

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Harriet							
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66		
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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES  
&  
STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM  
1967-68

- I Housing and Living Facilities
- II Employment
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A Survey carried out from the University of Essex  
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Name of Interviewer Andrea Corradi

SERIAL NUMBER

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Date(s) of interview(s) 13<sup>th</sup> August 1968

Length of interview(s) 2 hours

or contacts

Total actual interviewing time 2 hours

Form of introduction

"My name is X. I'm from Essex/London University. We're preparing a report (writing a book) about standards of living in Britain today and how families manage. We think it's important for the Government and everyone else to know what the facts really are. We're hoping to talk to about 3,000 families throughout the country and I'd be very grateful if you could help us by answering some questions. All our information is, of course, strictly confidential."

SUMMARY : COMPLETE AFTER INTERVIEW

1. Interview carried out at first call at second call at third or later call	10	3. Which sections were answered in whole or in part by which persons on the household?	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc.	5. Number of other households at address →	21
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Y 0		Informant		13 14 15
2. Information for household — — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11	CODE ALL THAT APPLY AS LISTED IN Q'AIRE (Some Sections may be listed twice)	16	6. Household living on ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	22
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Y		2nd member		17 18
(a) Sections incomplete	1	4th	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	Answer 6a { (a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No	6 7
	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6		
CODE ALL THAT APPLY	3	5th	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?	23
	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3		
(b) Reasons if incomplete — — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	5	6th	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7	Yes No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8 9
	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7		
Other (specify)	7	4. Semi or detached house or bungalow Ter. h'se or bungalow Self-con. flat in block Self-con. flat in house Self-con. flat attached to shop/business Room(s): furnished Other (specify)	19		
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SECTION I HOUSING AND LIVING FACILITIES

I'd like to start by asking a few questions about your house/flat

1(a) How many rooms are there - I mean for the sole use of the household?

number of living and dining-rooms (excluding bed-sitter)

number of kitchens

Is the kitchen large enough to eat in? Yes  No

\*number of bedrooms (including bed-sitter)

\*total number of living and dining and bedrooms (including kitchen if large enough to eat in)

(b) How many of these rooms are usually heated during the evenings in winter (whether by coal, gas or electric, paraffin stove or central heating)?

DK

2. Would you and your family like to have more rooms or fewer rooms in the home?

X\* more than one room extra  
Y an extra bedroom  
CODE 0 an extra living room  
ONE 1 number of rooms about right  
ONLY 2 one room fewer  
3 two or more rooms fewer  
4 DK

3. Is electricity laid on? yes, power points and lighting  
yes, lighting only  
No  
DK

4. Has the household the sole or shared use of the following INDOOR facilities?

(a) A flush W.C.\* X yes, sole use  
Y yes, shared  
0 none  
PROMPT CODE ALL THAT APPLY  
(b) A sink or washbasin and cold water tap 1 yes, sole use  
2 yes, shared  
3 none  
(c) A fixed bath or shower 4 yes, sole use  
5 yes, shared  
6 none  
(d) A gas or electric cooker 7 yes, sole use  
8 yes, shared  
9 none

5. Does the household have the sole use or shared use of a garden or yard?

X sole use garden } ASK Q. 5(a)  
Y sole use yard }  
CODE ONE ONLY 0 shared garden }  
1 shared yard } SKIP TO Q.6.  
2 neither garden nor yard }

(a) Is it - too small for the household to sit in the sun (e.g. smaller than 10 feet x 10 feet)

CODE ONE ONLY - at least big enough for the household to sit in the sun, but not equal in size to a tennis court  
- substantial in size (e.g. equal in size to a tennis court or bigger)

6. One or two other questions about living here. Do you find the air in this neighbourhood clean or is it dirty, smoky or foul-smelling?

always dirty, smoky, foul-smelling  
sometimes dirty, smoky or foul-smelling  
not dirty, smoky or foul-smelling  
DK

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N.B. The second bedroom is really a boxroom.

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shared with the other 84 occupants in the block of flats!

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16. IF SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT RECEIVED LAST YEAR (CODE 06 <sup>15</sup>)  
 \* Did anyone advise you to apply for supplementary benefit (national assistance) or was it your own idea?  
 X yes, advised ASK Q.16(a)  
 Y no, own idea SKIP TO Q.17  
 0 DK  
 1 Does Not Apply

(a) Who was it?  
 2 doctor  
 3 welfare worker  
 4 post office  
 5 relative  
 6 friend  
 7 other (SPECIFY)

(b) IF CURRENTLY RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT  
 Do you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable about getting it or do you accept it just like a pension or any other kind of income?  
 very embarrassed or uncomfortable ASK Q.16  
 a little embarrassed  
 not embarrassed (c)  
 DK  
 Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.17

(c) Do you pay the rent yourself or do you have an arrangement with "the supplementary" (or national assistance office) to pay it direct to the landlord?  
 Does Not Apply  
 paid by housewife  
 paid by Supplementary Benefits Commission

17. IF SINGLE GRANT(S) RECEIVED LAST YEAR FROM MINISTRY (CODE 14, Q.15)  
 \* Can you tell me how you came to get this and how much it is for? (each grant)  
 Does Not Apply  
 WRITE IN ANSWER

18. FOR MEN AGED 18 AND OVER NEITHER IN PAID EMPLOYMENT NOR SELF-EMPLOYED IN LAST 12 MONTHS.  
 In what year did you last work full-time (that is, 30 hours or more in a week)? WRITE IN Year 19 \_\_\_\_ IF 1955 OR LATER ASK Q.18(a) IF 1954 OR EARLIER SKIP TO Q.19  
 never SKIP TO Q.19  
 Does Not Apply

(a) What were your earnings in the last week you worked full-time, after deductions?  
 (b) And roughly what would you say was the total income of the household in that week?  
 (c) Were the members of the household then the same as they are today?  
 (d) IF DIFFERENT. Who were in the household then? \* OFFICE USE ONLY

19. FOR ALL. Have you received in the last 12 months a pension from a former employer?  
 yes, central or local govt, armed forces ASK Q.19(a)  
 yes, other employer's pensions  
 no SKIP TO Q.20  
 DK

(a) How much?  
 per week INF  
 OR per month see note bef/aft tax  
 AND total £188-11-6 bef/aft tax  
 last 12 months  
 Payment last wk  
 Payment not received last wk

(b) How many years did you serve for pension?  
*inf. didn't seem to qualify. she gets it because her husband served 40 yrs in army. if he'd lived, he would have received it, not her.*

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	INTERVIEWER: CODE 06, 06, 1F 5th, 6th MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD	
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26. IF HOUSEHOLDER PAYS RENT Does Not Apply

(a) How much do you pay a week in rent? \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Do you have a rent holiday?  
 yes  no  no of wks rent paid in year \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE USE ONLY total rent last year \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Do you pay rates in addition?  
 IF YES amount general rates last yr \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
 amount water rates last yr \_\_\_\_\_ DK no

(d) Have you had a rates rebate?  
 IF YES (i) How much was it? \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIFY PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
 (ii) Did you get it as a lump sum payment \_\_\_\_\_ DK  
 or was it deducted from your rates or \_\_\_\_\_ deducted from rent  
 rent? \_\_\_\_\_ lump sum payment \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Does your rent include: lighting 1 other service or commodity   
 gas 2 electric power 6  
 coal 3 none of these 7  
 meals 4 DK 8  
 PROMPT AND CODE ANY THAT APPLY

(f) How much have you spent in the last 12 months for alterations, decorations or repairs (including paint or tools for work by yourself)?  
 Total £  \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE USE ONLY total annual housing cost \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE ITEMS IF NECESSARY AND COSTS \_\_\_\_\_

27. IF HOUSEHOLDER RENTS PRIVATELY Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.28

(a) Is this accommodation owned by your employer?  
 Y yes ASK Q.27(a)(i)  
 0 no } SKIP TO Q.27(b)  
 1 DK }  
 IF YES (i) Do you pay less than it would cost if you rented it in the ordinary way?  
 2 yes ASK Q.27(a)(ii)  
 3 no } SKIP TO Q.27(b)  
 4 DK }

IF YES (ii) How much extra rent per year would you expect to pay if you were renting it privately? \* extra rent per yr  
 GIVE YOUR ESTIMATE IF INFORMANT UNCERTAIN £ \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Would you have to leave this house/flat if you stopped working for him or when you retire? yes  
 no  
 DK

(b) Are you on a council housing list?  
 1 yes, entire household } ASK Q.27(b)(i)  
 2 yes, part of household }  
 3 no } SKIP TO Q.30  
 4 DK }

(i) How long? \_\_\_\_\_ number of years

28. IF HOUSEHOLDER RENTS FROM COUNCIL Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.30

(a) How long were you (the tenant) on the list before getting council accommodation?  
 inherited tenancy  
 DK  
 number of years \_\_\_\_\_

(b) When was this house/flat built?  
 before war  
 1946-1954  
 1955 or later  
 DK

(c) How long have you been living in council accommodation? \_\_\_\_\_ years

(d) Why did you get a council house/flat when you did? Was it because you reached the top of the list or were there other reasons?  
 X inherited tenancy  
 Y bad housing  
 0 health of member of family  
 1 overcrowding  
 2 other (SPECIFY)  
 3 solely top of list  
 4 DK  
 PROMPT CODE

(e) Do you know if the council operates a differential rents or rent rebate scheme to adjust rents to needs?  
 yes ASK Q.28(e)(i)  
 no } SKIP TO Q.30  
 DK }

(i) Have you had your rent reduced or obtained a rebate, or have you applied but not had a reduction or a rebate?  
 rent reduced (ASK Q.28(e)(ii))  
 applied, no rent reduction  
 not applied } SKIP TO Q.30  
 other (SPECIFY) }  
 DK }

(ii) Do you know by how much? \_\_\_\_\_

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[Inf.] pays £15-14-7<sup>0</sup> per month by cheque which she sends to the agent for the property (i.e. never sees the nut man)  
 At the time of interview she had just received a letter saying that the rent would now go up to £18-10-1 per month due to increased costs and rates.

[Inf.] rent includes central heating (which is never warm enough) and cleaning of the internal stairs leading to the entrance of the flat.

15 14 7  
 6 8 5 7 12  
 £188" 15"  
 £ 8 4  
 £180" 11"  
 4 35 220.95  
 1305 188.55  
 1609.5 409.50

## VI HEALTH AND DISABILITY

### QUESTION 1 Health

Do not probe for the names of disabling illnesses or conditions, unless the informant happens to mention them.

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### QUESTION 2 Unwell today

Note that the emphasis is on "today" and that you are instructed to complete the questionnaire as if all questions applied to the date when you first made contact with the household. This means that if you have postponed an interview because of illness you should ask all the questions about the day you first called.

#### QUESTION 2a Off work

Check with the work record (page 8) where weeks off work will have been established. But here the information is needed as the basis for general questions about current illness and disability.

#### QUESTION 2a (i) & b (i) Number of weeks

If more than a year write "52". If the informant cannot be sure of the exact number and there is uncertainty whether it is less or more than eight weeks seek confirmation of the exact period from the individual concerned at a second call if necessary.

#### QUESTION 2c Regularly

That is, at least once a month for the past three months in connection with the present illness or disability.

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### QUESTION 3 Condition affecting activity

This question is designed to prepare the ground for the all-important Q. 7. You are not asked to trace every conceivable disability or condition from which people may suffer. Many of them, anyway, will not know diagnostic terms even if you ask them. Instead, you ask about conditions which restrict activity, show Flashcard No. 6 (which is nearly the same list as prompted verbally) and code any part of the body or faculty with which "trouble" is reported. You do not explore all possible effects but only a few examples of effects in which we are particularly interested. Remember you are only trying to find out about certain conditions, not every condition.

#### Nerves

Pay particular attention to the need to prompt for any trouble with "nerves".

#### Reading ordinary print

Note that your code "No" only if a person cannot read print in a newspaper. Do not code "No" if a person merely has difficulty. For someone who cannot read interpret the question as "seeing" print in newspaper. We are interested at this point in sight not literacy.

#### Hearing

Note that if an informant does not admit difficulty with hearing but it is observed, you can code accordingly.

*revised  
anyway*

**Inf**  
*fits: she  
was found  
collapsed in  
the middle  
of the road  
twice recently*

#### QUESTION 4 Special schools & centres

This question is asked only of persons who have been ill and off work or confined to bed or the house for eight weeks or more continuously, and those who are coded for any item in Question 3.

#### QUESTION 5 Date of onset of sickness or disabling condition

Our object is to establish the year of onset but the question is worded "first have any condition" so as to allow for the fact that some conditions develop out of others. For persons with a disabling condition you ask, in effect, when all the trouble started.

#### Previous occupation

In the section on Employment you have already asked for the last occupation of everyone not now at work (p. 7). Some people change their occupation because of a disabling condition before finally being obliged to give up work. You should probe for the (previous) occupation which people had before any history of illness or disability started.

#### QUESTION 6 Mobility

You should code people according to their usual mobility, taking no account of a temporary illness or injury. "Usual mobility" may be interpreted as "for at least eight weeks and unlikely to become more mobile in the immediate future" or "for less than eight weeks but unlikely to become more mobile within at least that total period." Someone who spends most of the time in bed and needs help to get out to sit in a chair is defined as bedfast. Someone who can get out of his bed into a chair or wheelchair and who can walk indoors but not even a few yards outdoors without help is defined as housebound. The test is whether someone can walk on his own (without the assistance or company of any other person — though with or without sticks or crutches).

#### QUESTION 7 Incapacity

In prompting this series of questions you may find it simplest to ask the question without the variation in brackets, unless it seems appropriate. Remember you are asking whether they have any difficulty in doing X. Sometimes certain questions will not apply to particular people or to particular situations. You will meet people who do not (or say they do not) wash down, negotiate stairs (living in bungalows), go shopping and do housework (especially some men). The question should then be asked in terms of "But would you have any difficulty in doing X if you had to?" The codes 0, 1, 2 are listed in increasing order of difficulty and you should check that you ring one of them for each item.

#### QUESTION 7e

It would be insensitive and unnecessary to ask questions about the daily activities of the bedfast. They are therefore excluded from this question and the rest of the series. You may encounter other people (e.g. advanced obesity) of whom it is clear that they cannot do certain activities. You may refrain from putting questions to them. The same is true of any situations in which the questions are likely to cause great distress. BUT AS A GENERAL RULE QUESTIONS 7 (e) to (i) SHOULD BE ASKED FOR ALL OTHER THAN THE BEDFAST AND CHAIRFAST.

#### QUESTIONS 8 & 9 Variation in incapacity

These questions explore whether the pattern of answers to Question 7 is permanent. Question 8 seeks any indication of seasonal variations (e.g. bronchitis) and Question 9 day-to-day variations in the effects of disability.

*'I'm a  
real invalid  
but I'm  
happy.'*

*'I feel the  
cold terribly  
and woollen  
suits cost a  
fortune these  
days.'*

**QUESTION 13**

NHS means free, wholly paid for by the National Health Service. Private and amenity (paying) beds in NHS hospitals should be coded as private.

**QUESTION 13(b) Number of nights**

If a person has had two or more spells in hospital add the total number of nights together.

**QUESTION 13(c) Name of hospital**

This will be used in the office to code type of hospital.

**QUESTION 14**

Ill in bed means actually in bed for at least half the day.

**QUESTION 15**

Visits by and to a doctor will include calls when a person is no longer in bed but up and about. The questions are not, therefore, dependent on the answer yes to Q. 14. When the household is large and/or when there have been several visits it may take you a little time to obtain a reliable answer. Remember that in cases of difficulty it is usually best to approach the answer by asking: "When did you last see your doctor?" "And when was the time before that?" "So that means you saw your doctor seven times altogether in the last 12 months?" Remember that we want to count each consultation, even if there are two consultations on one day or on succeeding days. Remember also to include locums and other (alternative) doctor seen in this period.

*Has to  
rest in bed  
for at least  
4 hrs in  
the p.m. every  
day.*

**QUESTION 15(c) Visits paid for**

If the informant is a wife who makes a visit to her NHS doctor and pays later for the pill, which he prescribes, this should still be counted as a NHS visit.

**QUESTION 16 Spectacles**

Most people pay in part for spectacles even under the NHS but some obtain them free by paying and then claiming a refund on test of means (by the SBC).

**QUESTION 18 Doctor at hospital**

It is the number of occasions we want to know, not the number of doctors seen at the hospital.

**Visits to dentist**

Remember to ask number of visits, not number of courses of treatment.

**Home help**

We are interested only in the use of a local council's Home Help Service.

**Someone from the Welfare**

We mean a social worker or officer from a Council health, welfare or children's department who is concerned with some aspect of family welfare. Include a health visitor, say, but not an officer from the Supplementary Benefits Commission or someone from a voluntary organisation — like the WVS or Salvation Army.

*ie every  
day  
except  
weekends*

**QUESTION 18(a) Paying a dentist**

The point is that very poor people can get free dentures and do not have to pay the £1 for a course of treatment.

**QUESTION 18(b) Home help**

Some councils charge for a home help's service on test of means.



**QUESTION 7 Food**

Actual nutritional levels cannot be established by an interview of this kind, but it is hoped that these questions will show very roughly (i) whether a family member goes short of food occasionally, (ii) whether the family is able to buy relatively expensive foods frequently, (iii) whether any member of the family goes short of food occasionally, and (iv) to what extent patterns of food consumption vary with income.

(a) **Cooked breakfast**

Many women do not eat breakfast. Bacon and eggs is only an example. Others would be boiled or fried egg, haddock, kipper, etc. But not porridge, toast, fried bread or potatoes (the distinction is between carbohydrates and other foods).

(b) **No cooked meal**

Stress the whole day. A heavy breakfast but nothing later, or a heavy meal at supper-time will not count as going without a cooked meal during the day.

(c) **Fresh meat**

This will be difficult for households where children have school dinners, or members of the household eat canteen meals. It would be reasonable to code such persons "Yes" in the absence of any better information. It is highly possible that some housewives may have very little fresh meat (defined to include chicken, chops, frozen meat of any kind but not corned beef, tinner meat, boiled ham or sausages). Care is needed as meat-eating is probably over-stated, and when there is meat the men in the household and not the women may have it.

*Her diet*

*consists of:-*

*1) breakfast -  
coffee, bread & butter  
& marmalade*

*2) lunch -  
poached egg,  
bread & butter,  
coffee*

*3) supper -  
coffee, bread &  
butter*

*Doesn't eat meat  
ever, as she says  
she doesn't like it.*

**QUESTION 8 (a) Joint**

Accept what the informant understands by a joint.

**QUESTION 8 (b) and (c) Milk**

Do not include school milk (a correction for this will be made in the office). Check for extra milk at weekends. Include sterilised milk ("stera") as fresh. Some houses buy milk in powder or liquid in tins for babies too, but do not attempt to assess the quantities of this. Just make a note that it is bought.

**QUESTION 9 (b) Clothing**

Clothing cheques are "Provident" cheques and the like where a cheque for £1, for example, entitles a person to shop at certain shops and repayment is made at 1s. in the £1 for 21 weeks. Clubs include any kind of arrangement through a catalogue, shop, or door-to-door salesman.

**QUESTION 9 (c) and (d) Spending on clothing clubs**

Some clubs include coal and furniture as well as clothes; try to get an estimate of the proportion of money spent on clothes. Informants often give a maximum figure, when in fact they miss or only pay something on account.

**QUESTION 11 Adequate footwear**

Includes state of repair as well as fit. Plimsolls and sandals in winter are not adequate, nor are boots alone adequate for summer. Plastic sandals are coded not adequate, unless there are other shoes.

**QUESTION 12 Smoking, pools and betting**

Smoking is often underestimated in surveys. By asking quantities we hope to be able to work out roughly the expenditure. Note if cigars and not cigarettes. Take care to make betting seem a very common activity (which it is, of course), since information may not readily be forthcoming in the context of all these questions on shortages.

**QUESTION 13 Christmas**

Make sure that the sum you have is the extra expense on top of normal housekeeping for the household unit.

**QUESTION 14 Fuel**

Everyone forgets to order coal. Stress "through lack of money".

**QUESTION 15 Birthday parties**

Again the emphasis is on the expense and the experience of bringing the child's friends into the home, so stress that we don't mean just a family party.

**QUESTION 17 (a) Social class**

This question requires the views of both chief wage-earner (head of household) and housewife. By "chief wage-earner" we mean the person upon whose earnings the housekeeping income primarily depends. By "Head of Household" we have in mind the **alternative** person to be questioned if there is no chief wage-earner, e.g. a husband who is a retirement pensioner, or a widowed mother (who may be the tenant) living with her widowed daughter (the housewife) and grandchildren. As far as possible the views on social class should be sought from each person independently. If both are present take the question stage by stage, making sure both answer before passing on. The question asks first for a self-rating, which must be written down. At this stage **avoid putting names of classes into people's heads**. People often hesitate awkwardly, so try to get the informant to say what class she thinks she belongs to or "is nearest to". Prompt by repeating the question carefully, and say "It's what you think", implying (which is true) that everyone has their own idea and each is equally valid. Do not strain to get an answer if one is not easily forthcoming. Do not assume the informant will pick one class only. Multiple choices of "middle and working" or "professional and working" are allowed.

**QUESTION 17 (b) Determinant of class**

Code housewife and chief wage-earner only. Next, to give us a clue as to what the informant is using as a reference point and scale we ask, in effect, the informant's idea of what determines "class". Try to get the most important one only.

**QUESTION 17 (c) Names of classes**

Third, the informant is presented with a flash-card (this is why husband and wife should if possible be interviewed separately, since otherwise the second person may be unduly influenced). Code one item only. If informant wants (again) to say "None", say "Well, I've got to put something down, which would you think was nearest?" This rating is the most important bit of the question. Do not be puzzled if the wife gives a different answer from the husband. This is quite common.

**QUESTION 17 (d) Father's main occupation**

That is, the occupation held for most of the time (not necessarily the most recent).

**QUESTION 18 Well off**

Four comparisons are made in this series of questions—with relatives, with other people (note—of the same age) in locality, with the average in the country and finally in the context of time. Prompt carefully and remember that you might get a different response for one comparison than for another.

*no living relatives →*

*I feel better off than ever because of receiving the social security. I'm so delighted about that.*

**QUESTION 19 Housekeeping and board**

The question refers to ALL INCOME RECIPIENTS including pensioners, as well as earners, who contribute to the housekeeping expenses. Be careful that you probe for everyone in the house, including adolescent earners. Sometimes the actual sum available for housekeeping will be quite different from that suggested by the total income of the household. The husband or teenagers may retain quite large sums not only for their own use but because the pattern of responsibility in one household for expenditure may be different from that in another household which has the same composition. Housekeeping can be a touchy point if both husband and wife are present, and it is perhaps best dealt with by interviewing one of them on their own (the housewife preferably) and, if possible, checking later with the other (the husband). If both husband and wife are present avoid expressing any surprise or criticism if you think the housekeeping is small. Also avoid indicating any opinion on the question of whether wage-earners should pay bills. Try to imply that all arrangements are equally possible. We have listed the common ones, but there will be others. REMEMBER TO CODE EACH INCOME RECIPIENT.

**QUESTION 19 (b) Money back**

This can be daily fares, insurances or clubs paid, dinner money, or simply "spending money". Some teenagers hand over their wages but get clothing bought. Usually this question will apply to teenagers, but some husbands may get money from the housekeeping for their cigarettes and beer mid-week.

**QUESTION 19 (c) Payment of housekeeping bills**

Often the husband will pay some larger bills, but alternatively he may pay housekeeping but expect to "help out" if a heavy bill comes in. We realise that an estimate may be rough but try to get an average contribution. Teenage children may buy food as "treats" for the household from the money they retain. Again try for an average.

**QUESTION 20 Long-term saving**

We are not interested in asking here whether the informant has savings (that was asked in Section V). Nor are we interested here in asking for short-term saving. Instead the question explores whether at the present time the informant manages to put aside savings for a long-term objective.

**QUESTION 21 Ten years ago**

To give us some idea of fluctuating fortunes we ask what things were like ten years ago. Some persons aged 35 or over will have been at home in their parents' households ten years ago and therefore we have to find what was the composition of the household. In any case, we require an estimate of the total money flowing into the household, and the number of adults and children that were supported at that time. Give the informant time to recollect. And check that income includes pensions, family allowances, etc. Fortunately, the informant will already have some idea of what you are after from the detailed questions asked earlier.

*Inf. pays her  
rent by cheque  
every month,  
and all other  
bills as they arise.  
Probably spends  
less than 30/-  
per wk on food.  
Last electricity bill  
(July) was  
£12-3-9.*

*Inf. is saving  
a little for her  
annuation.*

*'10 yrs ago?  
didn't have the  
social security,  
only in case then  
was the quantity  
£47-2-9  
annu pension*

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Stress genuinely and try to avoid facetiousness at this point. Question 23 (a) explores what the informant understands by feeling "poor". If the word "poor" seems inappropriate use the alternative "very hard up".

QUESTION 24 Poverty

Stress the word "poverty". Do not explain what you think it means if you are asked. Seek from the informant his definition and write it in the box as clearly as you can.

QUESTION 25 Voting

Ask for those old enough to have voted in the last election (March 1965). We are not concerned who they voted for (although they will probably say) but would like to know if they are sufficiently involved to vote at all. Be careful to reassure people that this is confidential and as far as you are concerned non-voting is blameless—many people consider that voting is legally compulsory or morally obligatory and so voting figures are over-estimated. Try to get a clear recollection by fixing the incident (time of day, who they went with) if necessary. Stress **National**, not local elections.

QUESTION 26 Action on poverty

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Please write in any additional notes.

This was a delightful old-world old lady, who had slipped into a general poverty. Her husband fell out of the window and was killed many years ago, and she still lives in the same flat. She was positively devoted to the social security people for giving her supplementary benefit, which came as a total surprise to her. (She applied on the advice of a neighbour, but didn't really believe that such help existed!)

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ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY

23. \*Do you think you could GENUINELY say you are poor now? —

X Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.24

Y all the time } ASK Q.23(a)  
 0 sometimes }  
 1 never } SKIP TO Q.24  
 2 DK }

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

(a) Do you feel poor at any of these times or in any of these situations?

3 at weekends  
 4 mid-week  
 5 at Christmas  
 6 with some of your friends  
 7 with some of your relatives  
 8 with some of the people round here  
 9 other (SPECIFY)

PROMPT AND CODE ALL THAT APPLY

FOR CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY

24. (a) There's been a lot of talk about poverty. Do you think there's such a thing as REAL poverty these days? \*

Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.25

yes  
 no  
 DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

*'When you are money and can't see your way to clear the debt, and when you don't have money to eat.'*

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly

X - their own fault?  
 Y - the Government's fault?  
 0 - the fault of their education?  
 1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?  
 2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

3 - a combination of (some of) these?  
 4 - none of these?  
 5 DK

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND OVER

25. Do you mind telling me if you voted in the last General Election (I don't mean who you voted for, just whether you voted)? \*

CODE ALL AGED 23 & OVER

yes, voted  
 no  
 DK  
 DNA

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY

26. If there is poverty what do you think can be done about it?

nothing  
 DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

*I feel very sorry for them. Perhaps they could have more security like 2 receive.*

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
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INTERVIEWER PLEASE CODE ALL THAT APPLY AFTER INTERVIEW

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(a) Household in which there is a child, one of whose parents is not resident	X
(b) Household consisting of woman and adult dependants	Y
(c) Household in which there are five or more dependent children	0
(d) Household containing an adult who has been unemployed for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)	1
(e) Household containing an adult under 65 years of age who has been ill or injured for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)	2
(f) Household containing a disabled adult under 65	3
(a) disabled	4
(b) borderline disabled	5
(g) Household containing a disabled or handicapped child (including child ill or injured for eight weeks or more)	6
(h) Household containing a person aged 65 or over who has been bedfast or ill for eight weeks or more or who is otherwise severely incapacitated	7
(i) Household in which there are	8
(a) earners, none earning £12 a week or more	
(b) adult male earners (aged 21 to 64) earning less than £14 a week	
(j) Household in which there are persons who are	68
(a) non-white	Y
(b) born in Eire	

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COMPOSITION OF HOUSEHOLD: CODES (Q. 10, p. 3)

<b>One generation</b>	Man alone: aged 60 or over ... .. 101	Man: and widowed or separated daughter ... .. 221
	Man alone: aged under 60 ... .. 102	Woman: and widowed or separated son ... .. 222
	Woman alone: aged 60 or over ... .. 103	Woman: and widowed or separated daughter ... .. 223
	Woman alone: aged under 60 ... .. 104	Otherwise two generations: all related ... .. 224
	Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over ... .. 105	Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other ... .. 225
	Husband and wife: both under 60 ... .. 106	Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 226
	Husband and wife: both under 60 ... .. 107	<b>Three generation</b>
	Man and woman: otherwise related ... .. 108	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 301
	Man and woman: unrelated ... .. 109	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... .. 302
	Two or more men only: related ... .. 110	Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 303
	Two or more men only: unrelated ... .. 111	Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... .. 304
	Two or more women only: related ... .. 112	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 305
	Two or more women only: unrelated ... .. 113	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... .. 306
	Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 114	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 307
<b>Two generation</b>	Man, wife: + 1 child under 15 ... .. 201	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... .. 308
	Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15 ... .. 202	Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15 ... .. 309
	Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15 ... .. 203	Otherwise 3-generations:
	Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15 ... .. 204	—all persons related, at least one child under 15 ... .. 310
	Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married ... .. 205	—at least one child under 15 ... .. 311
	Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married ... .. 206	—all persons related ... .. 312
	Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married ... .. 207	—unrelated ... .. 313
	Man and one child under 15 ... .. 208	Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 314
	Man and two children both under 15 ... .. 209	<b>Four generation</b>
	Man and three or more children under 15 ... .. 210	DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW
	Man and children at least one under and one over 15, none married ... .. 211	
	Man and children all aged 15-24, none married ... .. 212	
	Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over, none married ... .. 213	
	Woman: and one child under 15 ... .. 214	
	Woman: and two children both under 15 ... .. 215	
	Woman: and three or more children under 15 ... .. 216	
	Woman: and children, at least one under and one over 15, none married ... .. 217	
	Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married ... .. 218	
	Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or over, none married ... .. 219	
	Man: and widowed or separated son ... .. 220	