MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name for reference only

Age last birthday

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES & 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
VIII	Private Income in Kind
IX	Style of Living

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# SUMMARY: COMPLETE AFTER INTERVIEW

Interview carried out     at first call     at second call     at third or later call	10 X 0	Which sections were answered in whole or in part by which persons on the household?      Informant	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc.	5. Number of other households at address None	21
2. Information for household complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a  (a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment Occupational Income Assets	11	2nd member  CODE ALL THAT APPLY AS LISTED IN Q'AIRE (Some Sections 4th	14 15 15 2,3 11 64, 79 (1) 16	6. Household living on  ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	22 Y O 2 3 4 5
Health Soc. Services Inc. in kind Style of living  (b) Reasons if incomplete	6 7 8 9	may be listed twice)	17	(a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No	6 7
ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	X Y O	6th Other (specify)	19	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?	23
ouer (specify)	1	4. Semi or detached house or bungalow Ter, h'se or bungalow Self-con, flat in block Self-con, flat in house Accomm. Self-con, flat attached to shop/business Room(s); furnished Other (specify)	20 Y 0 1 2 3 4	Yes No	89

### QUESTION 8

10 A YEAR CLOTHING

ALLE.

Obtain an estimate of total cost by the normal transport used. Some people who drive cars will offer their estimate of real cost but in such cases write in as indicated the average weekly mileage to and from work (not during work). In other instances assume 6d, per mile for all small cars (i.e. under 12 h.p.) and 8d, per mile for larger vehicles.

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10 miles @ 6d. = 5s. 0d.
50 miles @ 6d. = 25s. 0d.
100 miles @ 6d. = 50s. 0d.
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10 miles @ 8d. = 6s. 8d.
50 miles @ 8d. = 33s. 4d.
100 miles @ 8d. = 66s. 8d.
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# QUESTION 9 Holiday pay

Be careful not to include pay received simultaneously with holiday pay for any week of work. Remember that many wage earners only receive the basic wage during holidays, which is usually much lower than average earnings.

## QUESTION 10 Sick pay

There are several practices. (1) Some employers (e.g. public services) automatically deduct national insurance sickness benefit for the worker and his dependants from pay during sickness (or sometimes expect him to report what sickness benefit he receives so that it may be deducted from later amounts of sick pay or even from the first weeks of earnings after recovery from sickness). (2) Others (mainly smaller private firms) deduct only the sickness benefit for the worker, ignoring what he may get for his dependants. (3) Still others deduct nothing for any sickness benefit for which a worker may be eligible. In the last two cases it might seem that the worker will be better off in sickness than at work. This is true for some, particularly salaried earners, but remember that if any employer pays anything to a wage-earner in sickness rarely does it exceed the basic wage. His average earnings may be much higher. (4) When the level of sick pay is small no deductions may be made for any sickness benefit. Changes in sick pay after the first weeks

In rare instances of persons who have been sick more than a few weeks.

In rare instances of persons who have been sick more than a few weeks the rate of sick pay will have changed. If the average is difficult to estimate write in the amounts thus: 4 weeks @ £10, 4@ £5 10s., etc. After deductions of tax, etc. Note if only the amount of pay before deductions is known.

# QUESTION 11 Income of self-employed

The income of self-employed is sometimes difficult to ascertain. Four alternative methods of questioning that have been found to be helpful in previous research are listed. Our first aim is to find the figure for annual income before tax. Thus Q. 11 A(iv) is the crucial one and if you can get the answer to this do not press unduly for the answers to the preceding questions, but they are helpful in establishing that (iv) is in fact the figure you want. The alternative aim (if you cannot achieve the first) is to seek the amount obtained from the business, either Method B — net profit including money taken out for own use, or Method C, the sums actually taken out for personal use. Method D should only be tried if all else fails, and frankly, is not of much help. An accurate figure for income is important and you should if necessary take time to establish it. Method D "Turnover" — total receipts from sale of goods and services, less any discount allowed.

# QUESTION 20 Miscellaneous allowances and cash income

The various kinds of income have been laid out as compactly as possible but remember that two or more may need to be coded and you should prompt carefully. Underneath describe the type of allowance (so that we know to which code a particular amount refers) and the amount per week or per month. Ring either "1" or "2" depending on whether the allowance did in fact cover last week and strike out "Before" or "After" tax as appropriate. Make sure that in the case of allowances of husbands temporarily away from home that you have not already written in his earnings earlier as a member of the household. If you have do not write in any amount he pays. All we want here is any income which is not covered by earlier entries.

# RECEIVES NO

MONEY FROM

SEPARATED HUSBAND

#### QUESTION 20(b) Allowances for separated and divorced wives

Some wives receive money direct from their husbands (or via the court). Others have court orders but these are signed over to the Supplementary Benefits Commission, which collects the money and pays the mother a standard weekly allowance. We therefore want to avoid counting the amount in Q. 20 if that amount is already included in the figure for supplementary benefit listed under Q. 15. We also want to be able to sort out irregular payments of both money from court orders and supplementary benefit. Check carefully in all these instances and write a note if anything needs clarification. Fatherless families form a small proportion of the total sample of households. Where money from court orders is paid irregularly and the mother claims weekly from the Supplementary Benefits Office she might not always claim the full amount, or may delay her claim in which case she loses benefit. Check to see if such loss is occurring.

# QUESTION 21 Allowances and sums paid to others

This question complements some of the sub-questions in Q. 20. Here we are concerned to find out about all cash payments or allowances amounting to at least 10s. a week or £25 a year. Note that married children frequently pay rent or bills for elderly parents and old people sometimes make considerable cash gifts to their children. Examples are payments for grand-children's clothing or holidays, payment of T.V. rentals and licence, cash gift

# QUESTION 22 Tax relief

Our object is to gain further evidence about reciprocal aid but also to help us in interpreting the figures for earnings and deductions given earlier. Note that you are not expected to probe for amounts.

# QUESTION 23

Property income is considerable for a small percentage of informants and tends to be of two types: income from only one or two houses and income from a range of properties. With a few people considerable time may need to be spent on getting a reliable answer to this question. Net income after tax may not be known so we deliberately seek gross income before tax, then expenses, and only finally income after tax. You may not be able to get the third but make sure you get a figure for the first. It may also be difficult to secure a figure for expenses of rates and repairs but remember that property-owners will often know the total sums entered on their income tax returns. It may even be helpful to remind informants of this: "I mean the total like that in your income tax return—gross income less expenses."

Note that many owner-occupiers and tenants rent rooms and flats to others in their accommodation. Do not count the rent from a boarder living in the household.

47 RENT P. A. RATES P.A. 26-10-8

1.3.1.4. FORTNIGHTLY RENT + RATES

THIS WAS TAKEN FROM RENT BOOK.

#### QUESTION 27(a)

Our object is to try to find what rent might be paid in normal circumstances in that area for such accommodation. We have asked you to make an estimate in the light of your knowledge of the area if the informant cannot make such an estimate.

## QUESTION 28(a) Years on list

Sometimes the tenant will have taken on a tenancy from a member of the family who has died or moved away. Code "inherited tenancy" in all instances except that of a woman who has become the tenant through the death or absence of her husband.

# QUESTION 28(d) Reason for obtaining council accommodation

Interpret "inheriting tenancy" as above. Although more than one reason may be advanced code what the informant considers to be the chief

# QUESTION 28(e) Rent reduction or rebate

Broadly three types of scheme have been introduced. Some councils operate an automatic differential rents scheme and some informants may have their rents reduced initially upon the introduction of the scheme. But in this sort of scheme most people will not know whether or not their rents are "reduced". The second scheme is one where the tenant has to apply for a reduction of rent he expects to pay in the future, upon test of means. The third scheme is one where the tenant applies for a rebate of rent paid in the past, on test of means. We are primarily concerned wth the second and third schemes here.

# VIII INCOME IN KIND

General

This section aims to discover the major exchanges of services and gifts between the household and relatives or friends living elsewhere. One major problem is that people ordinarily take for granted the exchanges between themselves and their closest relatives. When being asked questions about "help" and "gifts" a housewife may not think of her mother, or her husband's mother, who lives nearby. A grandfather may not think of his dealy activity of seeing a grandchild home from school. The first question is designed to help overcome this problem. You should remember that most households in the UK have frequent contact with a relative (either of a wife or a husband or of both) living elsewhere in the locality. Remember that independently of his wife a husband may see someone in his family (egg: parents in the case of young and middle-aged people, brothers and sisters in the case of unmarried people, sons and daughters in the case of the elderly. In the remaining questions the contacts with such relatives are a likely indication of a flow of services or small gifts. Note that earning members of the household should normally be asked these questions independently of the housewife.

# QUESTION 1 Relatives seen frequently

The question is designed to establish the existence of the relatives who have the most frequent contact with members of the household. Note that you ask "any of your family or a relative". The alternative wording will help to avoid information about really close relatives—eg: parents and children—who are thought of as "family" or even as members of a common household rather than as "relatives". By "most" days in the week is meant at least four of the seven days.

# QUESTION 2 Help given

The unspoken assumption in the question is that these must be unpaid services. Prompt the items in the list carefully, emphasising those which are appropriate to the age or social situation of different members of the household. Make direct reference to the relatives listed in Q. 1. For example: "You say you see your mother every day. Do you do any of these things for her? And what about your sister?" Note that you prompt also for help given to friends and neighbours.

If two or three different services are undertaken, add together the informant's estimates of the time taken. Since the services are unpaid you should not expect informants to be able to give more than an approximate estimate of the time taken (that is, the time spent in the performance of the job, not interruptions for tea and conversations, etc).

# QUESTION 3 Help received

The question reverses Q. 2 and proceed as in that question. Check in whatever way seems appropriate to establish the unpaid services being performed for members of the household. Again the question should be repeated for relatives seen frequently. "You've told me you see your mother every day. Does she do any of these things for you?" Two separate people might do the cleaning, for example. Add the hours together.

MOSTLY FROM MARCH TO SEPT. THIS GARDENING IS DONE

BY SONS.

#### IX STYLE OF LIVING

This section aims to find out some ways in which people spend their time, how they manage on their incomes, what kinds of things they buy and do, and how they feel about their situation. Most of the questions are pre-coded (but interviewers are urged to write any interesting comments on the blank spaces in the questionnaire or on the back). It is hoped that the answers will put some flesh on the income skeleton you have painstakingly built up in the rest of the questionnaire.

#### QUESTION 1 Holidays

Note that this question immediately follows Questions 9 and 10 of Section VIII. Question 9 of Section VIII refers only to staying in the homes of relatives and friends or being subsidised by them on a joint holiday. Question 1 in this section applies to all "holidays" (as understood by the informant) which are away from home, excluding only those which were spent actually in the homes of relatives or friends. If there was more than one holiday add together their duration and code accordingly in Question 1 (a).

#### QUESTION 2 Meals out

Care should be taken because people may forget meals which were incidental to the visit. By "snack" you should understand something more than a biscuit and cup of tea, say at least a sandwich. Note that in this question and in later questions there are certain persons whom it is not expected you should code. Thus children under the age of 15 should be coded DNA

#### QUESTION 3 Friends to meals

Note that it is possible to code both "Yes, relative" and "Yes, friend".

## QUESTION 4 Friends in to play

02 EXPLAINED SHE HARDLY

EVER GOES OUT IN SUMMER
HONTHS IN THE EVENINGS- HER
HORRY IS INDOOR CARPET

BOWLING WHICH ONLY TAKES PLACE FROM SEPT - APRIL.

LADIES CHAMPICA

SHE IS FIFE

There are few simple questions which can be asked about the child's own standard of living and social life. Some homes are too poor for the child to bring his friends in, so stress in the house.

## QUESTION 5 Afternoons and evenings out

The key point is entertainment for which someone spends money (youth clubs require entrance and weekly fees; scouts, guides, etc., require uniform and bus fares for outings). Examples of leisure-time activities will vary according to the age of the person to whom the question is addressed and you should probe accordingly. (Note that while we do not ask for amounts of expenditure we try to find the relative frequency of all forms of entertainments so that we can see how it varies with income.)

#### QUESTION 6 Church

Accept any religious sect or denomination which may be mentioned.

### QUESTION 7 Food

Actual nutritional levels cannot be established by an interview of this kind, but it is hoped that these questions will show very roughly (i) whether a family member goes short of food occasionally, (ii) whether the family is able to buy relatively expensive foods frequently, (iii) whether any member of the family goes short of food occasionally, and (iv) to what extent patterns of food consumption vary with income.

#### Cooked breakfast

Many women do not eat breakfast. Bacon and eggs is only an example. Others would be boiled or fried egg, haddock, kipper, etc. But not porridge, toast, fried bread or potatoes (the distinction is between carbohydrates and other foods).

#### (b) No cooked meal

Stress the whole day. A heavy breakfast but nothing later, or a heavy meal at supper-time will not count as going without a cooked meal during the day.

(c) Fresh meat

This will be difficult for households where children have school dinners, or members of the household eat canteen meals. It would be reasonable to code such persons "Yes" in the absence of any better information. It is highly possible that some housewives may have very little fresh meat (defined to include chicken, chops, frozen meat of any kind but not corned beef, tinner meat, boiled ham or sausages). Care is needed as meateating is probably over-stated, and when there is meat the men in the household and not the women may have it.

### QUESTION 8 (a) Joint

Accept what the informant understands by a joint.

# QUESTION 8 (b) and (c) Milk

Do not include school milk (a correction for this will be made in the office). Check for extra milk at weekends. Include sterilised milk ("stera") as fresh. Some houses buy milk in powder or liquid in tins for babies too, but do not attempt to assess the quantities of this. Just make a note that it

#### QUESTION 9 (b) Clothing

Clothing cheques are "Provident" cheques and the like where a cheque for £1, for example, entitles a person to shop at certain shops and repayment is made at 1s, in the £1 for 21 weeks. Clubs include any kind of arrangement through a catalogue, shop, or door-to-door salesman.

# QUESTION 9 (c) and (d) Spending on clothing clubs

Some clubs include coal and furniture as well as clothes; try to get an estimate of the proportion of money spent on clothes. Informants often give a maximum figure, when in fact they miss or only pay something on account.

#### QUESTION 11 Adequate footwear

Includes state of repair as well as fit. Plimsolls and sandals in winter are not adequate, nor are boots alone adequate for summer. Plastic sandals are coded not adequate, unless there are other shoes.

# QUESTION 12 Smoking, pools and betting

Smoking is often underestimated in surveys. By asking quantities we hope to be able to work out roughly the expenditure. Note if cigars and not cigarettes. Take care to make betting seem a very common activity (which it is, of course), since information may not readily be forthcoming in the context of all these questions on shortages.

# QUESTION 13 Christmas

Make sure that the sum you have is the extra expense on top of normal housekeeping for the household unit.

DOES NOT USE WH CLOTHING CLUBS OR CHEQUES

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
23. * Do you think you could CENUINELY say you are poor now? — X Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.24
Y all the time LASK 0.23(a)
PROMPT AND CODE 0 Sometimes   ASK Q.23(a) ONE ONLY 1 never   SKIP TO Q.24
(a) Do you feel poor at any of these times 3 at weekends or in any of these situations? 4 mid-week at Christmas
CODE ALL THAT 7 with some of your friends with some of your relatives APPLY 8 with some of the people round here
9 other (SPECIFY)
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(b) What would you describe as poverty?
WRITE IN ANSWER
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(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly
X - their own fault?
Y - the Government's fault?  0 - the fault of their education?
PROMPT ! - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs? AND CODE 2 - anything else? (SPECIFY) ONE ONLY
3 - a combination of (some of) these? 4 - none of those?
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 CODE General Election (1 don't mean who you voted for, just whether you voted)? 23 & OVE
yes, voted
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ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
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# INTERVIEWER PLEASE CODE ALL THAT APPLY AFTER INTERVIEW

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(a)	Household in which there is a child, one of whose parents is not resident	X
(b)	Household consisting of woman and adult dependants	Y
(c)	Household in which there are five or more dependent children	0
(d)	Household containing an adult who has been unemployed for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months) $$	1
(e)	Household containing an adult under 65 years of age who has been ill or injured for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)	2
(f)	Household containing a disabled adult under 65 (a) disabled	3
	(b) borderline disabled	4
(g)	Household containing a disabled or handicapped child (including child ill or injured for eight weeks or more)	5
(h)	Household containing a person aged 65 or over who has been bedfast or ill for eight weeks or more or who is otherwise severely incapacitated	6
(i)	Household in which there are (a) earners, none earning £12 a week or more (b) adult male earners (aged 21 to 64) earning less than £14 a week	7 8
(j)	Household in which there are persons who are	68
	(a) non-white	X
	(b) born in Eire	Y
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COMPOSITION OF	HOUSE	CHOLD: CODES (Q. 10, p. 3)	
Man alone: aged 60 or over Man alone: aged under 60 Woman alone: aged under 60 Woman alone: aged bot or over Woman alone: aged bot aged 60 or over Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60 Man and woman: otherwise related Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60 Man and woman: otherwise related Two or more men only: unrelated Two or more men only: unrelated Two or more women only: unrelated Two or unrelated Two or more women only: unrelated Two or unrelated Two or more women only: unrelated Two or unrelated Two or more women only: unrelated Two or u	101 102 103 104 105 106 106 107 108 109 110 1112 112 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 211 212 212 212 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	Man: and widowed or separated daughter Woman: and widowed or separated son	2221 2222 2223 2224 2226 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 110 1113 113 114