

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 live in very poor conditions, house in a fearful state of damp & disrepair. Valmin (see previous notes.) they have had a very hard ^{time} financially in past year through illness. Rose had a disability, a cleft palate, I should think, resulting in speech defect, its very hard to understand what she says. Despite the conditions the house is clean and the children well cared for. Harold's statement that he is not 100% fit is only too obviously true, he is short of breath and coughs a lot. They are, in my opinion a couple really trying to make the best of poor circumstances, and to do the best they can for their children. They are anxious to be re-housed, but fearful of whether they could pay the rent of new council house. Rose is hoping to work when baby goes to school.

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
 23. * Do you think you could GENUINELY say
 you are poor now? —

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

(a) Do you feel poor at any of these times 3 at weekends
 or in any of these situations? 4 mid-week
 5 at Christmas
 PROMPT AND
 CODE ALL THAT
 APPLY 6 with some of your friends
 7 with some of your relatives
 8 with some of the people round here
 9 other (SPECIFY)

FOR CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
 24. (a) There's been a lot of talk about
 poverty. Do you think there's such a
 thing as REAL poverty these days? *

yes
 no
 DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

when the money just wait go round, however
 you try and week after week you
 get further behind. We have no debts,
 but we have no amenities either. No
 washer No T.V. nothing. Things get

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly

PROMPT
 AND CODE
 ONE ONLY
 X - their own fault? worn but if you can't
 Y - the Government's fault? replace them
 0 - the fault of their education?
 1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?
 2 - anything else? (SPECIFY) because you're
 3 - a combination of (some of) these? no money.
 4 - none of these?
 5 DK

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND OVER
 25. Do you mind telling me if you voted in the last
 General Election (I don't mean who you voted for,
 just whether you voted)? * CODE
 ALL AGED
 23 & OVER

yes, voted
 no
 DK
 DNA

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
 26. If there is poverty what do you think
 can be done about it? nothing
 DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

I think the Government should get
 better allowances, not to those that
 can work but want, and there's plenty
 of that sort round here, but to
 those that are genuinely ill. Myself
 I am not really ill, I'm not actually
 ill, but I'm not 100%, but I want
 to work, we will never be able to get
 out of this house if I don't. But when
 people are genuinely ill, I think the Gov. should help more.

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