

PARLIAMENTARY PANEL SURVEY - MPs - OCTOBER 2009

Question 1: Thinking about the current debate over whether votes at a General Election should be counted immediately or the following day, which of the following best describes your view?

Base: All Respondents

| | PARTY | | | | | COUNTRY | | | REGION | | | | DATE OF BIRTH | | | MARGINALITY | | | | LENGTH OF SERVICE | | | | | | GENDER | |
|--|-------|------|------|-------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------------------|-------------|-------|------|-------|---------------|---------------|-------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| | Total | Con | Lab | Lib Dems | Other | Eng- land | Wales | Scot land & NI | Lon- don | South | Mids | North | Pre- 1950 | 1950- 1959 | 1960+ | 0.1- 9.9% | 10.0- 19.9% | 20.0- 29.9% | 30%+ | 1986 or before | 1987- 1991 | 1992- 1996 | 1997- 2000 | 2001- 2004 | 2005+ | Male | Fe- male |
| Unweighted Total | 151 | 44 | 82 | 18 | 7 | 123 | 16 | 12 | 17 | 27 | 38 | 41 | 59 | 52 | 40 | 42 | 45 | 39 | 25 | 19 | 17 | 23 | 47 | 15 | 30 | 127 | 24 |
| Weighted Total | 151 | 45 | 83 | 14 | 9 | 121 | 9 | 21 | 17 | 31 | 37 | 37 | 59 | 53 | 40 | 41 | 44 | 41 | 25 | 19 | 17 | 22 | 47 | 14 | 32 | 127 | 24 |
| | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Votes should be counted, and the results declared, as soon as possible after voting finishes | 135 | 41 | 76 | 11 | 7 | 109 | 8 | 18 | 16 | 24 | 34 | 34 | 53 | 51 | 32 | 37 | 36 | 38 | 24 | 17 | 16 | 21 | 40 | 14 | 26 | 114 | 21 |
| | 90% | 91% | 91% | 82% | 78% | 90% | 87% | 90% | 94% | 78% | 94% | 93% | 90% | 97% | 80% | 91% | 81% | 93% | 96% | 91% | 97% | 95% | 86% | 100% | 82% | 89% | 90% |
| Votes should begin to be counted, and the results announced, the following day | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| | 1% | 3% | - | - | - | 1% | - | - | - | 4% | - | - | - | - | 3% | - | 3% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% | 1% | - | |
| It doesn't matter whether votes are counted immediately or the following day | 10 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 4 | - | 4 | 9 | 1 |
| | 7% | 4% | 5% | 18% | 22% | 6% | 13% | 10% | 6% | 14% | 3% | 2% | 6% | 2% | 14% | 9% | 11% | 4% | - | 9% | 3% | - | 9% | - | 11% | 7% | 6% |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - |
| | 1% | 2% | 1% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | - | 3% | 3% | 2% | 2% | - | - | - | 2% | 4% | - | - | 5% | 2% | - | - | 2% | - |
| Not stated | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | 2% | - | 3% | - | - | 2% | - | - | - | 4% | - | 3% | 2% | - | 3% | - | 5% | - | - | - | - | - | 3% | - | 3% | 1% | 4% |