

## STANDARD QUESTIONS

### Q.A Record gender of respondent

- Male..... 1
- Female ..... 2

### Q.B To ensure we interview a wide cross section of the public, could I first ask what age group you fall into?

- 18-19 ..... 02
- 20-21 ..... 03
- 22-24 ..... 04
- 25-29 ..... 05
- 30-34 ..... 06
- 35-39 ..... 07
- 40-44 ..... 08
- 45-49 ..... 09
- 50-54 ..... 10
- 55-59 ..... 11
- 60-64 ..... 12
- 65-69 ..... 13
- 70-74 ..... 14
- 75+ ..... 15

### Q.C What county do you live in?

- Dublin ..... 01
- Carlow ..... 02
- Kildare ..... 03
- Kilkenny..... 04
- Laois..... 05
- Longford ..... 06
- Louth ..... 07
- Meath ..... 08
- Offaly..... 09
- Westmeath ..... 10
- Wexford..... 11
- Wicklow ..... 12
- Clare ..... 13
- Cork ..... 14
- Kerry ..... 15
- Limerick..... 16
- Tipperary ..... 17
- Waterford ..... 18
- Galway ..... 19
- Leitrim ..... 20
- Mayo ..... 21
- Roscommon ..... 22
- Sligo ..... 23
- Cavan ..... 24
- Donegal ..... 25
- Monaghan ..... 26
- Don't know ..... 27
- Refused..... 28

## ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONS

**Q.1** What is the highest level of education you have completed to date? **READ OUT**

Completed Primary school.....	1
Currently in secondary school.....	2
Completed secondary school.....	3
Currently at third level.....	4
Completed third level.....	5
Refused/no formal education (DNRO).....	6

**Q.2** What is your current main labour market status? **READ OUT**

**INTERVIEWER NOTE: PARTICIPANTS ON MATERNITY OR PARENTAL LEAVE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE CLASSIFIED IN THE CATEGORY WHERE THEY WORKED BEFORE/WILL RETURN TO.**

Full-time paid work (more than 30 hours).....	1
Part-time paid work (less than 30 hours).....	2
Retired / long-term disability or illness/widow or widower in receipt of pension.....	3
Unemployed.....	4
Student.....	5
Full-time homemaker (looking after family).....	6
Other (DNRO).....	7
Don't Know (DNRO).....	8
Refused (DNRO).....	9

**ASK IF CODE 1 OR 2 AT Q.2:**

**Q.3a** Are you an employee or self-employed? **READ OUT**

Employee.....	1
Self-employed.....	2
Refused (DNRO).....	3

**ASK IF CODE 1 OR 2 AT Q.2:**

**Q.3b** Which of the following categories do you fall into? **READ OUT**

**INTERVIEWERS – PLEASE NOTE that Armed Forces Occupations should be classified under similar civilian occupations, if possible. For example, if they are a Pilot, Chef, Driver etc. For those with no civilian equivalent, they should be classified under “Service and Sales” (Protective Service Worker). Also, If they are a Senior Officer, they should be coded “Manager and Professional”. In terms of Gardaí, Senior Gardaí should be coded under “Manager and Professional”, mid ranking Gardaí under “Associate professional /technician” and rank and file should be coded under “Service and Sales” (Protective Service Worker).**

Manager and professional.....	1
<u>INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): Includes scientist, architect/engineer, doctor, nurse, vet, teacher, lecturer, finance/sales/computer/legal professionals, senior government officials (civil service)</u>	
Associate professionals.....	2
<u>INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): assistant / support to professional, government officials (civil service), administrative associates, legal associates, sports and fitness workers</u>	
Technician.....	3
<u>INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): Includes lab, industrial, engineering, telecoms, computer/health, technicians, manufacturing/construction supervisors, pilots</u>	
Clerical and Support worker.....	4
<u>INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): Includes customer services, numerical and material input (data, transcriptions etc.), secretarial, tellers, clerks</u>	
Service and Sales worker.....	5
<u>INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): Includes childcare/carer, social worker, chefs, waiters, bartenders, hairdressers, housekeeping, shop salesperson, cashiers, teachers' aides, travel guides</u>	
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry or Fisheries workers.....	6
<u>INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): Includes market-oriented and subsistence farmers, forestry, fishers</u>	
Skilled manual worker/Craft and Related Trade workers.....	7
<u>INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): Includes builders, printing, electrical, food processing, wood working</u>	
Other manual worker/Plant and machine operators, assemblers and elementary occupations.....	8
<u>INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): Includes plant operators, drivers, cleaners, helpers, labourers, food prep assistants, refuse workers</u>	
Refused (DNRO).....	9

**ASK ALL**

**Q.4** Which of the following income bands best reflects your gross household income per year, that is the amount earned by everyone in the household each year before tax is paid? **SINGLE CODE. READ OUT**

0 to €20k .....	1
€21k to 25k.....	2
€26k to 30k.....	3
€31k to 35k.....	4
€36k to 40k.....	5
€41k to 45k.....	6
€46k to 50k.....	7
€51k to 55k.....	8
€56k to 60k.....	9
€61k to 65k.....	10
€66k to 70k.....	11
€71k to 80k.....	12
€81k to 100k.....	13
€101k to 150k.....	14
€151k and higher .....	15
Don't know (DNRO) .....	99
Refused (DNRO).....	98

**MONTHLY QUESTIONS**

**Q.1** How has the financial situation of your household changed over the last 12 months? It has ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

Got a lot better .....	1
Got a little better.....	2
Stayed the same .....	3
Got a little worse .....	4
Got a lot worse .....	5
Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) .....	6

**Q.2** How do you expect the financial position of your household to change over the next 12 months? It will ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

Get a lot better .....	1
Get a little better.....	2
Stay the same .....	3
Get a little worse .....	4
Get a lot worse .....	5
Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) .....	6

**Q.2.1** The future financial position/situation of your household is currently... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

Easy to predict .....	1
Moderately easy to predict.....	2
Moderately difficult to predict .....	3
Difficult to predict.....	4
Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) .....	5

**Q.3** How do you think the general economic situation in the country has changed over the past 12 months? It has ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

Got a lot better .....	1
Got a little better.....	2
Stayed the same .....	3
Got a little worse .....	4
Got a lot worse .....	5
Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) .....	6

**Q.4** How do you expect the general economic situation in this country to develop over the next 12 months? It will ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- Get a lot better ..... 1
- Get a little better ..... 2
- Stay the same ..... 3
- Get a little worse ..... 4
- Get a lot worse ..... 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 6

**READ OUT:** The following questions relate to prices of goods and services that you typically purchase, both day to day items as well as items you purchase more infrequently.

**Q.5** How do you think that consumer prices have developed over the last 12 months?  
They have ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- Risen a lot ..... 1
- Risen moderately ..... 2
- Risen slightly ..... 3
- Stayed about the same ..... 4
- Fallen ..... 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 6

**ASK ALL WHO SAY PRICES HAVE RISEN (CODES 1-3 AT Q.5)**

**Q.5.1** By how many percent do you think consumer prices have gone up over the past 12 months?  
**PLEASE GIVE A SINGLE FIGURE ESTIMATE. RECORD UP TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE**

Consumer prices have increased by  %

Don't know .....

**ASK ALL WHO SAY PRICES HAVE FALLEN (CODE 5 AT Q.5)**

**Q.5.2** By how many percent do you think consumer prices have gone down over the past 12 months?  
**PLEASE GIVE A SINGLE FIGURE ESTIMATE. RECORD UP TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE**

Consumer prices have decreased by  %

Don't know .....

**ASK ALL**

**Q.6** By comparison with the past 12 months, how do you expect that consumer prices will develop in the next 12 months? They will ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- Increase more rapidly ..... 1
- Increase at the same rate ..... 2
- Increase at a slower rate ..... 3
- Stay about the same ..... 4
- Fall ..... 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 6

**ASK ALL WHO SAY INCREASE (CODES 1-3 AT Q.6)**

**Q.6.1** By how many percent do you expect consumer prices will go up over the next 12 months?  
**PLEASE GIVE A SINGLE FIGURE ESTIMATE. RECORD UP TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE**

Consumer prices will increase by  %

Don't know .....

**ASK ALL WHO SAY FALL (CODE 5 AT Q.6)**

**Q.6.2** By how many percent do you expect consumer prices will go down over the next 12 months?  
**PLEASE GIVE A SINGLE FIGURE ESTIMATE. RECORD UP TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE**

Consumer prices will decrease by  %

Don't know .....

**ASK ALL**

**Q.7** How do you expect the number of people unemployed in this country to change over the next 12 months? The number will ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- Increase sharply ..... 1
- Increase slightly ..... 2
- Remain the same ..... 3
- Fall slightly ..... 4
- Fall sharply ..... 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 6

**Q.8** In view of the general economic situation, do you think now is the right time for people to make major purchases such as furniture or electrical goods? **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- Yes, now is the right time ..... 1
- It is neither the right time nor the wrong time ..... 2
- No, it is the wrong time ..... 3
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 4

**Q.9** Compared to the last 12 months, do you expect to spend more or less money on major purchases such as furniture and electrical goods over the next 12 months? I will spend ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- Much more ..... 1
- A little more ..... 2
- About the same ..... 3
- A little less ..... 4
- Much less ..... 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 6

**Q.10** In view of the general economic situation, do you think that now is ...? **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- A very good time to save ..... 1
- A fairly good time to save ..... 2
- Not a good time to save ..... 3
- A very bad time to save ..... 4
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 5

**Q.11** Over the next 12 months, how likely is it you will save any money? **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- Very likely ..... 1
- Fairly likely ..... 2
- Not likely ..... 3
- Not at all likely ..... 4
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 5

**Q.12** Which of these statements best describes the current financial situation of your household? **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY**

- We are saving a lot ..... 1
- We are saving a little ..... 2
- We are just managing to make ends meet on our income ..... 3
- We are having to draw on our savings ..... 4
- We are running into debt ..... 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 6



**Q.13** How do you expect the property prices in your region will change over the next 12 months? They will ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

- Increase by more than 5% ..... 1
- Increase by between 1 and 5%..... 2
- More or less remain the same ..... 3
- Fall by between 1 and 5% ..... 4
- Fall by more than 5% ..... 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 6

**Q.14** How do you expect residential rents in your region will change over the next 12 months? They will ... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

- Increase by more than 5% ..... 1
- Increase by between 1 and 5%..... 2
- More or less remain the same ..... 3
- Fall by between 1 and 5% ..... 4
- Fall by more than 5% ..... 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 6

**QUARTERLY QUESTIONS- January, April, July, October**

**Q.1** How likely are you to buy a car over the next 12 months? Would that be... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

- Very likely ..... 1
- Fairly likely ..... 2
- Not likely ..... 3
- Not at all likely ..... 4
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 5

**Q.2** Are you planning to buy or build a property over the next 12 months for any reason, such as live in yourself, for a member of your family, as a holiday home, to let etc? Would that be... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

- Yes, definitely ..... 1
- Possibly ..... 2
- Probably not ..... 3
- No ..... 4
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 5

**Q.3** How likely are you to spend any large sums of money on home improvements or renovations over the next 12 months? Are you... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

- Very likely ..... 1
- Fairly likely ..... 2
- Not likely ..... 3
- Not at all likely ..... 4
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) ..... 5

**Q.4** Do you think now is a good time to buy a property, or not? **SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- Don't know ..... 3

**Q.5** Do you think now is a good time to sell a property, or not? **SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- Don't know ..... 3

**Q.6** In your view, do you think that it is cheaper to rent or cheaper to buy a property in your area if you compare typical monthly rents with typical monthly mortgage repayments for a similar property?

**SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

Cheaper to rent .....	1
Cheaper to buy.....	2
About the same .....	3
Don't know .....	4

**Q.7** Would you say repaying the debt you currently have is challenging, manageable or do you not have any debt? **SINGLE CODE ONLY.**

Challenging .....	1
Manageable .....	2
I don't have any debt.....	3
Don't know .....	4

We are now going to ask you a more general question about economic policies. These include tax, government spending, regulation and central bank measures.

**Q.8** Are you holding out spending money because you are not sure which way economic policy is going to go, or are you satisfied there are no surprises ahead? **SINGLE CODE ONLY**

Holding out spending money .....	1
Satisfied no surprises ahead.....	2
Don't know .....	3

**ANNUAL AND BIENNIAL QUESTIONS**

**January and July**

**IF CODE 1 OR 2 AT Additional Classification Q2, ASK.**

**Q.1** How do you expect your wages to change over the next 12 months relative to the last 12 months? Will they... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE.**

Increase by more than 4% .....	1
Increase by between 2% and 4% .....	2
Increase by less than 2%.....	3
More or less remain the same .....	4
Fall by less than 2% .....	5
Fall by between 2% and 4% .....	6
Fall by more than 4% .....	7
Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) .....	8

**ASK ALL**

**Q.2** Currently, do you think it is easy or difficult to find or change jobs? **SINGLE CODE.**

Easy .....	1
Difficult .....	2
Don't know .....	3

**May**

**Q.1** Compared to last year, how much more do you plan on spending on holidays this year? Will you spend... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE.**

Much more .....	1
A little more .....	2
About the same .....	3
A little less .....	4
Much less .....	5

## November

**Q.1** Compared to last Christmas, how much more do you plan on spending on presents this year?  
Will you spend... **READ OUT. SINGLE CODE.**

Much more .....	1
A little more .....	2
About the same .....	3
A little less .....	4
Much less .....	5
Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) .....	6

### AD HOC QUESTIONS

## February 2022 ONLY

### READ OUT:

We are now going to ask some additional questions about consumer prices. These relate to prices of goods and services that you typically purchase, both day-to-day items, as well as items you purchase more infrequently.

### ASK ALL WHO SAY INCREASE AT Monthly Q.6 (CODES 1, 2 OR 3):

**Q.A.1.** You mentioned earlier you thought consumer prices will probably rise in the next 12 months. In coming to this conclusion, have you been influenced a lot, a little or not at all by the following, or are you not sure?

#### **READ OUT. RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH.**

	Influenced a lot	Influenced a little	Not at all influenced	Not sure
Prices today and / or recent price changes.....	1	2	3	4
How things are likely to develop in the economy over the next 12 months and the impact on prices .....	1	2	3	4
What the media / economic experts / friends are saying about future prices .....	1	2	3	4

### ASK ALL WHO SAY FALL AT Monthly Q.6 (CODE 5):

**Q.A.2.** You mentioned earlier you thought consumer prices will probably go down in the next 12 months. In coming to this conclusion, have you been influenced a lot, a little or not at all by the following, or are you not sure?

#### **READ OUT. RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH.**

	Influenced a lot	Influenced a little	Not at all influenced	Not sure
Prices today and / or recent price changes.....	1	2	3	4
How things are likely to develop in the economy over the next 12 months and the impact on prices .....	1	2	3	4
What the media / economic experts / friends are saying about future prices .....	1	2	3	4

### ASK ALL WHO SAY STAY ABOUT THE SAME AT Monthly Q6 (CODE 4):

**Q.A.3.** You mentioned earlier you thought consumer prices will probably stay about the same in the next 12 months. In coming to this conclusion, have you been influenced a lot, a little or not at all by the following, or are you not sure? **READ OUT. RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH.**

	Influenced a lot	Influenced a little	Not at all influenced	Not sure
Prices today and / or recent price changes.....	1	2	3	4



How things are likely to develop in the economy over the next 12 months and the impact on prices .....	1	2	3	4
What the media / economic experts / friends are saying about future prices .....	1	2	3	4

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.B.** Have you seen or heard consumer price changes discussed recently in any of these places? **READ OUT. ROTATE. RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH.**

	Yes	No	Don't Know
In the media .....	1	2	3
Comments from economic experts .....	1	2	3
Comments from the European or Irish Central Bank .....	1	2	3
At work/from my employer .....	1	2	3
From friends/family chatting .....	1	2	3
In social media like Twitter or Facebook .....	1	2	3
From my own online research/search .....	1	2	3

**ASK ALL WHO SAY INCREASE AT Monthly Q.6 (CODES 1, 2 OR 3):**

**Q.C.1.** In your opinion, what ONE thing will cause consumer prices to rise in the next 12 months? **PROBE FULLY.**

**ASK ALL WHO SAY FALL AT Monthly Q.6 (CODE 5):**

**Q.C.2.** In your opinion, what ONE thing will cause consumer prices to go down in the next 12 months? **PROBE FULLY.**

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.D.** Some things cause consumer prices to go up, some things cause prices to go down. For each of the following, please tell me if you think they cause prices to go up or down, or if they have no impact? You can also answer not sure. **READ OUT. ROTATE. RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH.**

	Up	Down	No impact	Not sure
Higher energy costs .....	1	2	3	4
Higher interest rates .....	1	2	3	4
People spending more money on major purchases .....	1	2	3	4
Higher unemployment .....	1	2	3	4
A stronger currency .....	1	2	3	4
More productive workers .....	1	2	3	4
Surplus of materials / spare materials .....	1	2	3	4
Higher government debt.....	1	2	3	4