# Questions to be included into the core set of questions for any upcoming MP survey

## 1

### **Focus of representation**

As a Member of Parliament, do you perceive yourself first and foremost as a representative of your party, of your voters, of your constituency, of the entire country, or of a specific group in society?

- 5 Representative of my party
- 4 Representative of my voters
- 3 Representative of my constituency/region ("region" where the electoral system does not provide for proper constituencies)
- 2 Representative of the entire country
- 1 Representative of a specific group in society\*
- 97 Don't know / no clear preference
- 99 No information

## 2

### MP functions/duties

Members of Parliament differ in how they describe their functions and duties. How important do you consider the following functions of a deputy: very important, important, somewhat important, not so important or unimportant?

- A Controlling the functioning of government
- B Making legislation
- C Representing citizens' interests
- D Influencing public opinion
- 5 very important
- 4 important
- 3 somewhat important
- 2 not so important
- 1 unimportant
- 97 Don't know
- 99 No information

<sup>\*</sup> national researchers may provide examples for such groups in brackets

#### 3

#### **MP** activities

How important are the following activities in your actual work for parliament: very important, important, somewhat important, not so important or unimportant?

- A Activities in the constituency
- B Activities in the parliamentary committees
- C Activities within the parliamentary groups
- D Activities in the plenary
- 5 very important
- 4 important
- 3 somewhat important
- 2 not so important
- 1 unimportant
- 97 Don't know
- 99 No information

## 4(?)

## **Roles of representation**

This question should be asked provided it is not replaced in subsequent debates

When you think about your own work in Parliament, do you see yourself more as a specialist in a specific area or more as a generalist?

- 2 More as a specialist in a specific area
- 1 More as a generalist
- 97 Don't know
- 99 No information