# Australia <br> ISSP 2012 - Family and Changing Gender Roles IV <br> Questionnaire 

The Australian Survey of Social Attitudes

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## Section A: Family and Changing Gender Roles

## A1. To begin, we have some questions about women.

## To what extent do you agree or disagree...?

Please cross one box on each line


A2. And to what extent do you agree or disagree...?
Please cross one box on each line
Please cross one box on each line
Both the man and woman should contribute to the
A man's job is to earn money; a woman's job is to look
after the home and family.

A3. Do you think that women should work outside the home full-time, part-time or not at all under the following circumstances?

Please cross one box on each line


A4. To what extent do you agree or disagree ...?


A5. Children grow up in different kinds of families. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?


A6. All in all, what do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?

Please write the number in the box
Children


A7. To what extent do you agree or disagree...?


A8. Consider a couple who both work full-time and now have a new born child. One of them stops working for some time to care for their child.

Do you think there should be paid leave available and, if so, for how long?


## A9. And who should pay for this leave?

Please cross one box only

| Please cross one box only |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| The government |  |
| The employer |  |
| Both the government and the employer |  |
| Other sources | $\square$ |
| Can't choose | $\square$ |

## A10. Still thinking about the same couple, if both are in a similar work situation and are eligible for paid leave, how should this paid leave period be divided between the mother and the father?

Please cross one box only
The mother should take the entire paid leave period and the father should not take any paid leave. $\square$

The mother should take most of the paid leave period and the father should take some of it.

The mother and the father should each take half of the paid leave period. $\square$

The father should take most of the paid leave period and the mother should take some of it. $\square$
The father should take the entire paid leave period and the mother should not take any paid leave. $\square$
Can't choose $\square$

## A11. Consider a family with a child under school age. What, in your opinion, is the best way for them to organise their family and work life?

The mother stays at home and the father works full-time. $\square$
The mother works part-time and the father works full-time. $\square$
Both the mother and the father work full-time. $\square$
Both the mother and the father work part-time. $\square$
The father works part-time and the mother works full-time. $\square$
The father stays at home and the mother works full-time. $\square$

Can't choose $\square$

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## A12. And, in your opinion, which of these options would be the least desirable?

The mother stays at home and the father works full-time. $\square$
The mother works part-time and the father works full-time. $\square$
Both the mother and the father work full-time.


Both the mother and the father work part-time. $\square$
The father works part-time and the mother works full-time. $\square$
The father stays at home and the mother works full-time. $\square$
Can't choose


## A13. People have different views on childcare for children under school age. Who do you think should primarily provide childcare?

Please cross one box only


## A14. Who do you think should primarily cover the costs of childcare for children under school age?

Please cross one box only
The family $\square$
The government/public funds $\square$
The employers $\square$
Can't choose

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A15. Thinking about elderly people who need some help in their everyday lives, such as help with grocery shopping, cleaning the house, doing the laundry etc. Who do you think should primarily provide this help?

Please cross one box only


A16. And who do you think should primarily cover the costs of this help to these elderly people?

Please cross one box only
The elderly people themselves or their family


The government/public funds


Can't choose


A17. Now thinking of your own situation:
On average, how many hours a week do you personally spend on household work, not including childcare and leisure time activities?

Hours $\square$
A18. On average, how many hours a week do you spend looking after family members (e.g. children, elderly, ill or disabled family members)?


Please answer the following questions if you are currently living with your spouse or a partner, otherwise go to question A26

A19. And what about your spouse/partner?

On average, how many hours a week does he/she spend on household work, not including childcare and leisure time activities?

Hours


A20. And on average, how many hours a week does he/she spend looking after family members (e.g. children, elderly, ill or disabled family members)?


## A21. How do you and your spouse/partner organise the income that one or both of you receive?

Please choose the option that comes closest.
Please cross one box only
I manage all the money and give my spouse/partner his/her share
My spouse/partner manages all the money and gives me my share $\quad \square$
We pool all the money and each take out what we need $\quad \square$
We pool some of the money and keep the rest separate $\quad \square$
We each keep our own money separate


A22. In your household who does the following things...?


## A23. Which of the following best applies to the sharing of household work between you and your spouse/partner?

I do much more than my fair share of the household work $\square$
I do a bit more than my fair share of the household work $\square$
I do roughly my fair share of the household work $\square$
I do a bit less than my fair share of the household work $\square$
I do much less than my fair share of the household work

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## A24. When you and your spouse/partner make decisions about choosing shared weekend activities, who has the final say?

Please cross one box only


A25. Considering all sources of income, between you and your spouse/partner, who has the higher income?

Please cross one box only

| My spouse/partner has no income |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| I have a much higher income |  |
| I have a higher income |  |
| We have about the same income |  |
| My spouse/partner has a higher income | $\square$ |
| My spouse/partner has a much higher income | $\square$ |
| I have no income | $\square$ |

A26. How often has each of the following happened to you during the past three months?


A27. If you were to consider your life in general, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole?

Please cross one box only
Completely happy

Very happy $\square$
Fairly happy $\quad \square$
Neither happy nor unhappy $\quad \square$
Fairly unhappy $\square$
Very unhappy $\square$
Completely unhappy


Can't choose $\quad \square$
A28. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your (main) job?
Please cross one box only

| Completely satisfied | $\square$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| Very satisfied | $\square$ |
| Fairly satisfied | $\square$ |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | $\square$ |
| Fairly dissatisfied | $\square$ |
| Very dissatisfied | $\square$ |
| Completely dissatisfied | $\square$ |
| Can't choose | $\square$ |
| Doesn't apply/no job | $\square$ |

A29. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your family life?
Please cross one box only
Completely satisfied


Very satisfied $\square$
Fairly satisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied


Fairly dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied $\square$

A30. In general, would you say your health is...
Please cross one box only
Excellent $\square$
Very good $\quad \square$
Good


Fair


Poor


Can't choose $\quad \square$
A31. Did your mother ever work for pay for as long as one year, after you were born and before you were 14 ?


A32. Have you ever had children?
Please cross one box only


A33. Did you work outside the home full-time, part-time, or not at all...


A34. What about your spouse/partner at that time - did he or she work outside the home full-time, part-time, or not at all...

Please cross one box on each line


A35. Who usually makes/made the decisions about how to bring up your children?

Please cross one box only


## Section B: Looking after children after parental separation

B1. The following statements are about care-time arrangements after parental separation. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Even if one parent is threatening or violent towards the other parent after separation, this parent:

Please cross one box on each line


B2. Child support is not usually payable for a child over 18 years. Do you think it should be paid for children after they turn 18 if they are ..

Please cross one box only
a full-time student still living at home $\square$
a disabled child $\square$
both of these $\square$
neither of these $\square$

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## Section C: Marriage, young adults and intergenerational support

C1. The following statements are about young adults and support between these people and their parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each statement?


C2. The following statements are about being single, living together and marriage. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each statement?


## Section D: Information and communication technology

D1. Advances in information and communication technology (ICT) have changed the ways that we do things, but not everyone feels confident using some of these technologies such as 'smart phones', computers and the internet. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?


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## Section E: Personal background

Now we would like to finish up by asking you some questions about your background. The information you provide is totally confidential and will be used only for this research.

E1. Are you ...


E2. When were you born?
Please, write in the year of your birth (use four digits for the year)
Year (YYYY) $\square$
E3. Are you currently in school or studying in higher education?

| I am still at school |
| :---: |
| I am still at college/university/in vocational training |
| No I am not currently in school, college, university or in vocational training |

E4. How many full years of schooling or education have you had?
Please include primary and secondary schooling, university and full-time vocational training, but do not include repeated years.

If you are currently in education count the number of years you have completed so far.


E5. What is the highest year of schooling you have completed?
Please cross one box only


| E6. | What is the highest educational qualification you have completed outside of school? |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Please cross one box only |
|  | Doctorate by research |
|  | Doctorate by coursework $\quad \square$ |
|  | Masters' Degree |
|  | Graduate Diploma $\quad \square$ |
|  | Graduate Certificate |
|  | Bachelor Degree |
|  | Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree |
|  | Diploma |
|  | Certificate IV |
|  | Certificate III $\quad$ |
|  | Certificate II |
|  | Certificate I $\quad \square$ |
|  | No post-school qualification $\quad \square$ |

E7. Are you currently working for pay, did you work for pay in the past, or have you never been in paid work?

By work we mean doing income-producing work, as an employee, self-employed or working for your own family's business, for at least one hour per week.

If you temporarily are not working for pay because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike, etc., please refer to your normal work situation.

| I am currently in paid work | $\square$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| I am currently not in paid work but I had paid work in the past | $\square$ Skip to E9 |
| I have never had paid work | $\square$ Skip to E19 |

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E8. How many hours, on average, do you usually work for pay in a normal week, including overtime?

If you work for more than one employer, or if you are both employed and self-employed, please count the total number of working hours that you do.

Hours


The next questions deal with some more details on your work situation.
E9. Are/were you an employee, self-employed, or working for your own family's business?

If you work for more than one employer, or if you are both employed and self-employed, please refer to your main job.

If you are retired or not currently working, please refer to your last main job.


E10. How many employees do/did you have, not counting yourself?
Employees


E11. Do/did you supervise other employees?


E12. How many other employees do/did you supervise?
Employees


E13. Do/did you work for a for-profit organisation or for a non-profit organisation?

Please cross one box only
I work/ed for a for-profit organisation


I work/ed for a non-profit organisation


E14. Do/did you work for a public or a private employer?

| Please cross one box only |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Public employer |  |
| Private employer | $\square$ |

E15. All in all, how satisfied are/were you with your job?

Extremely dissatisfied - 0 $\square$
$1 \square$
2 $\square$
3
4 $\square$
5 $\square$

6 $\square$
$7 \quad \square$
8

9


Extremely satisfied - 10


Can't choose
E16. What is/was your occupation - i.e., what is/was the name or title of your main job?

Please write in and describe as clearly as possible
$\square$



E17. In your main job, what kind of activities do/did you do most of the time?

Please write in and describe as clearly as possible




E18. What does/did the firm/organisation you work/worked for mainly make or do - i.e., what kind of production/function is/was performed at your workplace?

Please write in and describe as clearly as possible

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$\square$

E19. Which of the following best describes your current situation?
If you temporarily are not working because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike etc., please refer to your normal work situation.

Please cross one box only
In paid work (as an employee, self-employed, or working for your own family's business)
Unemployed and looking for a job
$\square$
$\square$

In education (not paid for by employer), in school/student/pupil even if on vacation $\quad \square$
Apprentice or trainee $\square$
Permanently sick or disabled


Retired


Doing housework, looking after the home, children or other persons


Other $\square$
E20. Do you have a spouse or a partner and, if yes, do you share the same household?

Please cross one box only
Yes, I have a spouse/partner and we share the same household


Yes, I have a spouse/partner but we don't share the same household


Skip to E22
No, I don't have a spouse/partner $\square$ Skip to E34
E21. How long have you and your spouse/partner been living together?


## E22. Is your spouse/partner currently in school or studying in higher education?

I am still at school $\square$
I am still at college/university/in vocational training


No I am not currently in school, college, university or in vocational training


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E23. What is the highest year of schooling your spouse/partner has completed?

Please cross one box only

| Year 12 or equivalent | $\square$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| Year 11 or equivalent | $\square$ |
| Year 10 or equivalent | $\square$ |
| Completed primary school | $\square$ |
| Completed pre-primary school | $\square$ |
| Did not go to school | $\square$ |

E24. What is the highest educational qualification your spouse/partner has completed outside of school?


E25. When was your spouse/partner born?
Please, write in the year of his/her birth (use four digits for the year)
Year (YYYY) $\square$

The next questions deal with the work situation of your spouse/partner.
E26. Is your spouse/partner currently working for pay, did he/she work for pay in the past, or has he/she never been paid work?

By work we mean doing income-producing work, as an employee, self-employed or working for his/her own family's business, for at least one hour per week.

If he/she temporarily is not working for pay because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike, etc., please refer to his/her normal work situation.
Please cross one box only
$\mathrm{He} /$ she is currently not in paid work but he/she had paid work in the past
$\mathrm{He} / \mathrm{she}$ has never had paid work

E27. How many hours, on average, does your spouse/partner usually work for pay in a normal week, including overtime?

If he/she works for more than one employer, or if he/she is both employed and self-employed, please count the total number of working hours that he/she does.

Hours $\square$

The next questions deal with some more details on your spouse's/partner's work situation.
E28. Is/was your spouse/partner an employee, self-employed, or working for his/her own family's business?

If he/she works for more than one employer, or if he/she is both employed and self-employed, please refer to his/her main job.

If he/she is retured or not currently working, please refer to his/her last main job.


E29. Does/did your spouse/partner supervise other employees?
Please cross one box only


E30. What is/was your spouse's/partner's occupation - i.e., what is/was the name or title of his/her main job?

Please write in and describe as clearly as possible.


E31. In his/her main job, what kind of activities does/did he/she do most of the time?

Please write in and describe as clearly as possible



E32. What does/did the firm/organisation he/she work/worked for mainly make or do - i.e., what kind of production/function is/was performed at his/her workplace?


E33. Which of the following best describes your spouse's/partner's current situation?

If he/she temporarily is not working because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike etc., please refer to his/her normal work situation.

In paid work (as an employee, self-employed, or working for his/her own family's business)
Unemployed and looking for a job $\square$ In education (not paid for by employer), in school/student/pupil even if on vacation

Apprentice or trainee $\square$
Permanently sick or disabled


Retired

Other

E34. Are you or have you ever been a member of a trade union or similar organisation? If yes: is that currently or only previously?

Please cross one box only
Yes, currently $\square$
Yes, previously but not currently


No, never


E35. Do you belong to a religion and, if yes, which religion do you belong to?


Other religions - Please specify


E36. Apart from such special occasions as weddings, funerals, etc., how often do you attend religious services?

Please cross one box only


E37. In our society, there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom.

Below is a scale that runs from the top to the bottom.

Where would you put yourself on this scale?
Please cross one box only
$\square$
9 $\square$
8


7 $\square$

6


5


4


3 $\square$
2 $\square$

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E38. Do you usually think of yourself as close to any particular political party and, if yes, which party is that?

Please cross one box only
Australian Labor Party (ALP) $\quad \square$
Liberal Party $\quad \square$
National Party of Australia $\quad \square$
Australian Democrats $\quad \square$
Greens


One Nation $\quad \square$
Family First


No party affiliation

Other party (please specify)
Other party (please specify)


E39. Did you vote in Australia's federal election in August 2010?
Please cross one box only


E40. Thinking back to the last general election in August 2010 - Which party did you vote for?


Other party (please specify)


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E41. What country were you born in?


Overseas - Please specify country
$\square$
E42. What country was your mother born in?


Overseas - Please specify country


E43. And what country was your father born in?

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\begin{array}{l|}
\text { Australia } \\
\text { Overseas - Please specify country } \\
\hline
\end{array}
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Overseas - Please specify country


E44. What is your ancestry? (Provide up to 2 ancestries only.)

| English | $\square$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| Irish | $\square$ |
| Italian | $\square$ |
| German | $\square$ |
| Chinese | $\square$ |
| Scottish | $\square$ |
| Greek | $\square$ |
| Dutch | $\square$ |
| Lebanese | $\square$ |
| Indian | $\square$ |
| Vietnamese | $\square$ |
| Polish | $\square$ |
| Australian | $\square$ |
| Other, please specify | $\square$ |

Other, please specify


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E45. Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

E46. Including yourself, how many people - including children - usually live in your household?

Adults of 18 years and older $\square$
Children between 5-17 years of age $\square$
Children up to and including the age of 4


This makes a total of how many people? $\square$
E47. Is there at least one telephone inside your home that is currently working and is not a mobile phone?


E48. How many people in your household, including yourself, have a currently working mobile phone?


E49. In your home, do you have a computer (such as a PC, laptop or iPad) that is connected to the Internet?


E50. Before taxes and other deductions, what on average is your own total monthly income?
\$ $\square$
E51. Before taxes and other deductions, what on average is the total monthly income of your household?
\$


E52. What is your current legal marital status?
Please cross one box only
Married


Separated from my spouse but still legally married



E53. Have you ever been divorced?
Please cross one box only


E54. Have you ever separated from someone that you lived with for six months or more but were never married to this person?

Please cross one box only


No


E55. How many children have you ever had (given birth to, fathered or adopted)?

Number:


E56. Do you have any children under 18 years old who were born from (or adopted in) a previous relationship?

Please cross one box only


No
Skip to E58
E57. If you have any children under 18 years old who were born from (or adopted in) a previous relationship, which of the following best describes the child or children's living arrangements?

Please cross one box only
One or more children live with me for most or all of the time $\square$

One or more children live with the other parent most or all of the time $\square$ One or more children live with both parents equally (i.e., roughly $50: 50$ split) $\square$

Two or all three of the above $\square$

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E58. Would you describe the place where you live as ...
Please cross one box only
A rural area or village


A small country town (under 10,000 people) $\square$
A larger country town (over 10,000 people) $\square$

A large town (over 25,000 people) $\square$
Outer metropolitan area of a major city (over 100,000 people) $\square$
Inner metropolitan area of a major city (over 100,000 people) $\square$

## Section F: Optional feedback

F1. What is the date that you mostly filled out this questionnaire?


F2. How much did you enjoy filling out this questionnaire?


F3. How easy or difficult did you find filling out this questionnaire?


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F4. How would you describe your mood when filling out this questionnaire?


F5. If you would like to participate in future research conducted by ACSPRI Academic Surveys Australia, please provide your name and email address below.

Your details will not be linked to your responses. We will not provide your details to a third party. Your contact details will only be used for ACSPRI Academic Surveys Australia to contact you to request participation in online surveys for research purposes.
Your name

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Your email address


F6. About how many minutes did it take you to fill out this questionnaire?
Minutes


That is the end of the questionnaire.
Please put the questionnaire in the pre-paid reply envelope and post it back to us.
If you have misplaced your pre-paid reply envelope, please place the questionnaire in an envelope, and address it to:

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