

# Results of EducationNow Election 2010 Survey

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## **Our Sample**

		Respondents	As %
Gender	Males	454	55.2%
	Females	369	44.8%
	Total	823	100.0%

		Respondents	As %
Age	Under 18	11	1.3%
	18 to 24	86	10.4%
	25 to 39	247	29.9%
	40 to 54	329	39.9%
	55+	152	18.4%
	Total	825	100.0%

		Respondents	As %
Suburban Area	Northern suburbs	177	21.5%
	Southern suburbs	176	21.4%
	Eastern suburbs	228	27.7%
	Western suburbs	118	14.3%
	Country SA	125	15.2%
	Total	824	100.0%

		Respondents	As %
Respondent Type	Parent/guardian of children at PRIMARY school	190	23.0%
	Parent/guardian of children at HIGH school	142	17.2%
	A student at primary or high school	22	2.7%
	A university or TAFE student	109	13.2%
	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	77	9.3%
	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	11	1.3%
	A university or TAFE employee	25	3.0%
	Other	249	30.2%
	Total	825	100.0%

### Q1. How would you rate the performance of State Education Minister, Jane Lomax-Smith?

		Age				Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL	
Q1. How would you rate the	Good	13.4%	8.1%	5.2%	5.9%	7.9%	6.2%	7.2%	
performance of State Education	Average	30.9%	24.7%	21.9%	17.1%	17.4%	29.5%	22.8%	
Minister, Jane Lomax-Smith?	Disappointing	19.6%	24.7%	29.8%	42.1%	27.3%	31.7%	29.3%	
	Jane Who?	13.4%	10.5%	8.8%	5.9%	11.5%	6.8%	9.4%	
	Fail	22.7%	32.0%	34.3%	28.9%	35.9%	25.7%	31.3%	
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823	

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			Suburb	Area			
		Northern suburbs	Southern suburbs	Eastern suburbs	Western suburbs	Adelaide Metro	SA Country
Q1. How would you rate the performance of State Education Minister, Jane Lomax-Smith?	Good	7.3%	5.1%	8.8%	11.0%	7.8%	3.2%
	Average	26.0%	27.8%	18.0%	22.9%	23.4%	20.2%
	Disappointing	29.9%	35.2%	27.2%	24.6%	29.4%	29.0%
	Jane Who?	11.9%	7.4%	9.2%	10.2%	9.6%	8.1%
	Fail	24.9%	24.4%	36.8%	31.4%	29.8%	39.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=177	N=176	N=228	N=118	N=701	N=124

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					Responden	t Type			
		Parent/guardian of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardian of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q1. How would you rate the	Good	5.8%	6.3%	4.5%	11.9%	1.3%	.0%	.0%	9.6%
performance of State	Average	20.0%	29.6%	22.7%	28.4%	11.7%	27.3%	40.0%	20.5%
Education Minister, Jane	Disappointing	34.2%	27.5%	36.4%	24.8%	27.3%	18.2%	20.0%	30.1%
Lomax-Smith?	Jane Who?	8.4%	7.0%	13.6%	11.9%	11.7%	27.3%	8.0%	8.4%
Fail Total	Fail	31.6%	29.6%	22.7%	22.9%	48.1%	27.3%	32.0%	31.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

### Q2. What do you see as the biggest education priority for the incoming State Government?

			Αç	je			Gender	
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL
Q2. What do you see as the biggest education priority for the incoming State Government?	More funding per student for public schools	39.2%	38.9%	35.9%	37.5%	37.0%	37.9%	37.4%
	More autonomy for school governing councils	6.2%	8.5%	10.9%	9.2%	11.5%	6.5%	9.2%
	More resourcing for children with disabilities and special needs	14.4%	14.2%	15.8%	15.1%	10.8%	20.3%	15.1%
	Assistance to upgrade and install technology in classrooms	8.2%	10.9%	7.9%	7.9%	10.8%	6.5%	8.9%
	Assistance with special programs (e.g. literacy) and training for teachers	18.6%	15.0%	12.2%	20.4%	13.9%	17.1%	15.3%
	Don't know	6.2%	3.2%	1.2%	.7%	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
	Other	7.2%	9.3%	16.1%	9.2%	13.2%	10.0%	11.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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			Suburb	an Area		Area	a
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Q2. What do you see as the biggest education priority for the	More funding per student for public schools	40.1%	39.2%	32.9%	38.1%	37.1%	39.5%
incoming State Government?	More autonomy for school governing councils	5.1%	6.8%	17.1%	6.8%	9.8%	6.5%
	More resourcing for children with disabilities and special needs	18.1%	18.8%	11.4%	14.4%	15.4%	12.9%
	Assistance to upgrade and install technology in classrooms	9.6%	6.8%	7.9%	12.7%	8.8%	8.9%
	Assistance with special programs (e.g. literacy) and training for teachers	14.7%	14.2%	14.5%	12.7%	14.3%	21.0%
	Don't know	2.3%	2.8%	1.8%	2.5%	2.3%	2.4%
	Other	10.2%	11.4%	14.5%	12.7%	12.3%	8.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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		Parent/guardia n of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardia n of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q2. What do you see as the biggest education	More funding per student for public schools	36.3%	33.8%	36.4%	40.4%	55.8%	18.2%	28.0%	35.3%
priority for the incoming State Government?	More autonomy for school governing councils	8.4%	12.0%	9.1%	9.2%	2.6%	9.1%	4.0%	11.2%
	More resourcing for children with disabilities and special needs	18.4%	9.2%	13.6%	12.8%	14.3%	45.5%	12.0%	16.1%
	Assistance to upgrade and install technology in classrooms	8.9%	12.0%	9.1%	9.2%	9.1%	9.1%	8.0%	6.8%
	Assistance with special programs (e.g. literacy) and training for teachers	12.6%	12.7%	18.2%	17.4%	9.1%	18.2%	28.0%	18.1%
	Don't know	.0%	2.1%	4.5%	2.8%	.0%	.0%	.0%	4.8%
	Other	15.3%	18.3%	9.1%	8.3%	9.1%	.0%	20.0%	7.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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#### Q3. What additional subjects should be made a compulsory part of the curriculum?

			Ąg	je		Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL	
Q3. What additional subjects should be made a compulsory	Religious studies	9.3%	8.5%	6.7%	9.9%	8.4%	7.6%	8.0%	
	Sex education, personal health	53.6%	38.1%	28.3%	26.3%	29.7%	38.8%	33.8%	
part of the curriculum?	Road/driver safety	60.8%	51.0%	44.4%	46.1%	44.3%	53.7%	48.5%	
	Studies of other cultures	34.0%	22.3%	19.8%	24.3%	18.9%	27.9%	23.0%	
	Environmental studies	29.9%	29.6%	24.6%	24.3%	24.4%	29.3%	26.6%	
	Social skills (etiquette, conflict resolution, interpersonal skills)	45.4%	58.7%	52.9%	59.9%	53.1%	57.5%	55.0%	
	Business/economics	20.6%	23.1%	21.6%	22.4%	26.2%	17.1%	22.1%	
	None, the curriculum is fine as it is	3.1%	10.9%	14.6%	16.4%	14.1%	10.6%	12.5%	
	Other	14.4%	10.1%	14.6%	11.2%	12.1%	13.3%	12.6%	
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Q3. What additional subjects	Religious studies	6.2%	8.5%	8.8%	5.1%	7.4%	12.1%
should be made a compulsory	Sex education, personal health	33.9%	36.9%	30.7%	41.5%	35.0%	27.4%
part of the curriculum?	Road/driver safety	59.9%	49.4%	39.5%	50.0%	49.1%	46.0%
	Studies of other cultures	19.8%	27.8%	25.0%	25.4%	24.5%	14.5%
	Environmental studies	23.7%	30.7%	30.3%	27.1%	28.1%	18.5%
	Social skills (etiquette, conflict resolution, interpersonal skills)	52.0%	60.2%	53.9%	59.3%	55.9%	50.0%
	Business/economics	23.2%	23.3%	26.3%	18.6%	23.4%	14.5%
	None, the curriculum is fine as it is	11.3%	8.0%	13.2%	9.3%	10.7%	22.6%
	Other	11.9%	10.2%	17.5%	9.3%	12.8%	11.3%
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Q3. What additional	Religious studies	10.5%	5.6%	13.6%	10.1%	5.2%	27.3%	12.0%	6.0%
subjects should be made a compulsory part of the	Sex education, personal health	36.8%	23.9%	40.9%	50.5%	19.5%	36.4%	40.0%	32.9%
curriculum?	Road/driver safety	52.1%	50.0%	63.6%	55.0%	28.6%	63.6%	24.0%	49.0%
	Studies of other cultures	21.1%	17.6%	31.8%	38.5%	15.6%	45.5%	36.0%	20.1%
	Environmental studies	30.5%	23.2%	22.7%	31.2%	18.2%	45.5%	32.0%	25.3%
	Social skills (etiquette, conflict resolution, interpersonal skills)	58.4%	50.0%	59.1%	57.8%	36.4%	81.8%	56.0%	58.2%
	Business/economics	25.8%	21.8%	18.2%	25.7%	6.5%	18.2%	24.0%	22.9%
	None, the curriculum is fine as it is	10.0%	11.3%	.0%	5.5%	31.2%	.0%	20.0%	13.3%
	Other	16.3%	13.4%	9.1%	12.8%	11.7%	.0%	12.0%	10.4%
	Total	N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

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# Q4. Should public school principals be given the power to hire and fire their own staff, or should this responsibility remain with the department?

		Age				Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL	
Q4. Should public school principals be given the power to hire and fire their own staff, or should this responsibility remain	Yes - principals should be able to hire & fire staff	59.8%	65.6%	67.2%	55.3%	63.4%	64.0%	63.7%	
	No - only the department should have this responsibility	23.7%	25.1%	27.1%	40.1%	30.2%	26.3%	28.4%	
with the department?	Don't know	16.5%	9.3%	5.8%	4.6%	6.4%	9.8%	7.9%	
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823	

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Q4. Should public school principals be given the power to	Yes - principals should be able to hire & fire staff	62.1%	65.3%	69.3%	55.9%	64.3%	59.7%
hire and fire their own staff, or should this responsibility remain	No - only the department should have this responsibility	30.5%	24.4%	23.2%	35.6%	27.4%	34.7%
with the department?	Don't know	7.3%	10.2%	7.5%	8.5%	8.3%	5.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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Q4. Should public school principals be given the	Yes - principals should be able to hire & fire staff	71.6%	64.1%	63.6%	59.6%	53.2%	90.9%	52.0%	62.2%
power to hire and fire their own staff, or should this responsibility remain with	No - only the department should have this responsibility	22.1%	28.2%	27.3%	24.8%	42.9%	9.1%	32.0%	31.3%
the department?	Don't know	6.3%	7.7%	9.1%	15.6%	3.9%	.0%	16.0%	6.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

			-	-	Responden	t Type	-	-	_
		Parent/guardia n of children at PRIMARY school		A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q4. Should public school principals be given the	Yes - principals should be able to hire & fire staff	71.6%	64.1%	63.6%	59.6%	53.2%	90.9%	52.0%	62.2%
power to hire and fire their own staff, or should this responsibility remain with	No - only the department should have this responsibility	22.1%	28.2%	27.3%	24.8%	42.9%	9.1%	32.0%	31.3%
the department?	Don't know	6.3%	7.7%	9.1%	15.6%	3.9%	.0%	16.0%	6.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

### Q5. Should the administration of public school resources be decentralised and transferred to a district level?

		Age				Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL	
Q5. Should the administration of public school resources be decentralised and transferred to a	Yes - communities better understand their local needs than a big bureaucracy	52.6%	59.5%	63.5%	63.8%	60.4%	62.1%	61.1%	
district level?	No - centralised control is more efficient	33.0%	30.8%	27.7%	33.6%	33.9%	26.0%	30.4%	
	Don't know	14.4%	9.7%	8.8%	2.6%	5.7%	11.9%	8.5%	
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823	

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Q5. Should the administration of public school resources be decentralised and transferred to a district level?	Yes - communities better understand their local needs than a big bureaucracy	68.9%	54.5%	56.6%	55.9%	59.2%	71.8%	
	No - centralised control is more efficient	22.6%	34.7%	35.1%	33.1%	31.4%	24.2%	
	Don't know	8.5%	10.8%	8.3%	11.0%	9.4%	4.0%	
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
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		Parent/guardia n of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardia n of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q5. Should the administration of public school resources be decentralised and	Yes - communities better understand their local needs than a big bureaucracy	61.6%	58.5%	54.5%	62.4%	61.0%	63.6%	56.0%	62.7%
transferred to a district level?	No - centralised control is more efficient	27.9%	31.7%	27.3%	30.3%	35.1%	36.4%	28.0%	30.1%
	Don't know	10.5%	9.9%	18.2%	7.3%	3.9%	.0%	16.0%	7.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

# Q6. Do you agree with mandatory teaching hours in English, maths and science or should teachers be free to teach as they see fit?

		Age				Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL	
Q6. Do you agree with mandatory teaching hours in English, maths and science or should teachers be free to teach as they see fit?	Yes - there should be mandatory teaching hours of these subjects	71.1%	76.1%	83.6%	84.2%	77.5%	83.2%	80.1%	
	No - teachers should be able to choose the hours for these subjects	23.7%	22.7%	14.6%	15.1%	20.5%	15.2%	18.1%	
	Don't know	5.2%	1.2%	1.8%	.7%	2.0%	1.6%	1.8%	
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
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Q6. Do you agree with mandatory teaching hours in English, maths and science or should teachers be free to teach as they see fit?	Yes - there should be mandatory teaching hours of these subjects	81.9%	79.0%	80.7%	74.6%	79.6%	82.3%
	No - teachers should be able to choose the hours for these subjects	15.8%	18.8%	18.0%	22.0%	18.3%	17.7%
	Don't know	2.3%	2.3%	1.3%	3.4%	2.1%	.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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Q6. Do you agree with mandatory teaching hours in English, maths and	Yes - there should be mandatory teaching hours of these subjects	83.2%	86.6%	90.9%	77.1%	66.2%	63.6%	88.0%	78.3%
science or should teachers be free to teach as they see fit?	No - teachers should be able to choose the hours for these subjects	14.2%	12.0%	9.1%	21.1%	33.8%	36.4%	12.0%	19.3%
	Don't know	2.6%	1.4%	.0%	1.8%	.0%	.0%	.0%	2.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

## Q7. What do you think of the six planned super schools?

			Ąg	je			Gender	
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL
Q7. What do you think of the six planned super schools?	Great idea - the Government should build more	7.2%	7.7%	3.0%	6.6%	8.1%	2.4%	5.6%
	Good idea - I'm interested to see how they perform	25.8%	15.4%	15.5%	15.1%	18.5%	14.1%	16.5%
	I'm worried the schools are too big & some students will be left behind	40.2%	37.2%	35.9%	34.2%	31.7%	42.3%	36.5%
	Bad idea - the Government should scrap them	19.6%	32.8%	42.6%	43.4%	38.1%	36.0%	37.2%
	Don't know	7.2%	6.9%	3.0%	.7%	3.5%	5.1%	4.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823

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			Suburba	an Area		Area	a
		Northern suburbs	Southern suburbs	Eastern suburbs	Western suburbs	Adelaide Metro	SA Country
Q7. What do you think of the six planned super schools?	Great idea - the Government should build more	4.0%	5.7%	4.4%	11.0%	5.7%	4.8%
	Good idea - I'm interested to see how they perform	16.9%	19.3%	17.5%	15.3%	17.4%	12.1%
	I'm worried the schools are too big & some students will be left behind	39.5%	39.8%	31.1%	37.3%	36.5%	36.3%
	Bad idea - the Government should scrap them	36.2%	32.4%	41.7%	29.7%	35.9%	43.5%
	Don't know	3.4%	2.8%	5.3%	6.8%	4.4%	3.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=177	N=176	N=228	N=118	N=701	N=124

					Responden	t Type			
		Parent/guardia n of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardia n of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q7. What do you think of the six planned super schools?	Great idea - the Government should build more	4.2%	7.0%	.0%	8.3%	2.6%	.0%	.0%	6.8%
	Good idea - I'm interested to see how they perform	15.8%	18.3%	13.6%	22.9%	7.8%	9.1%	20.0%	16.5%
	I'm worried the schools are too big & some students will be left behind	36.3%	40.8%	45.5%	36.7%	28.6%	81.8%	32.0%	34.1%
	Bad idea - the Government should scrap them	40.5%	30.3%	27.3%	24.8%	58.4%	9.1%	40.0%	39.0%
	Don't know	3.2%	3.5%	13.6%	7.3%	2.6%	.0%	8.0%	3.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

# Q8. Should boys get greater support with literacy to help lift their performance and match the higher average standards set by girls?

		Age					Gender	
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL
Q8. Should boys get greater	Yes	46.4%	64.0%	65.0%	69.7%	65.9%	60.4%	63.4%
support with literacy to help lift	No	40.2%	28.3%	27.7%	27.6%	26.7%	32.5%	29.3%
their performance and match the	Don't know	13.4%	7.7%	7.3%	2.6%	7.5%	7.0%	7.3%
higher average standards set by girls?	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
9113:		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823

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			Suburba	an Area		Area		
		Northern suburbs	Southern suburbs	Eastern suburbs	Western suburbs	Adelaide Metro	SA Country	
Q8. Should boys get greater	Yes	63.8%	63.1%	62.3%	64.4%	63.2%	64.5%	
support with literacy to help lift	No	27.7%	30.1%	30.7%	28.0%	29.4%	29.0%	
their performance and match the	Don't know	8.5%	6.8%	7.0%	7.6%	7.4%	6.5%	
higher average standards set by girls?	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
g		N=177	N=176	N=228	N=118	N=701	N=124	

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					Responden	t Type			
		Parent/guardian of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardian of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q8. Should boys get greater	Yes	64.2%	71.8%	59.1%	57.8%	62.3%	63.6%	72.0%	60.2%
support with literacy to help	No	24.7%	23.2%	36.4%	32.1%	35.1%	36.4%	24.0%	32.9%
lift their performance and	Don't know	11.1%	4.9%	4.5%	10.1%	2.6%	.0%	4.0%	6.8%
match the higher average standards set by girls?	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
standards set by gins:		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

#### Q9. Do teachers deserve a 21 percent wage rise over three years?

			Αç	ge		Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL	
Q9. Do teachers deserve a 21	Yes	61.9%	62.3%	64.4%	63.2%	61.2%	65.9%	63.3%	
percent wage rise over three	No	27.8%	32.8%	29.5%	30.9%	33.5%	26.8%	30.5%	
years?	Don't know	10.3%	4.9%	6.1%	5.9%	5.3%	7.3%	6.2%	
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823	

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			Suburba	an Area		Area		
		Northern suburbs	Southern suburbs	Eastern suburbs	Western suburbs	Adelaide Metro	SA Country	
Q9. Do teachers deserve a 21	Yes	56.5%	63.6%	68.0%	62.7%	63.1%	64.5%	
percent wage rise over three No	No	35.0%	26.7%	27.2%	33.9%	30.2%	32.3%	
years?	Don't know	8.5%	9.7%	4.8%	3.4%	6.7%	3.2%	
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
		N=177	N=176	N=228	N=118	N=701	N=124	

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					Responden	t Type			
	O0. Do togghors deserve a Vec		Parent/guardian of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q9. Do teachers deserve a	Yes	66.8%	50.0%	54.5%	60.6%	93.5%	81.8%	76.0%	58.6%
21 percent wage rise over	No	28.4%	44.4%	36.4%	27.5%	5.2%	18.2%	20.0%	34.5%
three years?	Don't know	4.7%	5.6%	9.1%	11.9%	1.3%	.0%	4.0%	6.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

### Q10. Should South Australia encourage more foreign students to study here?

		Age					Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL		
Q10. Should South Australia	Yes	48.5%	44.5%	44.7%	52.0%	53.3%	37.9%	46.4%		
encourage more foreign students	No	35.1%	44.1%	40.4%	39.5%	36.3%	46.3%	40.8%		
to study here?	Don't know	16.5%	11.3%	14.9%	8.6%	10.4%	15.7%	12.8%		
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823		

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			Suburban Area Area					
	Northern suburbs	Southern suburbs	Eastern suburbs	Western suburbs	Adelaide Metro	SA Country		
Q10. Should South Australia	Yes	39.5%	40.9%	54.8%	52.5%	47.1%	42.7%	
	No	47.5%	43.8%	34.2%	35.6%	40.2%	43.5%	
to study here?	Don't know	13.0%	15.3%	11.0%	11.9%	12.7%	13.7%	
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
		N=177	N=176	N=228	N=118	N=701	N=124	

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					Responden	t Type			
		Parent/guardian of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardian of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q10. Should South Australia	Yes	45.3%	38.7%	40.9%	53.2%	48.1%	63.6%	64.0%	46.2%
encourage more foreign	No	39.5%	50.0%	45.5%	34.9%	39.0%	36.4%	20.0%	41.4%
students to study here?	Don't know	15.3%	11.3%	13.6%	11.9%	13.0%	.0%	16.0%	12.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

# Q11. Do you think the assaults against Indian students, which have mainly been interstate, are opportunistic or racist in nature?

		Age				Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL	
Q11. Do you think the assaults against Indian students, which	Opportunistic - they have been in the wrong place at the wrong time	44.3%	46.2%	43.8%	52.0%	49.3%	42.0%	46.1%	
have mainly been interstate, are opportunistic or racist in nature?	Racist - it's hard to argue otherwise	41.2%	30.0%	31.3%	30.3%	31.7%	32.2%	32.0%	
	Don't know	14.4%	23.9%	24.9%	17.8%	18.9%	25.7%	22.0%	
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823	

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			Suburba		Area		
		Northern suburbs	Southern suburbs	Eastern suburbs	Western suburbs	Adelaide Metro	SA Country
Q11. Do you think the assaults against Indian students, which have mainly been interstate, are	Opportunistic - they have been in the wrong place at the wrong time	49.2%	46.6%	43.9%	50.0%	46.9%	41.1%
opportunistic or racist in nature?	Racist - it's hard to argue otherwise	31.6%	31.8%	31.1%	31.4%	31.5%	33.9%
	Don't know	19.2%	21.6%	25.0%	18.6%	21.5%	25.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=177	N=176	N=228	N=118	N=701	N=124

					Responden	t Type			
		Parent/guardia n of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardia n of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q11. Do you think the assaults against Indian students, which have mainly been interstate, are opportunistic or racist in nature?	Opportunistic - they have been in the wrong place at the wrong time	43.7%	47.2%	68.2%	43.1%	42.9%	63.6%	20.0%	49.4%
	Racist - it's hard to argue otherwise	29.5%	30.3%	18.2%	41.3%	36.4%	36.4%	44.0%	28.9%
	Don't know	26.8%	22.5%	13.6%	15.6%	20.8%	.0%	36.0%	21.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

## Q12. Has Premier Mike Rann's "university city" vision lived up to expectations?

			Αç	je		Gender			
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL	
Q12. Has Premier Mike Rann's "university city" vision lived up to	Yes	19.6%	10.5%	8.5%	8.6%	12.8%	7.3%	10.3%	
	No	60.8%	72.1%	79.0%	81.6%	77.8%	72.4%	75.3%	
expectations?	Don't know	19.6%	17.4%	12.5%	9.9%	77.8% 72.4%	14.3%		
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823	

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Q12. Has Premier Mike Rann's	Yes	6.8%	12.5%	12.3%	11.0%	10.7%	8.9%
"university city" vision lived up to	No	77.4%	72.2%	78.1%	77.1%	76.3%	69.4%
expectations?		21.8%					
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=177	N=176	N=228	N=118	N=701	N=124

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					Responden	t Type			
		Parent/guardian of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardian of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q12. Has Premier Mike	Yes	8.9%	9.9%	4.5%	17.4%	5.2%	9.1%	12.0%	10.8%
Rann's "university city" vision	No	77.4%	71.1%	72.7%	67.9%	87.0%	63.6%	80.0%	75.9%
lived up to expectations?	Don't know	13.7%	19.0%	22.7%	14.7%	7.8%	27.3%	8.0%	13.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249

# Q13. Further Education Minister Michael O'Brien has put forward a proposal to merge South Australia's three publicly-funded universities. Do you think the idea has merit?

		Age						
		Under 25	25 to 39	40 to 54	55+	Males	Females	ALL
Q13. Further Education Minister Michael O'Brien has put forward a proposal to merge South Australia's three publicly-funded	Yes - but only if it is a merging of administrative functions	6.2%	20.6%	17.9%	27.6%	21.8%	16.0%	19.2%
	Yes - the universities duplicate too many courses	21.6%	14.6%	14.3%	14.5%	16.1%	14.1%	15.2%
universities. Do you think the idea	No, the system is fine as it is	62.9%	54.7%	55.9%	54.6%	56.6%	55.8%	56.3%
has merit?	Don't know	9.3%	10.1%	11.9%	3.3%	5.5%	14.1%	9.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=97	N=247	N=329	N=152	N=454	N=369	N=823

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			Suburba		Area		
		Northern suburbs	Southern suburbs	Eastern suburbs	Western suburbs	Adelaide Metro	SA Country
Q13. Further Education Minister Michael O'Brien has put forward a proposal to merge South Australia's three publicly-funded	Yes - but only if it is a merging of administrative functions	20.3%	15.9%	21.1%	15.3%	18.7%	21.8%
	Yes - the universities duplicate too many courses	15.8%	17.0%	16.7%	14.4%	16.1%	10.5%
universities. Do you think the	No, the system is fine as it is	52.5%	59.7%	58.3%	57.6%	57.1%	50.8%
idea has merit?	Don't know	11.3%	7.4%	3.9%	12.7%	8.1%	16.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=177	N=176	N=228	N=118	N=701	N=124

					Responden	t Type			
		Parent/guardia n of children at PRIMARY school	Parent/guardia n of children at HIGH school	A student at primary or high school	A university or TAFE student	An employee in the PUBLIC school system	An employee in the PRIVATE school system	A university or TAFE employee	Other
Q13. Further Education Minister Michael O'Brien has put forward a proposal	Yes - but only if it is a merging of administrative functions	17.4%	19.0%	13.6%	13.8%	19.5%	9.1%	12.0%	24.5%
to merge South Australia's three publicly-funded universities. Do you think	Yes - the universities duplicate too many courses	15.8%	11.3%	.0%	20.2%	11.7%	27.3%	24.0%	16.1%
the idea has merit?	No, the system is fine as it is	53.2%	58.5%	72.7%	58.7%	64.9%	54.5%	64.0%	51.0%
	Don't know	13.7%	11.3%	13.6%	7.3%	3.9%	9.1%	.0%	8.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
		N=190	N=142	N=22	N=109	N=77	N=11	N=25	N=249