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## Polling brief: JobSeeker and living costs

Ipsos has been commissioned by Anglicare Australia to run a survey with a representative national sample.

The data collection was conducted from 10 to 12 March 2022, with a total sample of 1k Australian respondents. The sample has been weighted to be representative of the Australian population by age, gender and location.

The full breakdown is at Table 1.

**Table 1. Breakdown of participants by region, state, gender and age**

		Unweighted	Weighted
Region	Metro	597	578
	Rural	403	422
State	NSW	308	320
	VIC	267	257
	SA	72	72
	ACT	20	17
	WA	102	105
	TAS	21	21
	NT	5	10
	QLD	205	198
Gender	Male	464	494
	Female	536	506
Age	18 to 29	170	219
	30 to 49	368	354
	50 +	462	427
Total n=		1000	

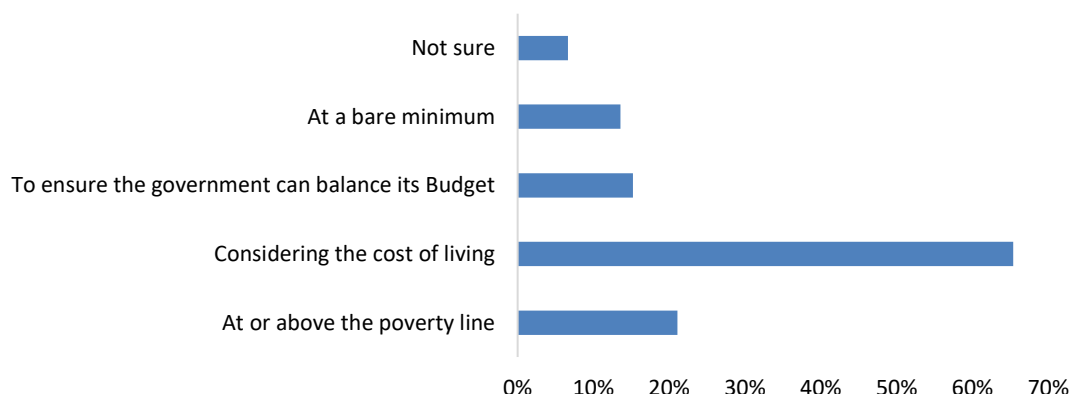
The poll asked participants:

*In your view, how should the Government set welfare payments for people out of work?  
Please select all that apply.*

The results at Figure 1 show that two in three (65 percent) of those polled preferred to have payments set considering the cost of living, rather than considering balancing the budget (15 percent) or at a bare minimum (14 percent).

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**Figure 1. Setting the rate of Government payments**



The breakdowns at Table 2 and Table 3 show that considering the cost of living is the preferred approach for people in every employment status, and for every income bracket.

**Table 2. Preferred approach by work status**

	Yes, full-time	Yes, part-time	Not employed	Don't know
At or above the poverty line	22%	17%	23%	0%
Considering the cost of living	57%	72%	71%	62%
To ensure the government can balance its Budget	18%	16%	12%	24%
At a bare minimum	21%	13%	6%	0%
Not sure	5%	7%	7%	38%

**Table 3. Preferred approach by income**

	\$15k - \$25k	\$25k - \$35k	\$35k - \$50k	\$50k - \$75k	\$75k - \$100k	\$100k - \$150k	\$150k - \$200k	\$200k +	Declined to say
At or above the poverty line	25%	28%	20%	19%	22%	19%	23%	23%	14%
Considering the cost of living	72%	73%	69%	66%	68%	63%	58%	45%	61%
To ensure the government can balance its Budget	15%	12%	12%	15%	16%	20%	18%	10%	9%
At a bare minimum	8%	5%	7%	13%	17%	16%	27%	25%	9%
Not sure	3%	5%	4%	5%	6%	6%	5%	13%	23%

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