

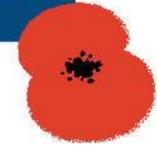


September 2011 Armed Forces Survey – Summary of Key Findings

Online fieldwork: 14th – 15th September

Coroners investigate all deaths not clearly resulting from natural causes. A Chief Coroner would be a named person, independent of the Government who would lead reform and have the power to raise the standard for how bereaved families, including bereaved Armed Forces families, find out about how their loved ones died. Bereaved Armed Forces families are those who have suffered the loss of a family member in the service of the armed forces. The investigations into the deaths of Service personnel are called 'Military Inquests'.

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?			
Base: All respondents – Total respondents: 2000			
	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Don't know (%)
Coroners, who are independent of Government, are more likely to take advice from an independent, legally trained expert rather than the Government.	67	6	27
A Chief Coroner is needed to ensure that coroners treat bereaved Armed Forces families sensitively.	66	12	22
Bereaved Armed Forces families should be able to ask a Chief Coroner to review a coroner's decision without having to pay for an expensive legal process.	71	9	20
Appointing a Chief Coroner is a matter of principle, not a question of cost.	69	8	22



Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?			
Base: All respondents – Total respondents: 2000			
	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Don't know (%)
Britain owes a great debt to the families of those who sacrifice their lives in the service of their country	76	9	15
As a nation we should do more to repay the debt we owe to those who have sacrificed their lives in the service of their country	67	12	21
We must support the families of deceased armed forces personnel in order to honour the memory of those who have given their lives in the service of the country	77	8	15



Online fieldwork: 9th – 11th September

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?			
Base: All respondents - Total respondents: 2049			
	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Don't know (%)
The Government should appoint a Chief Coroner immediately	60	9	31
A named person, independent of Government, should be responsible for leading reform of the coroners system	71	5	24
If politicians were responsible for the coroners system, it would undermine the system's independence	64	9	27
I do not trust the Government to protect bereaved Armed Forces families from the negative impact of cuts in public spending	63	15	21

	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Don't know (%)
It is important that every military inquest is overseen by a coroner who has had specialist training to help them understand the special issues in military inquests	78	5	18
Ensuring that coroners are trained to understand the special issues in military inquests is essential to supporting bereaved Armed Forces families sensitively	79	3	17
The Government's duty to support bereaved Armed Forces families is more important than the financial cost of appointing a Chief Coroner	67	8	25

	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Don't know (%)
How society treats bereaved Armed Forces families says a lot about our values as a Nation	80	5	14
When someone dies serving their country, their family deserves as much support that we as a Nation can possibly give	85	5	10