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

* national researchers may provide examples for such groups in brackets

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
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