National Aged Care Poll

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	Short Methodology Disclosure Statement	
F1a.	Research company conducting the research	JWS Research
F1b.	Client commissioning the research	Health Services Union (HSU) National
F1c.	Name of end client	Health Services Union (HSU) National
F1d.	Fieldwork dates	10th to 19th January 2022
F1e.	Data collection methodology and (F1f.) split	100% online
F1g.	Target population	Australian adults 18+
F1h.	Sample size	n=1,600
F1i.	Compliant with Australian Polling Council Code.	Yes
F1j.	URL for Long Methodology Disclosure Statement	
F1k.	Voting intention published	NA

	Long Methodology Disclosure Statement	
F2a.	Effective sample size after weighting	n=940
F2b.	Error margin associated with the effective sample size for the research.	+/-3.2% at 95% confidence level
F2c.	Variables used for weighting, population data source	Age, Gender, Location, Electorate type
F2d.	Weighting methodology used	Rim weighting
F2e.	Full question text	See below
F2f.	**Prior questions which may have materially influenced results	Not Applicable
F2g.	**Proportion of completed phone interviews by type	Not applicable
F2h.	**Source of online sample used.	Respondents selected from existing panels of people agreeing to take part in surveys
***If voting intention is published*		
G2b.	Ability to provide 'undecided' response	Not applicable
G2c.	Do voting intention figures exclude 'undecided'	Not applicable
G2e.	Method of calculating 2PP	Not applicable

*Relevant clauses of the Code of Conduct are noted for each item
**This item may not be applicable

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Full question text (F2e.)

Q5. Thinking about funding for aged care in Australia.

In 2019-2020, government spending on aged care was $21.5 billion. Most of this was contributed by the Federal Government.

However, Federal Government spending on aged care is about 1.2% of Australia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), compared to an international average of 2.5%.

Which of these best describes your view?

ROTATE 1-3,4 OR 3-1,4

SCALE
Federal Government funding for aged care should be **increased**
Federal Government's current level of aged care funding is about right
Federal Government funding for aged care should be **decreased**
[ANCHOR] Can't say

Q9. A 25% increase for all aged care workers **is equivalent to**:
- an increase of between $5.40 and $7.20 per hour (average increase of $5.50); and
- increasing the average wage to $29 per hour.

Knowing this, do you now **support** or **oppose** a 25% increase to the award wages of aged care workers?

SCALE
Strongly support
Somewhat support
Neither support nor oppose
Somewhat oppose
Strongly oppose
Can't say

RANDOMISE ORDER OF Q10 AND Q11

Q10. **IF ASKED FIRST:** Some people have said the following about the aged care sector and its workers in relation to a wage increase for the sector.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that each of the following is a reason to **support a 25% increase to the award wages of aged care workers**?

IF ASKED FIRST: (Please note that the next question will ask how you feel about a list of potential concerns and reasons to oppose an increase.)

K. Many aged care facilities are understaffed – wage increases are needed to attract and retain staff with the right mix of skills to ensure older Australians receive safe, quality care.

SCALE
Strongly agree
Somewhat agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Somewhat disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't know

Q20. Now about federal politics. Are you eligible to vote at the next federal election?

SCALE
Yes
No
Can't say

ASK IF VOTER IE CODE 1 IN Q20

Q23a. At the next federal election, would you be more likely to vote for a party or candidate **who supports increased Federal Government funding for aged care**, less likely to vote for them, or would it make no difference to your vote?

SCALE
Much more likely to vote **for** them
Somewhat more likely to vote **for** them
Would not make any difference
Somewhat more likely to vote **against** them
Much more likely to vote **against** them
Can't say