

Philip's Panel: August 2009 **Survey Results**

Q1 Do you feel as a result of recent events that UK politicians are less trustworthy?

Much less trustworthy **36.4%**
Less trustworthy **38.6%**
Neutral **24%**
More trustworthy **0%**
Much more trustworthy **0.8%**

Q2 Should MPs be reimbursed for the cost of working in two places?

No, salary is sufficient **10.6%** No, but increase salary to cover **16.8%** Yes, for properly incurred costs **71.1%**

Q3 Do you believe MPs should be able to have paid outside interests?

Yes, if fully disclosed **67.1%** Yes, need not disclose hours worked **5.3%** No, should be full-time MP **27.1%**

Q4 Do you believe Parliament should be composed of professional politicians?

Yes **24%** No **67.1%** Don't know **8.4%**

Q5 Do you think there should be fewer MPs?

Yes **53.7%** No **33.7%** Don't know **11.5%**

Q6 Would electing MPs by a system of proportional representation help restore trust?

Yes **26.6%** No **55.1%** Don't know **18.2%**

Q7 Regarding your own MP, how do you feel he has emerged from recent events?

Reputation badly damaged **0%**
Reputation damaged **1.3%**
Neutral **24.8%**
Reputation improved **48.4%**
Reputation significantly improved **25.3%**

Q8 Should House of Lords reform be a priority of a new Government?

Yes **46.2%** No **47.5%** Don't know **6.2%**

Q9 What should replace the existing House of Lords?

100% elected **36%** part elected, part appointed **43.1%** 100% appointed **5.3%** Don't know **14.2%**

Q10 Should the power of Downing Street be limited by the introduction of fixed-term Parliaments?

Yes **70.6%** No **15.5%** Don't know **13.3%**

Q11 Would people feel more engaged if 5% of the local electorate could demand a referendum on any issue, with a similar right to have proposals debated in the House of Commons?

Yes **59.5%** No **25.7%** Don't know **13.3%**

Q12 If you have savings, has your income fallen in the last year?

Yes, a lot **58.2%** Yes, a bit **24.8%** Don't know **0.4%** Not applicable **16.4%**

Q13 If you are a borrower, have your mortgage or other loan payments gone down in the last year?

Yes **22.2%** No **11.1%** Don't know **0%** Not applicable **66.6%**

Q14 Have you had to accept a cut in the hours you work as a result of the financial pressures on your employer?

Yes, significantly **1.3%** Yes, some **4.8%** No **26.2%** Not applicable **67.5%**

Q15 Have you had to accept a pay freeze or reduction to your wages as a result of the financial pressures facing your employer?

Yes, a pay freeze **11.1%** Yes, a pay cut **8.8%** No **48.8%** Don't know **8.8%**

Q16 Has your disposable income (income you have to spend after essentials) changed as a result of the recession?

Fallen a lot **31.5%** Fallen a bit **40%** No **21.7%** Risen a bit **5.3%** Risen a lot **0.4%**

Q17 Has anyone you know personally (relative/friend/neighbour)

a) Lost their job? Yes **56.4%** No **43.1%**
b) Lost their business? Yes **25.3%** No **73.3%**
c) Had their house repossessed? Yes **4.8%** No **94.6%**

Q18 Is anyone you know personally facing repossession proceedings but still in their house?

Yes **4.8%** No **92.8%**

Q19 Have you tried to access, either for your business, or for yourself, any of the following Government schemes?

a) Homeowner Mortgage Support	Tried and succeeded 0%	Tried and failed 0.8%	Not tried 95.5%
b) Working Capital Guarantee	Tried and succeeded 0%	Tried and failed 0.4%	Not tried 95.5%
c) Enterprise Finance Guarantee	Tried and succeeded 0.4%	Tried and failed 0.4%	Not tried 94.2%
d) Capital for Enterprise Fund	Tried and succeeded 0%	Tried and failed 0.4%	Not tried 93.3%
e) Apprenticeship Scheme	Tried and succeeded 0%	Tried and failed 0.8%	Not tried 92.8%
f) Car Scrappage Scheme	Tried and succeeded 1.3%	Tried and failed 1.3%	Not tried 93.7%

Q20 Given recent events, do you think the Prime Minister should call a General Election as soon as possible?

Yes **81.3%** No **14.2%** Don't know **4%**

Charitable donation

I will again make a donation to the charity which secures the most support from responses to this survey.
The results were:

Maggies (cancer care) **56.8%**

Ewe and You (children's holidays) **12.8%**

Megan Baker House (special needs education) **28.4%**