

# YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1666 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 21st - 22nd October 2012

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<b>Generally speaking, do you think most MPs are...</b>																								
<b>Harding working or lazy?</b>																								
Hard-working	48	45	34	48	34	46	40	34	36	32	36	25	33	38	35	39	28	41	36	30	31	37		
Lazy	31	34	45	34	46	40	42	46	44	50	41	49	43	44	48	41	51	36	44	46	50	48		
Don't know	22	21	20	19	20	14	18	21	20	18	23	27	24	18	17	20	21	23	20	24	19	16		
<b>Honest or dishonest?</b>																								
Honest	34	31	26	41	25	40	32	24	29	27	24	16	26	25	30	32	17	31	28	22	23	25		
Dishonest	48	50	55	37	59	46	47	58	57	57	54	66	55	55	52	50	62	53	50	60	61	56		
Don't know	18	19	19	22	16	14	20	18	14	16	22	17	19	20	18	18	21	16	23	18	17	18		
<b>In touch with the day-to-day lives of their constituents or out of touch?</b>																								
In touch with the day-to-day-lives of their constituents	19	18	13	21	11	26	16	12	13	14	11	10	14	11	15	17	6	19	14	11	10	9		
Out of touch	70	71	77	68	78	70	76	77	79	77	77	78	72	82	76	73	82	71	74	79	83	76		
Don't know	12	11	10	11	11	4	8	11	8	9	11	12	14	8	9	10	11	10	12	10	7	15		
<b>Concerned with the issues that their constituents really care about, or concerned with issues that matter more to them than their constituents?</b>																								
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Concerned with issues that matter more to them than their constituents	68	71	71	63	69	78	72	66	77	73	69	58	65	76	76	69	74	73	67	73	74	69		
Don't know	14	14	15	14	16	4	12	17	10	12	17	20	20	13	10	14	16	12	15	15	14	19		
<b>Principled or unprincipled?</b>																								
Principled	32	30	26	37	26	37	30	25	25	24	27	29	30	24	22	33	16	27	30	24	18	31		
Unprincipled	47	47	51	38	54	48	48	56	52	58	45	39	43	54	60	47	56	47	46	50	61	54		
Don't know	22	23	23	25	20	15	22	19	23	18	28	32	27	22	18	20	28	26	24	26	21	15		
<b>Competent or incompetent?</b>																								
Competent	34	31	26	43	26	43	31	26	30	27	26	22	31	28	22	33	18	29	30	26	22	22		
Incompetent	46	47	52	35	55	43	47	55	51	55	50	55	45	53	57	46	60	47	48	52	61	54		
Don't know	20	23	21	22	20	14	22	20	18	18	24	23	24	19	21	21	22	23	22	23	17	24		

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<b>Devoted to serving the public interest, or more interested in their own personal interests?</b>																						
Devoted to serving the public interest	19	15	<b>13</b>	25	11	30	16	12	15	13	14	13	17	14	10	17	8	17	18	10	9	12
More interested in their own personal interests	66	72	<b>72</b>	60	75	56	70	74	71	75	70	63	67	74	78	68	77	69	67	73	80	72
Don't know	14	13	<b>15</b>	15	14	14	14	14	14	13	17	23	16	12	13	14	15	15	15	17	12	16
<b>Do you feel your own MP listens, or does not listen, to the concerns of people like you?</b>																						
Yes, my own MP does listen to the concerns of people like me	36	26	<b>25</b>	32	28	33	31	29	23	24	26	15	21	26	32	29	19	30	27	18	22	35
No, my MP does not	30	35	<b>36</b>	32	36	40	34	32	37	43	29	28	33	38	39	37	35	31	36	38	39	29
Don't know	34	38	<b>39</b>	36	36	27	35	39	40	33	45	57	46	36	29	34	46	39	37	44	39	35
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<b>Thinking about the MPs expenses scandal of 2009 and what has been done since to reform MPs expenses, which of the following best reflects your view?</b>																						
The rules on expenses have gone too far, and MPs are not getting the resources they need to serve their constituents properly	5	3	<b>3</b>	8	2	8	5	4	3	5	2	2	5	4	2	4	2	3	3	3	4	3
The rules on expenses are not tight enough, and MPs are still able to claim expenses they should not be entitled to	65	69	<b>69</b>	65	71	65	73	68	64	70	67	53	60	72	79	65	73	63	67	74	68	75
The balance is about right	17	13	<b>13</b>	16	13	18	13	12	18	14	12	8	16	13	12	16	9	16	15	10	10	14
Not sure	12	15	<b>15</b>	11	14	10	9	16	15	11	19	37	19	11	7	15	16	18	14	13	18	8

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**Which of the following best reflects your view?**

MPs involved in expenses fraud and abuse have now mostly stood down, been defeated at the election or been prosecuted by the courts. Parliament has learnt its lesson and new MPs are likely to behave better

While some of the worst offenders have been punished, not enough has been done to stop MPs wrongfully claiming expenses and MPs are probably getting up to the same abuses as before

Neither

Don't know

20	13	23	11	14	17	11	14	13	13	17	15	13	9	17	8	20	14	12	9	11
68	72	64	76	73	72	75	74	74	69	64	61	74	83	69	75	62	71	73	74	78
5	5	5	4	10	5	4	5	6	5	6	8	6	3	7	4	6	5	5	7	1
7	10	7	9	4	5	10	7	7	12	13	17	8	5	7	13	13	9	9	10	10

**As part of their jobs many MPs who represent seats that are too far from London to commute every day need to have two homes - one in their constituency and in London. Currently they are able to claim rent for a second home as part of their expenses.**

**In principle, do you think is or is not acceptable for MPs to claim expenses for the cost of needing a second home in London?**

Is acceptable	31	39	29	45	35	29	40	32	30	28	27	33	35	39	22	37	34	26	27	39
Is not acceptable	61	55	67	52	60	64	54	62	60	60	61	62	60	55	69	54	57	66	67	59
Don't know	8	6	5	3	5	7	6	6	9	12	12	5	6	6	9	9	9	8	6	2

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Under the new rules on expenses MPs can no longer claim their mortgage payments for a second residence, but are allowed to claim rent. It has been reported that some MPs who own properties in London and can no longer claim mortgage payments are renting out the property they own and instead renting a property and claiming the rent payment on expenses

Do you think it is or is not acceptable for MPs who own a property in London to live elsewhere and claim rent on expenses?

Is acceptable	6	10	5	10	7	6	6	7	5	3	7	7	5	8	3	5	9	3	5	3
Is not acceptable	88	84	91	89	88	89	89	88	87	82	84	88	93	86	89	87	84	90	91	90
Don't know	7	6	4	1	4	5	5	5	8	15	10	5	2	6	7	8	8	7	4	7

It has been reported that in some instances MPs are renting the properties they own to other MPs, who in turn claim expenses on them.

Do you think this is or is not acceptable?

Is acceptable	5	9	4	3	6	5	4	6	3	0	6	5	5	6	3	6	6	2	3	7
Is not acceptable	89	87	92	94	92	88	92	89	90	86	83	92	94	89	90	86	87	91	91	91
Don't know	6	4	4	3	2	7	4	5	7	14	11	3	1	6	7	7	7	6	6	2