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Horizon Research - Budget 2011 survey

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Budget economic and job growth assumptions results by occupation, sector and party vote 2008:

Budget 2011 Survey Results Table (Weighted)

2011 BUDGET

Firstly, some background for you... In its 2011 Budget statement, the Government says it wants to generate faster economic growth and control its spending. The Government is currently borrowing \$380 million in new net debt per week and will run a record deficit of \$16.7 billion in the current financial year. The budget plans to make \$5.2 billion in savings, will cut some existing spending over the next 5 years and will reduce discretionary new spending by \$1.2 billion over the next 4 years. From these savings, \$4 billion will be redirected to new initiatives over the next 4 to 5 years. To help reduce its spending, the Government will: cut contributions to KiwiSaver by \$2.5 billion over the next 4 years cut \$448 million from Working for Families over the next 4 years require the state sector to make \$980 million in savings over the next three years The Government will also sell shares in State assets with a value of \$5 billion to \$7 billion. The Government plans to reduce the amount it needs to borrow by \$5.6 billion over the next 5 years and return the budget to surplus in the 2014/2015 financial year. Whether it does many of these things will depend on how you vote in the November 26 election this year. We would like your views on these measures and how they will affect you, your household and business.

Q1. Firstly, in its 2011 Budget statement, the Government forecasts economic growth at 4% next year and that 170,000 new jobs will be created over the next 4 years. How realistic do you think these assumptions are?

Single Answer Only

- A. Very realistic
- B. Realistic
- C. Neutral
- D. Unrealistic
- E. Very unrealistic
- F. I really don't know

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1157	2.3%	18.5%	22.5%	32%	17.4%	7.4%	100%
OCCUPATION								
Business Manager/Executive	5%	1.4%	32.9%	32.9%	20.4%	6.1%	6.4%	100%
Business Proprietor/Self-employed	5%	2.6%	19.4%	29%	32%	13.5%	3.5%	100%
Clerical/Sales Employee	9%	2.3%	21.6%	25.3%	31.7%	12.4%	6.7%	100%

Farm Owner/manager	1%	31.8%		61.4%	6.9%			100%
Home-maker (not otherwise employed)	7%	1.4%	18.2%	20.2%	27.8%	18.2%	14.2%	100%
Labourer/Agricultural or Domestic Worker	3%	5.5%	5.4%	43.4%	28%	13.6%	4.1%	100%
Professional/Senior Government Official	5%	3.5%	19.8%	27%	35.9%	12.6%	1.2%	100%
Retired/Superannuitant	13%	2.5%	20.9%	18.1%	36%	18.2%	4.4%	100%
Student	15%	2.2%	19.6%	12.4%	32.6%	24.9%	8.3%	100%
Technical/mechanical/Skilled Worker	6%	1.4%	19.6%	31.9%	26.5%	19.6%	1%	100%
Unemployed/Beneficiary	8%	4.5%	15.8%	18.3%	32.6%	14.6%	14.4%	100%
Don't know/prefer not to say	4%		9.4%	30.8%	19.7%	35%	5.1%	100%
Teacher/Nurse/Police or other trained service worker	9%		18.3%	23.8%	38.4%	12.1%	7.6%	100%
MAIN BUSINESS ACTIVITY								
Accommodation, Cafe or Restaurant	1%	4.6%	36.7%	11.3%	45.9%	1.5%		100%
Agriculture, Forestry or Fishing	2%	10.7%	12.9%	23.6%	28.9%	17.1%	6.7%	100%
Construction	2%	3.5%	16.2%	49.4%	19.1%	11.8%		100%
Don't know/ prefer not to say	8%	4.3%	5.3%	24%	18.1%	29%	19.3%	100%
Education	10%	0.3%	26.5%	22.8%	27.2%	14.3%	8.9%	100%
Finance or Insurance	3%	4%	17.8%	36.3%	30.3%	9%	2.5%	100%
Government Administration or Defence	3%	1.8%	19.3%	16.4%	47.1%	10.8%	4.5%	100%
Health and Community Services	7%	2.7%	15.6%	20.9%	38.8%	13.7%	8.2%	100%
Manufacturing	5%	3.5%	26.3%	28.6%	35.2%	5.9%	0.5%	100%
Not applicable / not in paid employment	31%	1.9%	19.3%	17.4%	32.7%	21%	7.8%	100%
Personal and Other Services	2%	2.7%	23.1%	11.9%	27.2%	31.2%	3.8%	100%
Property or Business Services	3%	0.8%	31.5%	16%	46.9%	3.6%	1.1%	100%
Wholesale Trade	2%	10.8%	17.2%	37.4%	21.2%	4.8%	8.6%	100%
Communication Services	3%		18.7%	27.4%	22.2%	26.8%	4.9%	100%
Cultural and Recreational Services	2%		3.4%	41.3%	32.8%	18.7%	3.8%	100%
Retail Trade	6%		13%	27.4%	37.9%	20.8%	0.9%	100%
Transport or Storage	2%		19.8%	26.6%	19.8%	33.8%		100%
PARTY VOTE 2008								
ACT New Zealand	3%	6.3%	25.9%	16.4%	51.3%			100%
Green Party	5%	3%	5.7%	9.7%	36.1%	38.6%	6.9%	100%
Labour Party	25%	3.3%	6%	13.5%	37.9%	31.6%	7.7%	100%
Maori Party	2%	1.2%	6.4%	15.4%	61.8%	15.3%		100%
National Party	33%	3.2%	35.1%	29.2%	20.1%	5.6%	6.8%	100%
New Zealand First Party	3%	1.7%	6%	16.1%	29.9%	40.3%	5.9%	100%
Chose not to vote	16%		10.3%	30.8%	41.1%	11.4%	6.4%	100%
Don't know or can't remember	9%		17.7%	22.1%	33.1%	13.9%	13.2%	100%
Jim Anderton's Progressive Party	1%		11.1%	30.5%	30.8%	27.6%		100%
Other party	1%		6.8%	11.1%	26.9%	50%	5.2%	100%
United Future	1%		17.4%	22.3%	45.5%	14.7%		100%
Was not eligible to vote	1%		50.7%	13.9%			35.4%	100%

METHODOLOGY

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Respondents = 1151. Weighted by age, gender, ethnicity, region, personal income and party vote 2008 to provide a representative sample of the New Zealand population. The maximum margin of error at a 95% confidence level is +/- 2.9%.

Members of the nationwide HorizonPoll panel are selected and invited to join based on the New Zealand population profile at the 2006 census. Pre-weighted respondents groups may then be invited to

respond to surveys, and results further weighted to ensure a representative population sample is achieved.

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