MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

	Inft.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Christian name for reference only	Inft.	Michael	Michael	Karen	Patrick					
	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
Age last birthday	29	32	04	03	0	4				

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

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STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

1967-68

	I Housing and Living Facilities
	II Employment
	III Occupational Facilities and Fringe Benefits
	IV Current Monetary Income
	V Assets and Savings
	VI Health and Disability
	VII Social Services
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	IX Style of Living

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ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H.

23. ✳ <u>Do you think you could GENUINELY say</u>
<u>you are poor now?</u>

CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY

	X	Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.24
PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY	Y	<u>all the time</u> } ASK Q.23(a)
	0	<u>sometimes</u>
	1	<u>never</u> } SKIP TO Q.24
	2	DK

(a) <u>Do you feel poor at any of these times</u>
<u>or in any of these situations?</u>

PROMPT AND	3	<u>at weekends</u>
CODE ALL THAT	4	<u>mid-week</u>
APPLY	5	<u>at Christmas</u>
	6	<u>with some of your friends</u>
	7	<u>with some of your relatives</u>
	8	<u>with some of the people round here</u>
	9	<u>other (SPECIFY)</u>

FOR CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H.

24. (a) <u>There's been a lot of talk about</u>
<u>poverty. Do you think there's such a</u>
<u>thing as REAL poverty these days?</u> ✳

CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY

Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.25

yes
no
DK

(b) <u>What would you describe as poverty?</u>

WRITE IN ANSWER

"I think it's mainly the conditions
people have to live under, like
the housing, especially in Glasgow:
it gies them no chance of a
start in life."

(c) <u>Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly</u>

	X –	<u>their own fault?</u>
	Y –	<u>the Government's fault?</u>
	0 –	<u>the fault of their education?</u>
PROMPT	1 –	<u>the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?</u>
AND CODE	2 –	<u>anything else? (SPECIFY)</u>
ONE ONLY	3 –	<u>a combination of (some of) these?</u>
	4 –	<u>none of these?</u>
	5	DK

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND OVER

25. <u>Do you mind telling me if you voted in the last</u>
<u>General Election (I don't mean who you voted for,</u>
<u>just whether you voted)?</u> ✳

CODE ALL AGED 23 & OVER

yes, voted
no
DK
DNA

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H.

26. <u>If there is poverty what do you think</u>
<u>can be done about it?</u>

CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY

nothing
DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

Better housing, better working
faulkies... not having to work overtime
for a living wage... less tax on
wages. This Government's against
the working people, if you ask
me.

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Inft	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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⓪
77
①

76	78	78	78	78
ⓧ	ⓨ	⓪	⓪	⓪

QUESTION 23   Poor now

Stress **genuinely** and try to avoid facetiousness at this point. Question 23 (a) explores what the informant understands by feeling "poor". If the word "poor" seems inappropriate use the alternative "very hard up".

QUESTION 24   Poverty

Stress the word "poverty". Do not explain what you think it means if you are asked. Seek from the informant his definition and write it in the box as clearly as you can.

QUESTION 25   Voting

Ask for those old enough to have voted in the last election (March 1965). We are not concerned who they voted for (although they will probably say) but would like to know if they are sufficiently involved to vote at all. Be careful to reassure people that this is confidential and as far as you are concerned non-voting is blameless—many people consider that voting is legally compulsory or morally obligatory and so voting figures are over-estimated. Try to get a clear recollection by fixing the incident (time of day, who they went with) if necessary. Stress **National,** not local elections.

QUESTION 26   Action on poverty

We are interested in what the informant thinks can be done. Give as full an answer as possible.

Please write in any additional notes.

This family lives in the gable end of a block of 6 terraced houses, in a sprawling new social estate one minute from a very busy & dangerous main road. There are few shops & she has to walk one mile with the children to a hairdresser's. There is only one chemist some drysalter's shop. Her husband works all the weekends he can get — much against his will, as he is very keen to spend time with his family — but to bring in a decent wage, so he is seldom there to go shopping together.

The children are delightful - lively, composed, contented. Their parents' lives are largely devoted to them; the young couple say they can't afford to go out or spend anything on themselves in consequence. The house is flimsily constructed; when Michael went up to play in their bedroom the sitting room ceiling shook.

The husband is a dark, handsome, youthful-looking man; he likes his work but says it is dangerous, he is up to his knees in mud and the men had to ask management recently for an issue of Wellington boots, which were provided. They have many difficulties with wet boards, slippery scaffolding poles etc. which the management doesn't understand; he thinks training should be compulsory because of new metals, techniques, etc.

The end of the interview finished with the husband and wife un-burdening themselves about the imbalance of family life "week ends are the same as week days: there's nothing to look forward to." and the feelings of insecurity behind the facade of a comfortable, well-furnished home -

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