MPs easily accessible online
- Require all MPs to be on either Facebook or Twitter

None of these

Don't know

Q4b. And which two or three, if any, of the following are you personally most likely to pay attention to?

SHOWSCREEN. RANDOMISE.

- An annual report from MPs about their work
- Public monitoring of the work of MPs, eg. citizens' jury
- An open meeting where members of the public can question their MP at least twice a year
- A right for constituents to 'recall' their MP if they have behaved badly
- One page each day in national newspapers reporting on the debates in Parliament
- Online records of attendance and voting for each MP
- Facebook and Twitter accounts of MPs

None of these

Don't know

Differential turnout

ASK ALL

Q7. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements

- a) I know less about the issues in a European election than general election**
- b) I understand more about how General Elections work than elections to European parliament**
- c) My vote is more important at a General Election than European election**

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d) It's my duty to vote in all types of elections

Strongly agree
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Gender
- Age
- Social grade
- Ethnic group
- Region
- Education
- Working status
- Income
- Tenure
- Newspaper readership
- Number of children in household
- Internet access availability
- Internet usage? (See Netfq internet usage question in APE 8)