

## **ANNEX 4 - PRE-DISCUSSION QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **Introduction**

We are conducting research looking to understand people's views on having children, their ideal family sizes, and how these views might have changed over time. This research is being conducted on behalf of the Scottish Government's Population Programme, which as part of its work, seeks to explore – through a variety of research - how attitudes and individual choices could be shaping long term trends, like demographic change, into the future.

Thank you for your time and help with this project. We are keen to gain a wide variety of opinions, there are no right or wrong answers, we are just interested to hear your views. Before taking part in your focus group/interview we would like to know a little more about you. Please complete this short survey to help us do this. It will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Please complete the survey at least one day before your focus group or interview. If completed an additional £25 will be added to your focus group/interview payment once you have taken part, as a thank you for your time.

The survey includes collecting information about you, such as your name, and whether or not you have any children, but you do not have to answer these questions if you prefer not to. No personal data will be provided to the Scottish Government's Population Programme team, or any other third party.

Progressive Partnership is an independent research company. Progressive works in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Market Research Society Code of Conduct.

If you would like to read Progressive's privacy policy, please visit our website: [Progressive Partnership Privacy Policy](#). If you have any questions about the research, please contact Elise Livingstone at Progressive at: [elise.livingstone@progressivepartnership.co.uk](mailto:elise.livingstone@progressivepartnership.co.uk).

SQ1: Are you happy to continue with the survey?

|     | CODE |
|-----|------|
| Yes | 1    |
| No  | 2    |

ASK ALL

Q1. Please type in your full name below

Name -----

ASK ALL

Q2. How many children do you have? *Please include all children (including stepchildren or adopted children), whether or not they currently live with you.*

| SINGLE CODE/NORMAL           | Codes |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 0                            | 1     |
| 1                            | 2     |
| 2                            | 3     |
| 3                            | 4     |
| 4                            | 5     |
| 5                            | 6     |
| More than 5 (please specify) | 7     |
| Prefer not to say            | 8     |

ASK IF Q2 = CODES (2~7)

Q3. How old are your children?

*Please type in the number of children of each age group you have below, using a number (e.g. 2 not two).*

| MULTICODE/NORMAL   |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Under 5 years old  |  |
| 5 to 8 years old   |  |
| 9 to 12 years old  |  |
| 13 to 17 years old |  |
| 18-25 years old    |  |
| Over 25            |  |
| Prefer not to say  |  |

ASK ALL

Q4. What do you think would be the ideal number of children for you personally to have had during your lifetime? *Please type your answer below*

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Q5. What makes this number your ideal? *Please type your answer below*

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ASK ALL

Q6. And how many more {TEXT SUBSTITUTION – respondent to see word ‘more’ only IF Q2 > 0} children in total do you think you will end up having during your lifetime? *Please type your answer below*

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ASK ALL

Q7. We are interested to know a little more about what influenced your ideal family size and if the ideal family size is different from the number of children you think you will have during your lifetime, what would you say is the main reason(s) for that difference? *Please type your answer below*

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ASK ALL

Q8. Thank you for taking part in this research project. The aim of research is to find out more about people's views on ideal family size and if views change over time. The next stage will be a focus group or interview where you will be asked more questions on this topic.

We are keen to gain a wide variety of opinions and would be very interested to hear your views, but please remember that we only ask you to share what you are comfortable with. If there is anything relating to this topic that you would rather not discuss and would like to let us know about this before we speak to you, please use the box below to tell us and we will ensure you are not asked about this.

*Please type your answer below or leave blank if you have nothing to add. Please only include as much detail as you feel comfortable with.*

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We look forward to talking with you soon.

Please note: you have the right to access the information you have provided in this survey, and to withdraw consent to process this information after taking part. Click [here](#) for details of how to withdraw consent.