

YouGov / Sun Survey Results

Sample: 1814; fieldwork: May 13-14

	2005 Gen elec %	Mar 7-8 %	Mar 13-14 %
Headline Voting Intention			
Con	33	43	41
Lab	36	27	22
Lib Dem	23	18	19
Other	8	12	18
Other Parties Voting Intention			
SNP / PCY	2	3	4
BNP	1	3	4
UKIP	2	3	6
Green	1	2	3
Respect	*	*	*
Other	1	1	1

* = less than 0.5%

	2004 Euro elecs %	Mar 7-8 %	Mar 13-14 %
Headline European Voting Intention (among those certain to vote)			
Conservative	27	37	28
Labour	23	22	19
Liberal Democrat	15	19	19
UKIP	16	7	19
Green	6	4	6
SNP / PC	2	5	4
BNP	5	4	3
Some other party	6	1	1

How much do you think each of the following should be paid? (In each case, assume that any extra allowances or expenses are strictly controlled, and restricted to what is absolutely necessary.)	Median figure (£k)	Actual pay (£k)
Local Council Chief Executive	57	150
NHS family doctor in your area	68	104
Head teacher at a local state secondary school	57	70
A local backbench Member of Parliament	55	65
Senior detective in a local police force	61	50

Thinking about the reports in the past few days about MPs' allowances, which of the following statements comes closest to your view? %

'Most MPs have been deliberately abusing the allowances system and ripping us all off'	60
'Most MPs are reasonably honest, but a significant minority have been deliberately abusing the allowances system'	35
'Almost all MPs are reasonably honest; few, if any, have been deliberately abusing the allowances system'	2
Don't know	3

These are some of the things some MPs are reported to have done. In each case, how do you regard this behaviour?

'Flipping' their homes by switching around the properties they claim as their first and second home, so that they can claim extra allowances and also avoid capital gains tax when they sell one of their homes

Claiming for work done on such things as their moat, swimming pool or tennis court	Flipping homes	Moats, pools etc	Everyday purchases
Claiming for everyday purchases such as biscuits, dog food and feather dusters	%	%	%
Outrageous	86	88	75
Fairly bad	10	8	18
Not very bad	1	1	4
Acceptable	0	0	1
Don't know	2	2	2

Each of the main party leaders says their MPs should pay back excessive claims, and each has proposed measures to prevent abuse in the future. Overall, how confident are you that each of the following will act effectively to tackle this issue?

	Brown %	Cameron %	Clegg %
Very confident	7	24	9
Fairly confident	21	33	38
TOTAL CONFIDENT	28	57	47
Not very confident	31	20	24
Not at all confident	35	18	17
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	66	38	41
Don't know	6	6	11