



## HOLYROOD POLLS 1999-2003

### *background and method*

The following tables present a summary of the figures obtained in our monthly polls of voting intentions in the event of a Scottish Parliament election. Poll data starts in May 1999, following the election of the first Scottish Parliament for almost 300 years.

Each month, a representative sample of approximately 1000 adults aged 18+ are interviewed in 38 – 42 sampling points over the whole of Scotland. Fieldwork is normally conducted in the fourth week of each month (with the exception of the December poll, which is put back to early January to avoid a clash with the Christmas/New Year holiday period).

Respondents are asked separately for each of the two votes on which the election is based.

Please scroll to the bottom of the page for a copy of the questionnaire.

1999							
First Vote	Conservative	Labour	SNP	Liberal Democrat	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Socialist Party	Other candidate or party
Election 6 May	16	39	29	14	n/a	n/a	3
May	10	44	28	13	2	2	1
June	11	43	28	12	2	3	1
July	12	41	30	12	2	2	1
August	12	40	31	11	2	3	1
September	11	35	35	12	2	4	1
October	10	39	35	10	2	3	1
November	9	44	30	11	1	3	2
Early January 2000	8	43	34	9	2	4	*

(\* = less than 1% but not zero)

1999							
Second Vote	Conservative	Labour	SNP	Liberal Democrat	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Socialist Party	Other candidate or party
Election 6 May	15	34	27	12	4	2	5
May	10	36	30	17	3	3	2
June	10	34	31	13	5	3	3
July	10	34	31	14	3	5	3
August	11	29	29	17	5	5	3
September	8	32	32	15	5	4	3
October	9	36	31	13	4	4	3
November	10	33	30	14	5	5	3
Early January 2000	9	37	33	12	3	6	1

2000							
First Vote	Conservative	Labour	SNP	Liberal Democrat	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Socialist Party	Other candidate or party
Late January 2000	11	42	31	10	2	3	1
February	12	37	36	9	1	4	1
March	14	33	37	11	2	3	1
April	14	34	35	10	2	4	2
May	13	40	30	10	2	4	2
June	12	33	36	12	2	3	1
July	11	37	35	10	2	3	1
August	13	34	36	9	2	5	1
September	10	28	42	14	2	3	1
October	10	39	35	11	1	2	2
November	12	41	32	10	2	3	1
Early January 2001	11	37	35	10	2	2	2

2000							
Second Vote	Conservative	Labour	SNP	Liberal Democrat	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Socialist Party	Other candidate or party
Late January 2000	9	34	31	14	5	5	2
February	11	32	33	13	4	5	2
March	11	29	34	15	3	5	3
April	13	30	31	14	4	5	4
May	11	31	33	13	6	4	3
June	11	27	35	16	5	4	3
July	11	33	30	12	5	6	3
August	13	29	32	12	3	6	4
September	11	25	38	15	4	4	2
October	10	30	32	17	5	4	2
November	12	35	30	13	4	4	2
Early January 2001	11	34	33	11	4	5	3

2001							
First Vote	Conservative	Labour	SNP	Liberal Democrat	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Socialist Party	Other candidate or party
Late January 2001	10	39	35	9	2	3	1
February	12	36	38	9	2	3	1
March	10	44	34	8	2	2	1
April	12	39	34	8	2	3	1
May	10	39	35	11	1	3	*
June	10	40	31	14	1	3	*
July	11	38	28	15	1	5	1
August	11	43	28	11	1	4	1
September	11	43	29	11	1	4	1
October	8	45	30	12	1	3	1
November	11	40	32	11	1	3	1
Early January 2002	10	39	32	12	2	3	1

(\* = less than 1% but not zero)

2001							
Second Vote	Conservative	Labour	SNP	Liberal Democrat	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Socialist Party	Other candidate or party
Late January 2001	9	33	33	13	4	6	2
February	12	29	36	13	3	5	2
March	9	36	32	11	5	6	1
April	12	32	31	12	5	5	3
May	11	30	34	15	3	5	1
June	8	31	32	18	4	4	2
July	12	33	28	16	3	6	2
August	11	36	32	14	3	5	1
September	9	36	29	15	2	7	2
October	7	37	29	15	4	6	2
November	11	35	31	13	3	6	2
Early January 2002	11	33	29	15	5	6	2



2003							
First Vote	Conservative	Labour	SNP	Liberal Democrat	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Socialist Party	Other candidate or party
Late January 2003	11	32	31	16	3	5	2
February	10	34	32	14	2	6	1
March	11	31	31	16	3	6	2
Mid April	13	39	26	12	3	4	2
Late April	10	38	28	14	2	6	1
Election 1 May	17	35	24	15	n/a	6	3
May	11	38	26	14	3	6	2
June	13	33	25	16	3	6	3
July	13	31	31	15	2	5	2
August	10	33	31	16	3	4	2
September	12	33	31	15	3	5	2
October	11	35	29	17	1	5	2
November	15	35	30	11	1	7	1
Early January 2004	10	35	34	13	2	4	1

2003							
Second Vote	Conservative	Labour	SNP	Liberal Democrat	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Socialist Party	Other candidate or party
Late January 2003	10	28	28	17	6	7	4
February	10	27	27	15	6	10	4
March	9	26	29	18	7	8	3
Mid April	11	30	27	14	7	6	4
Late April	9	28	28	13	7	10	5
Election 1 May	16	29	21	12	7	7	9
May	10	27	25	15	9	10	6
June	12	25	25	15	7	11	6
July	9	26	27	16	8	9	5
August	9	26	28	15	9	7	6
September	7	26	25	20	8	10	4
October	11	25	30	16	8	6	4
November	13	28	28	14	4	8	5
Early January 2004	11	28	29	13	7	7	3

# Scottish Parliament voting intentions questionnaire

## READ OUT

As you are probably aware, each person has 2 votes for the Scottish Parliament - the first for a candidate as MP for the constituency and the second for a party to elect additional MPs for that area of Scotland.

<b>A.2 SHOW CARD 2</b> If the election for the Scottish Parliament were held tomorrow, who would you vote for with your FIRST VOTE for your constituency MP?
M – Conservative [1]
R – Labour [2]
W – Liberal Democrat [3]
A – S.N.P. [4]
Q – Scottish Green Party [5]
K – Scottish Socialist Party [6]
O – Other candidate or party [7]
Undecided [8]
Refused [9]
Would not vote [10]

Continue If [A2 - Scottish Parliament first vote]. [Political Parties] '8', '9' else go to [A3 - Scottish Parliament second vote]

<b>A.2b SHOW CARD 2</b> Which party would you be most inclined to vote for with your first vote?
M – Conservative [1]
R – Labour [2]
W – Liberal Democrat [3]
A – S.N.P. [4]
Q – Scottish Green Party [5]
K – Scottish Socialist Party [6]
O – Other candidate or party [7]
Undecided [8]
Refused [9]
Would not vote [10]

<b>A.3 SHOW CARD 2</b> And which party would you vote for with your <b>SECOND VOTE</b> for additional MPs for your area?
M – Conservative [1]
R – Labour [2]
W – Liberal Democrat [3]
A – S.N.P. [4]
Q – Scottish Green Party [5]
K – Scottish Socialist Party [6]
O – Other candidate or party [7]
Undecided [8]
Refused [9]
Would not vote [10]

Continue If [A3 - Scottish Parliament second vote].[Political Parties]'8', '9' else go to [A4 - whether Scottish Parliament should hold referendum on Independence]

<b>A.3b SHOW CARD 2</b> Which party would you be most inclined to vote for with your second vote?
M - Conservative [1]
R - Labour [2]
W - Liberal Democrat [3]
A - S.N.P. [4]
Q - Scottish Green Party [5]
K - Scottish Socialist Party [6]
O - Other candidate or party [7]
Undecided [8]
Refused [9]
Would not vote [10]