

Ballot Paper – Question 1

Weekend 7: The Challenges and Opportunities of an Ageing Population

9th July 2017

	Mark X in one box	
Question 1	Yes	No
Do you agree that the Government should urgently prioritise and implement existing policies and strategies in relation to older people including for example the National Positive Ageing Strategy, the Carers' Strategy and the National Dementia Strategy.		

Ballot Paper – Question 2

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A. Questions on Long-Term Care

This question is posed to establish the views of the Citizens' Assembly about who should be responsible for providing care; in other words, where, in society, responsibility should lie. This question is not about who should fund care- this is dealt with in subsequent questions.

Question 2: In general, who should be principally responsible for providing required care for older people?	
	Mark X in one box
Option 1. Family/ older person should be <u>totally</u> responsible	
Option 2. It is <u>mainly</u> the family/ older person which should be responsible, but the State should have at least <u>some</u> responsibility	
Option 3. It is <u>mainly</u> the State that should be responsible, but the family/ older person should have at least <u>some</u> responsibility	
Option 4. The State should be <u>totally</u> responsible	

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Question 3:	Mark X in one box	
	Yes	No
<p>Do you think there should be an increase in public resources allocated for the care of older people? Remember that any additional public resources allocated will mean less money is available for other areas of need and/or new forms of funding will be required to pay for any increase.</p>		

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This question is posed to establish where the Members of the Assembly believe additional funding should be mainly spent. For the purposes of clarity, Option 3 relates to supported independent living arrangements, such as those detailed in the presentation by Prof. Anthea Tinker.

Question 4: Where do you believe additional funding for care of older people should primarily be spent?

	Rank in order of your preference (1,2,3...)
Option 1. Residential care services	
Option 2. Home care services and supports	
Option 3. Community-based integrated housing models	

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Question 5: Where do you believe overall funding for care of older people should come from?	
	Rank in order of your preference (1,2,3 ...)
Option 1: General taxation (income tax, VAT, Indirect taxes, property taxes etc) as currently	
Option 2: Compulsory social insurance payment – an <u>earmarked</u> tax for all workers linked to labour market participation –not unlike the current PRSI mechanism to fund long-term/ social care for older people.	
Option 3: Long-term/ social care private insurance (privately funded by the insured)	
Option 4: Cost sharing arrangements for users of all services (including for example home care) – e.g. co-payments, a charge on assets (similar to the fair deal scheme)	

Ballot Paper – Question 6

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	Mark X in one box	
Question 6	Yes	No
Do you think that the government should expedite the current commitment to place home care for older persons on a statutory footing?		

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	Mark X in one box	
Question 7	Yes	No
Do you think that regulation, such as that currently in place for residential centres, should be extended to afford better protection to older people in receipt of all health and care services		

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Question 8: If the Government were to decide to extend regulation to other health and care services for older people, what other services do you believe should be regulated?

	Mark X for each service you wish to see regulated
Option 1: Respite services	
Option 2: Day care services	
Option 3: Care and support services delivered by service providers in a person's own home	
Option 4: Care and support services provided through a supported housing scheme	

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B. Questions on Pensions

	Mark X in one box	
Question 9	Yes	No
Do you think that Government should introduce some form of mandatory pension scheme to supplement the State pension?		

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	Mark X in one box	
Question 10	Yes	No
Do you think that the current anomaly, which arises when a person who must retire at 65 is not entitled to the State pension until 66, should be removed?		

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	Mark X in one box	
Question 11	Yes	No
Do you think that mandatory retirement on the basis of age should be abolished?		

Ballot Paper – Question 12

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	Mark X in one box	
Question 12	Yes	No
Do you think that the State pension should be benchmarked by reference to national average income?		

Ballot Paper – Question 13

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	Mark X in one box	
Question 13	Yes	No
Do you think the Government should take steps to rationalise private pension schemes to include greater transparency in relation to fees?		

Ballot Paper – Question 14

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	Mark X in one box	
Question 14	Yes	No
Should the Government backdate the Homemakers Scheme to 1973?		

Ballot Paper – Question 15

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	Mark X in one box	
Question 15	Yes	No
Do you think State support for carers, including access to education, retraining and pension arrangements, should be enhanced?		

Ballot Paper – Question 16

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C. Member Generated Additional Question

Over the course of the two weekends when the Assembly discussed the topic *the Challenges and opportunities of an ageing population* a number of further issues emerged in the discussions, which were not directly related to the topic of 'long-term care' or 'pensions, income and retirement'.

As the Citizens' Assembly is an exercise in deliberative democracy, it is important that the input of the Members is expressed on the Ballot paper.

Members are therefore invited in this question to express, by marking X against each of the suggestions you wish to see implemented.

Question 16: When considering how we respond to the challenges and opportunities of an ageing population, which of these suggestions do you believe are the most important to implement?	
	Mark X for each suggestion you wish to see implemented
The responsibility for older people should be formally delegated to a dedicated Minister of State for Older People.	
Have a dedicated point of contact for older people to access information about services, supports and entitlements and run a national awareness campaign to support it.	
Take steps to ensure that older people have a stronger voice in determining their own care needs	
Ensure stronger governmental leadership in relation to the prioritisation of the health and social care needs of older people	
The State should promote, encourage and organise non-financial intergenerational transfers, for example between younger and older people	
The State should urgently commence the remaining provisions of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 and urgently enact legislation in relation to the safeguarding of adult who may be vulnerable.	