

## PARLIAMENTARY PANEL SURVEY - MPs - JANUARY 2009

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**Question 1: Thinking about the future of Royal Mail and the UK's post office network, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

**A part-privatisation deal is the only way to safeguard the long-term future of Royal Mail**

**Base: All MPs**

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		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	154	53	73	21	7	129	10	15	11	39	39	40	57	60	37	43	52	35	24	19	17	21	48	19	30	136	18
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	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%
Agree strongly (2.0)	15	5	7	2	-	11	1	3	-	4	4	3	6	4	5	4	3	6	1	2	1	1	6	1	3	12	3
	9%	12%	8%	17%	-	9%	6%	13%	-	14%	10%	8%	11%	9%	13%	10%	6%	17%	5%	12%	8%	7%	11%	7%	9%	9%	15%
Agree (1.0)	47	24	17	5	-	43	-	3	7	14	14	8	16	20	10	13	19	7	8	6	4	7	17	6	6	42	4
	30%	52%	20%	36%	-	35%	-	16%	41%	44%	38%	21%	28%	33%	28%	31%	37%	19%	30%	38%	26%	33%	34%	30%	20%	31%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree (0.0)	17	4	10	1	3	9	3	5	-	2	2	5	3	6	8	4	5	6	2	1	2	2	8	1	4	14	3
	11%	8%	12%	4%	31%	7%	33%	23%	-	8%	6%	12%	6%	10%	21%	10%	11%	16%	8%	5%	12%	8%	15%	5%	13%	10%	15%
Disagree (-1.0)	44	11	26	4	3	37	2	5	8	8	10	11	20	16	7	16	10	10	8	6	5	6	12	4	10	39	5
	28%	23%	31%	28%	36%	30%	19%	22%	48%	27%	26%	28%	35%	27%	20%	38%	19%	30%	31%	34%	31%	31%	25%	20%	34%	29%	25%
Disagree strongly (-1.0)	30	2	23	2	3	22	3	5	2	2	7	11	10	13	6	5	13	6	6	2	4	4	7	7	6	27	3
	19%	5%	27%	15%	33%	18%	31%	25%	10%	7%	19%	28%	18%	22%	18%	11%	25%	18%	23%	11%	22%	21%	13%	38%	20%	20%	17%
Not stated	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1
	1%	-	2%	-	-	1%	11%	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	4%	-	-	-	2%	-	3%	1%	5%
Mean Score	.01	.48	-.22	.28	-.69	.05	-.42	-.05	-.17	.39	.13	-.21	-.03	-.04	.17	.01	.06	.05	-.15	.18	-.11	-.05	.19	-.13	-.18	*	.11
Std Deviation	1.09	1.03	1.05	1.23	.49	1.10	.87	1.10	1.01	1.11	1.13	1.05	1.14	1.05	1.09	1.11	1.05	1.18	1.05	1.17	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.07	1.08	1.18
Std Error	.088	.141	.124	.267	.185	.097	.289	.285	.306	.178	.180	.168	.152	.136	.179	.169	.147	.199	.219	.269	.264	.238	.159	.252	.198	.093	.286

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**Question 1: Thinking about the future of Royal Mail and the UK's post office network, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

**Rural post offices are essential for local residents' quality of life, and any widespread closure programme would be unacceptable**

**Base: All MPs**

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	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%		
Agree strongly (2.0)	66	28	22	8	8	52	4	10	5	18	15	15	15	34	17	17	26	13	11	9	5	8	18	14	12	58	8		
	43%	61%	26%	57%	92%	42%	45%	48%	26%	58%	40%	39%	27%	56%	48%	42%	51%	37%	40%	58%	32%	38%	35%	73%	39%	43%	44%		
Agree (1.0)	62	16	40	5	1	54	2	5	13	9	16	17	33	15	15	21	16	12	12	5	8	11	20	4	14	56	6		
	40%	34%	48%	39%	8%	44%	22%	26%	74%	28%	42%	45%	57%	24%	40%	51%	32%	35%	45%	31%	48%	52%	39%	22%	46%	41%	34%		
Neither agree nor disagree (0.0)	15	2	12	1	-	11	1	3	-	3	5	3	6	4	4	2	3	8	2	2	2	2	6	1	2	14	1		
	10%	5%	14%	5%	-	9%	11%	13%	-	11%	13%	8%	11%	7%	12%	4%	5%	24%	8%	11%	14%	10%	11%	5%	7%	10%	6%		
Disagree (-1.0)	6	-	6	-	-	3	-	3	-	1	-	2	1	5	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	5	-	1	4	2		
	4%	-	7%	-	-	3%	-	13%	-	3%	-	6%	2%	8%	-	3%	5%	4%	4%	-	-	-	9%	-	5%	3%	11%		
Disagree strongly (-1.0)	3	-	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3	-		
	2%	-	3%	-	-	1%	11%	-	-	-	5%	-	2%	3%	-	-	5%	-	-	-	6%	-	3%	-	-	2%	-		
Not stated	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1		
	1%	-	2%	-	-	1%	11%	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	4%	-	-	-	2%	-	3%	1%	5%		
Mean Score	1.23	.56	.91	1.52	1.92	1.26	1.14	1.08	.26	1.40	1.18	1.20	1.09	1.27	1.36	1.32	1.26	1.05	1.25	1.46	1.06	1.28	1.00	1.68	1.23	1.23	1.17		
Std Deviation	.85	.60	.91	.61	.29	.78	1.12	1.09	.45	.82	.83	.83	.73	1.01	.69	.69	.96	.89	.79	.71	.86	.65	1.00	.58	.79	.83	1.01		
Std Error	.069	.082	.108	.133	.111	.069	.374	.281	.136	.132	.134	.133	.097	.132	.114	.105	.135	.150	.164	.163	.210	.141	.146	.134	.147	.071	.246		

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**Question 1: Thinking about the future of Royal Mail and the UK's post office network, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

**The UK's network of post offices is unsustainably large and closures are necessary**

**Base: All MPs**

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	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%	
Agree strongly (2.0)	3	1	3	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	
	2%	2%	3%	-	-	2%	-	7%	-	-	5%	-	4%	2%	-	3%	-	6%	-	5%	-	-	3%	6%	-	1%	7%	
Agree (1.0)	36	4	29	2	-	27	2	7	2	8	7	11	20	12	4	3	16	10	6	3	7	8	16	1	1	33	3	
	23%	10%	35%	14%	-	22%	22%	33%	10%	24%	19%	28%	34%	20%	11%	7%	32%	29%	24%	16%	43%	37%	31%	7%	4%	24%	17%	
Neither agree nor disagree (0.0)	20	7	10	-	3	13	1	6	-	6	2	5	8	5	7	4	4	6	7	3	3	3	5	2	4	18	2	
	13%	15%	12%	-	31%	10%	11%	30%	-	18%	6%	14%	13%	9%	20%	9%	7%	18%	24%	20%	19%	13%	9%	12%	13%	14%	10%	
Disagree (-1.0)	60	23	25	9	3	53	4	3	9	13	18	13	19	24	16	22	18	12	7	8	3	6	16	9	18	52	7	
	39%	49%	29%	68%	33%	42%	46%	13%	52%	42%	47%	34%	33%	40%	45%	54%	36%	35%	27%	49%	20%	27%	31%	47%	59%	39%	39%	
Disagree strongly (-1.0)	32	11	16	2	3	28	1	4	7	5	8	8	8	16	8	11	12	3	6	2	3	5	11	5	6	29	3	
	21%	23%	19%	18%	36%	22%	10%	18%	38%	16%	21%	22%	14%	27%	22%	27%	23%	10%	21%	11%	18%	23%	22%	28%	20%	22%	17%	
Not stated	3	1	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	2	
	2%	2%	2%	-	-	1%	11%	-	-	-	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	2%	4%	-	-	-	4%	-	3%	1%	9%	
Mean Score	-.33	-.60	-.07	-.72	-.69	-.41	-.39	.15	-.79	-.34	-.41	-.28	-.05	-.44	-.58	-.69	-.28	-.03	-.25	-.35	.05	-.13	-.17	-.56	-.79	-.34	-.27	
Std Deviation	.91	.74	.99	.73	.49	.88	.91	.96	.63	.86	.98	.89	1.00	.89	.69	.73	.93	1.02	.84	.93	.93	.95	.99	.88	.51	.89	1.06	
Std Error	.074	.103	.117	.158	.185	.078	.304	.248	.189	.137	.159	.143	.133	.115	.115	.112	.131	.174	.176	.214	.225	.207	.146	.203	.094	.077	.265	

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Table 4/1

**Question 1: Thinking about the future of Royal Mail and the UK's post office network, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

**The Royal Mail's universal service obligation is fundamental to the organisation and must be preserved**

**Base: All MPs**

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	<b>100%</b>	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%	
Agree strongly (2.0)	<b>77</b>	15	46	10	5	59	7	11	7	17	15	21	30	35	13	20	24	18	15	5	10	12	27	14	10	69	8	
	<b>50%</b>	33%	55%	75%	55%	47%	78%	54%	40%	53%	39%	54%	51%	58%	35%	49%	47%	52%	55%	33%	58%	56%	53%	71%	33%	51%	42%	
Agree (1.0)	<b>55</b>	22	28	3	2	47	-	8	7	9	16	14	19	19	17	16	17	13	9	10	5	7	14	4	15	48	7	
	<b>36%</b>	47%	33%	21%	23%	38%	-	36%	43%	30%	44%	37%	33%	32%	47%	38%	33%	38%	33%	58%	32%	34%	27%	20%	50%	35%	37%	
Neither agree nor disagree (0.0)	<b>7</b>	2	2	-	2	5	-	2	-	2	1	2	1	2	4	1	2	2	2	-	-	1	5	1	-	5	2	
	<b>4%</b>	5%	3%	-	23%	4%	-	10%	-	5%	2%	6%	2%	3%	10%	3%	4%	4%	8%	-	-	4%	10%	5%	-	4%	10%	
Disagree (-1.0)	<b>11</b>	5	5	1	-	11	-	-	3	3	5	-	5	3	3	4	4	2	-	1	1	1	4	-	4	10	1	
	<b>7%</b>	11%	6%	5%	-	9%	-	-	17%	9%	13%	-	9%	5%	8%	11%	9%	5%	-	5%	4%	5%	8%	-	13%	7%	6%	
Disagree strongly (-1.0)	<b>3</b>	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	
	<b>2%</b>	3%	1%	-	-	1%	11%	-	-	3%	2%	-	3%	1%	-	-	5%	-	-	4%	6%	-	-	5%	-	2%	-	
Not stated	<b>2</b>	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	
	<b>1%</b>	-	2%	-	-	1%	11%	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	4%	-	-	-	2%	-	3%	1%	5%	
Mean Score	<b>1.29</b>	.99	1.39	1.66	1.32	1.24	1.63	1.44	.05	1.24	1.07	1.50	1.26	1.43	1.09	1.25	1.16	1.37	1.49	1.15	1.37	1.42	1.27	1.58	1.06	1.30	1.22	
Std Deviation	<b>.91</b>	.99	.86	.73	.87	.93	1.05	.68	.08	1.01	1.02	.61	.99	.83	.88	.95	1.04	.82	.65	.84	.95	.82	.95	.80	.96	.91	.88	
Std Error	<b>.074</b>	.136	.101	.160	.327	.082	.350	.176	.324	.162	.163	.098	.132	.108	.145	.144	.145	.138	.136	.193	.230	.180	.139	.184	.178	.079	.214	

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**Question 1: Thinking about the future of Royal Mail and the UK's post office network, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

**If no action is taken, the Royal Mail and the UK's network of post offices will cease to exist in 10 years' time**

**Base: All MPs**

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Agree strongly (2.0)	14	3	9	2	-	11	-	3	-	5	2	4	5	5	3	4	4	2	3	1	1	1	4	2	4	12	1
	9%	6%	11%	15%	-	9%	-	13%	-	17%	5%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	8%	6%	12%	5%	8%	5%	8%	9%	15%	9%	6%
Agree (1.0)	57	17	35	6	-	50	2	6	5	11	18	16	24	26	7	13	19	17	9	8	7	9	23	6	6	45	12
	37%	37%	41%	40%	-	40%	17%	29%	28%	34%	49%	42%	41%	44%	20%	31%	37%	49%	32%	48%	41%	41%	45%	30%	19%	33%	65%
Neither agree nor disagree (0.0)	21	10	6	1	3	13	4	3	3	5	1	4	5	7	8	5	8	4	4	2	2	2	3	4	7	19	2
	13%	21%	8%	9%	33%	11%	43%	16%	17%	15%	4%	11%	9%	12%	23%	12%	15%	12%	14%	11%	11%	12%	7%	23%	23%	14%	10%
Disagree (-1.0)	49	15	25	4	5	40	2	7	6	9	15	10	18	18	13	16	16	11	7	6	3	9	16	6	10	48	2
	32%	32%	30%	31%	54%	32%	18%	35%	34%	29%	40%	27%	31%	30%	36%	38%	31%	30%	26%	36%	20%	43%	31%	29%	32%	35%	9%
Disagree strongly (-1.0)	11	2	8	1	1	9	1	1	4	2	1	3	5	2	4	3	4	1	3	-	3	-	4	2	2	10	1
	7%	4%	9%	5%	13%	7%	11%	6%	21%	5%	2%	8%	8%	3%	12%	8%	8%	2%	12%	-	19%	-	7%	9%	8%	7%	6%
Not stated	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1
	1%	-	2%	-	-	1%	11%	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	4%	-	-	-	2%	-	3%	1%	5%
Mean Score	.16	.12	.24	.35	-.67	.18	-.13	.14	-.27	.34	.16	.27	.20	.28	-.11	.05	.14	.29	.18	.23	.19	.08	.23	.10	.08	.09	.65
Std Deviation	1.06	.98	1.10	1.16	.50	1.06	.75	1.13	.89	1.14	1.05	1.07	1.08	1.04	1.02	1.10	1.04	1.01	1.11	1.03	1.08	1.04	1.07	1.04	1.12	1.07	.83
Std Error	.086	.134	.130	.253	.188	.094	.251	.291	.269	.182	.168	.172	.145	.135	.168	.168	.146	.170	.232	.237	.263	.227	.157	.239	.208	.092	.201

**PARLIAMENTARY PANEL SURVEY - MPs - JANUARY 2009**

Table 6/1

**Question 1: Thinking about the future of Royal Mail and the UK's post office network, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

**There are likely to be further branch closures in the post office network**

**Base: All MPs**

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	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%	
Agree strongly (2.0)	16	7	6	2	-	15	1	-	2	5	4	4	7	7	2	5	6	2	3	2	2	1	4	3	4	15	1	
	10%	15%	8%	17%	-	12%	11%	-	9%	16%	10%	11%	13%	11%	6%	12%	11%	6%	11%	14%	11%	5%	7%	14%	14%	11%	6%	
Agree (1.0)	100	31	49	11	9	80	5	15	9	21	26	24	33	41	26	30	30	22	18	9	9	16	33	15	18	89	12	
	65%	67%	58%	83%	100%	64%	56%	74%	53%	66%	69%	64%	57%	68%	73%	74%	59%	64%	66%	58%	54%	76%	66%	76%	61%	66%	61%	
Neither agree nor disagree (0.0)	25	7	18	-	-	18	2	4	2	6	5	6	13	7	5	4	9	7	4	2	5	4	9	2	3	19	5	
	16%	15%	21%	-	-	15%	22%	20%	9%	18%	13%	16%	22%	12%	13%	10%	17%	21%	15%	11%	29%	19%	18%	10%	8%	14%	28%	
Disagree (-1.0)	11	2	10	-	-	10	-	1	5	-	3	2	4	5	3	2	6	3	1	3	1	-	3	-	4	11	-	
	7%	3%	12%	-	-	8%	-	7%	29%	-	8%	5%	7%	8%	8%	4%	11%	8%	4%	17%	6%	-	6%	-	14%	8%	-	
Disagree strongly (-1.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	
	1%	-	2%	-	-	1%	11%	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	4%	-	-	-	2%	-	3%	1%	5%	
Mean Score	.79	.94	.63	1.17	1.00	.81	.88	.67	.41	.98	.82	.84	.77	.84	.76	.93	.72	.68	.88	.68	.70	.85	.76	1.04	.76	.80	.77	
Std Deviation	.72	.66	.79	.39	-	.75	.63	.61	.03	.60	.72	.70	.76	.72	.68	.62	.82	.72	.65	.94	.76	.48	.69	.51	.89	.74	.56	
Std Error	.059	.091	.094	.085	-	.066	.211	.157	.311	.095	.115	.112	.102	.094	.112	.095	.115	.122	.136	.216	.185	.106	.100	.116	.164	.064	.136	

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Table 7/1

**Question 1: Thinking about the future of Royal Mail and the UK's post office network, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

**Summary table of mean scores**

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A part-privatisation deal is the only way to safeguard the long-term future of Royal Mail	<b>.01</b>	.48	-.22	.28	-.69	.05	-.42	-.05	-.17	.39	.13	-.21	-.03	-.04	.17	.01	.06	.05	-.15	.18	-.11	-.05	.19	-.13	-.18	*	.11
Rural post offices are essential for local residents' quality of life, and any widespread closure programme would be unacceptable	<b>1.23</b>	.56	.91	1.52	1.92	1.26	1.14	1.08	.26	1.40	1.18	1.20	1.09	1.27	1.36	1.32	1.26	1.05	1.25	1.46	1.06	1.28	1.00	1.68	1.23	1.23	1.17
The UK's network of post offices is unsustainably large and closures are necessary	<b>-.33</b>	-.60	-.07	-.72	-.69	-.41	-.39	.15	-.79	-.34	-.41	-.28	-.05	-.44	-.58	-.69	-.28	-.03	-.25	-.35	.05	-.13	-.17	-.56	-.79	-.34	-.27
The Royal Mail's universal service obligation is fundamental to the organisation and must be preserved	<b>1.29</b>	.99	1.39	1.66	1.32	1.24	1.63	1.44	.05	1.24	1.07	1.50	1.26	1.43	1.09	1.25	1.16	1.37	1.49	1.15	1.37	1.42	1.27	1.58	1.06	1.30	1.22

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Table 7/2

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If no action is taken, the Royal Mail and the UK's network of post offices will cease to exist in 10 years' time	<b>.16</b>	.12	.24	.35	-.67	.18	-.13	.14	-.27	.34	.16	.27	.20	.28	-.11	.05	.14	.29	.18	.23	.19	.08	.23	.10	.08	.09	.65
There are likely to be further branch closures in the post office network	<b>.79</b>	.94	.63	1.17	1.00	.81	.88	.67	.41	.98	.82	.84	.77	.84	.76	.93	.72	.68	.88	.68	.70	.85	.76	1.04	.76	.80	.77