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 WOULD YOU SAY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IS VERY IMPORTANT, FAIRLY IMPORTANT
 OR NOT IMPORTANT ON HOW YOU PERSONALLY WOULD VOTE IN A FEDERAL ELECTION?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>FEB</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>OCT</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u>
<u>Issues Rated Very Important</u>	%	%	%	%	%	%
HEALTH & MEDICARE	82	82	79	83	85	83
EDUCATION	80	80	80	78	80	79
THE ECONOMY*	NA	70	68	68	67	67
THE ENVIRONMENT	60	56	59	NA	NA	60
NATIONAL SECURITY	66	58	59	66	58	60
WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES	59	63	63	59	66	59
FAMILY ISSUES	61	NA	60	NA	NA	59
LEADERSHIP	65	55	56	56	56	55
TAXATION	57	NA	53	NA	NA	54
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	31	NA	41	49	48	53
INTEREST RATES	50	NA	51	NA	NA	51
DEFENCE	54	NA	49	NA	NA	51
UNEMPLOYMENT	55	NA	50	NA	NA	48
INFLATION	40	NA	45	NA	NA	45
IMMIGRATION	35	NA	39	NA	NA	43
WOMEN'S ISSUES	46	NA	38	NA	NA	41
(among females)	(55)	(NA)	(45)	(NA)	(NA)	(48)
ABORIGINAL AND NATIVE TITLE ISSUES	26	NA	30	NA	NA	27

*'The Economy' included from February 2005.

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	<u>LIBERAL/ NATIONALS COALITION</u>	<u>LABOR PARTY</u>	<u>SOMEONE ELSE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>UNCOMMITTED</u>
<u>JUNE 2006 - Summary</u>	%	%	%	%	%
HEALTH & MEDICARE	34	41	6	3	16
EDUCATION	35	39	7	3	16
THE ECONOMY	61	20	4	2	13
THE ENVIRONMENT	28	28	26	3	15
NATIONAL SECURITY	56	21	5	3	15
WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES	34	45	6	2	13
FAMILY ISSUES	34	41	8	3	14
TAXATION	46	31	5	2	16
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	29	48	6	2	15
INTEREST RATES	56	23	4	2	15
DEFENCE	54	24	5	2	15
UNEMPLOYMENT	44	35	6	2	13
INFLATION	57	20	4	3	16
IMMIGRATION	43	30	8	3	16
WOMEN'S ISSUES (among females)	29 (27)	36 (33)	12 (14)	3 (5)	20 (21)
ABORIGINAL AND NATIVE TITLE ISSUES	27	32	16	5	20

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	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	36	37	37	34	31	34
LABOR PARTY	42	40	39	41	42	41
SOMEONE ELSE	3	4	5	5	5	6
NONE	3	3	4	3	4	3
UNCOMMITTED	16	16	15	17	18	16

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF EDUCATION?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	33	39	35	33	31	35
LABOR PARTY	43	40	43	37	41	39
SOMEONE ELSE	4	3	4	6	5	7
NONE	3	3	3	3	4	3
UNCOMMITTED	17	15	15	21	19	16

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF THE ECONOMY?

	<u>FEB</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	60	59	57	55	61
LABOR PARTY	20	21	21	23	20
SOMEONE ELSE	3	4	4	3	4
NONE	3	3	2	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	14	14	16	16	13

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	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	25	28	28	28
LABOR PARTY	33	30	26	28
SOMEONE ELSE	22	23	28	26
NONE	3	3	3	3
UNCOMMITTED	17	16	15	15

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF NATIONAL SECURITY?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	50	57	55	52	51	56
LABOR PARTY	26	21	22	21	22	21
SOMEONE ELSE	3	3	4	4	4	5
NONE	3	3	3	4	3	3
UNCOMMITTED	18	16	16	19	20	15

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF WELFARE AND SOCIAL ISSUES?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	29	35	30	32	30	34
LABOR PARTY	47	42	46	44	46	45
SOMEONE ELSE	5	5	7	5	4	6
NONE	2	3	3	3	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	17	15	14	16	17	13

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	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	32	34	34
LABOR PARTY	43	42	41
SOMEONE ELSE	4	8	8
NONE	3	3	3
UNCOMMITTED	18	13	14

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF TAXATION?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	41	44	46
LABOR PARTY	34	33	31
SOMEONE ELSE	3	4	5
NONE	3	4	2
UNCOMMITTED	19	15	16

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>OCT</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>FEB</u> <u>2006</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	36	33	26	28	29
LABOR PARTY	39	45	50	47	48
SOMEONE ELSE	2	4	5	4	6
NONE	2	3	2	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	21	15	17	18	15

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	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	51	53	56
LABOR PARTY	24	23	23
SOMEONE ELSE	2	4	4
NONE	3	5	2
UNCOMMITTED	20	16	15

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF DEFENCE?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	50	54	54
LABOR PARTY	26	25	24
SOMEONE ELSE	3	4	5
NONE	2	3	2
UNCOMMITTED	19	14	15

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF UNEMPLOYMENT?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	39	41	44
LABOR PARTY	39	36	35
SOMEONE ELSE	3	5	6
NONE	2	4	2
UNCOMMITTED	17	14	13

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	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	52	57	57
LABOR PARTY	22	21	20
SOMEONE ELSE	3	3	4
NONE	3	3	3
UNCOMMITTED	20	16	16

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF IMMIGRATION?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	41	32	43
LABOR PARTY	30	40	30
SOMEONE ELSE	6	9	8
NONE	3	4	3
UNCOMMITTED	20	15	16

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF WOMEN'S ISSUES?

	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	28	27	29
LABOR PARTY	38	34	36
SOMEONE ELSE	7	14	12
NONE	4	4	3
UNCOMMITTED	23	21	20

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	<u>JUN</u> <u>2004</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2005</u> %	<u>JUN</u> <u>2006</u> %
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	26	29	27
LABOR PARTY	39	33	32
SOMEONE ELSE	9	15	16
NONE	5	5	5
UNCOMMITTED	21	18	20

These surveys were conducted on the telephone by trained interviewers in all states of Australia and in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution. The latest survey was conducted on 16-18 June 2006 and is based on 1140 interviews among electors. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL. More poll information is available at www.newspoll.com.au