



September 2023 – Northern Ireland (NI) Attitudinal Poll – NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION NORTHERN IRELAND - NEA NI FINAL PROJECT REPORT: Version 1.0 (12th October 2023)

This report includes all results both Quantitative and Qualitative, from a NI-Wide Attitudinal Poll-Project carried out by LucidTalk on behalf of National Energy Action Northern Ireland - NEA NI in September 2023.

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LUCIDTALK – INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

LucidTalk is a specialist polling and market research company based in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Its mission is to provide professional, in-depth, polling-market research services to public, private, media, and political and public affairs organisations, in Northern Ireland, Ireland, and the UK.

The company was founded in 2012 by Bill White, a mathematics/statistics graduate, who has worked at the highest level in the Information/Communications Technology (ICT) industry for over 25 years. During this time Bill also worked professionally in the polling and market research industry in Great Britain gaining significant business and project-management experience, alongside key knowledge of the latest polling/market research technologies.

Since returning to Northern Ireland, Bill White has been providing polling/market research consultancy and founded LucidTalk in order to offer a full local, regional, and national (UK and Ireland) polling and market research service. Bill White and his LucidTalk colleagues all have ‘frontline’ polling and market research experience, having worked on several political polling projects in Great Britain, including projects for the ‘big name’ UK based polling organisations.

Unlike other companies in the Market Research sector LucidTalk is a focussed company specialising only in Polling and Market Research, and are therefore not ‘distracted’ by other business activities. As such, all LucidTalk personnel have built-up highly specialist knowledge and experience which is cross-transferable between all LucidTalk personnel.

LucidTalk have an experienced team of consultants who provide input, analysis, and opinion for all Poll Project results and reports. In addition, LucidTalk also work closely with all Northern Ireland Marketing, PR, and Public Affairs consultancies.

LucidTalk is fully aware of the market sensitivity of the results obtained from a polling/market research project and LucidTalk guarantee that all our project team(s) from directors to researchers are aware of, and committed to, total confidentiality. In addition, all LucidTalk staff are fully security cleared to the highest level (via AccessNI etc.).

LucidTalk is an exclusive polling partner of the Belfast Telegraph, Northern Ireland’s largest daily newspaper and media group. LucidTalk carry out regular polling for the Belfast Telegraph including several NI-wide poll-projects per annum. This special business relationship exemplifies the confidence that LucidTalk can command from major companies like the Belfast Telegraph.

LucidTalk’s skilled and trained ‘polling teams’ can complete polling projects at short notice without compromising the professionalism, detail, and accuracy of their service. LucidTalk uses the latest polling/market research technologies, and predictive methodologies, thus ensuring the highest degree of accuracy and detail in all projects.

LUCIDTALK – POLLING, PROJECT METHODOLOGY, and DATA WEIGHTING

LucidTalk runs regular 'Attitudinal' polls targeted at various sectors and usually targeted at Northern Ireland (NI), with the objective of obtaining a robust and mathematically representative sample of NI opinion.

For this project, online polling was carried out by LucidTalk over a period of 4 days from 15th to 18th September 2023. The project targeted the established Northern Ireland (NI) LucidTalk online Opinion Panel (14,000+ members) which is balanced by gender, age-group, area of residence and community background to ensure it is demographically representative of Northern Ireland. 2,013 full responses were collated, and after data auditing to ensure:

- (a) 'one person-one vote' responses, and
- (b) the collation of a robust, accurate, and balanced representative NI sample, - 1,047 full responses were recorded and used for analysis in terms of the final results.

The 1,047 responses were considered in terms of the final results presented in this report. All data results have been weighted by gender and community background to reflect the demographic composition of Northern Ireland. All data results produced are accurate to a margin of error of +/-2.3%, at 95% confidence. NB All surveys and polls may be subject to sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

All polling questions were agreed by the project partners and designed to British Polling Council (BPC) professional market research standards, to ensure neutrality and balance. This resulted in 10 agreed poll-project questions, and which also included 25 sub-questions, therefore producing 35 Poll Questions/Sub-Questions being used for the research project. Full results are presented in this report, including graphics of all the main poll results. Full demographic analyses are available via 6 different demographics, as part of the Data-Tables report already supplied.

If applicable, LucidTalk would be pleased to answer any questions regarding the methodology and results for this project. For more information, please contact LucidTalk directly on: info@lucidtalk.co.uk.

NI Targeted Poll – Auditing Process

Auditing: This Report includes all the results relating to FULL AUDITED responses (1,047 responses) received as part of the NI poll-project. The poll project was carried out on the basis of 'invitation' to the online LT Northern Ireland (NI) Opinion Panel members (membership 14,000+) resident in the targeted area of NI. The project was carried out on the basis of 'one participant – one vote', and the LucidTalk online polling systems have in-built safeguards and checks to ensure 100% compliance. The poll-project auditing process, which involves detailed IP address analysis of each response, ensures that the complete set of base responses, from which the audited results are determined were totally (to a degree of 99.8%) 'one participant – one vote' with the participants definitely resident in the targeted area i.e. Northern Ireland.

Demographic Analyses

NB This full report is based on the Data-Tables results which have already been supplied to National Energy Action Northern Ireland - NEA NI i.e. all the results, and all the demographic analyses, are as referenced in the Data-Tables report.

Specific demographic analyses have been collated and supplied to NEA NI. These demographic breakdowns, for each poll question and sub-question, as reported in the Data-Tables results are:

- Total NI-wide representative results
- Gender
- Age-Group
- Socio-economic group
- NI Political-Constitutional Voting Block
- NI Residence area
- Religious-Cultural community

Key demographic analyses (in graphics format) have already been provided to NEA NI for Poll-Survey Questions 1, 2, 3, 4a, and 7. This has been done for example purpose only: The demographic analyses for these Questions, as supplied separately (from this report), are by:

Question 1

- Total NI-wide representative results
- Socio-Economic group: ABC1 (middle-class)
- Socio-Economic group: C2DE (working-class)
- Socio-Economic group: Others (retired, students, non-salaried etc.)

Question 2

- Total NI-wide representative results
- Age-Group: 18-34 years
- Age-Group: 35-54 years
- Age-Group: 55+ years

Question 3

- Total NI-wide representative results
- NI Residence area: Belfast
- NI Residence area: East NI
- NI Residence area: North NI
- NI Residence area: South NI
- NI Residence area: West NI

Question 4a

- Total NI-wide representative results
- Gender: Male only
- Gender: Female only

Question 7

- Total NI-wide representative results
- Age-Group: 18-34 years
- Age-Group: 35-54 years
- Age-Group: 55+ years

Further demographic analyses can be provided for any/all of the above demographics, for every question. LucidTalk can do all these analyses, and types of analyses, for each poll-survey question. We have only collated them for the questions listed at this stage (as above), as to do them for every question would lead to 'data-overload', and produce a report with about 100+ graphics, which would frankly look too confusing!

We would advise that the best approach is for the client i.e. in this case National Energy Action Northern Ireland - NEA NI, to review the main results of each poll-survey question and then request the particular demographic analyses that would be most applicable to be presented in graphic results format, and are of most interest to National Energy Action Northern Ireland - NEA NI. However NEA NI already have all of these demographic analyses, as they are all included, and all presented, in the main Data-Tables report.

Notes – relating specifically to this report – the main project report:

- This report includes all the main data results from the project – both quantitative and qualitative (respondent comments etc.).
- The results come from a sample of opinion (1,047 responses) from the LT NI representative Opinion Panel (14,000+ members) which is balanced and NI representative.
- The results are representative of NI opinion to within an error of only +/-2.3% at 95% confidence.
- Demographic analyses for specific questions can be provided on request by e.g. gender, age-group, residence area, socio-economic group, NI Residence area, political grouping e.g. Unionist, Nat/Rep, Neutral etc.
- Where applicable, qualitative analyses are provided including Word Cloud analyses, Word count analyses, and complete listings of all comments made by the poll-project participants for each of the applicable questions that included qualitative sections: Questions 2 and the 'Final Comments' section.
- This report contains ALL the voluntary comments made as part of the National Energy Action Northern Ireland - NEA NI NI-Wide Attitudinal Poll – September 2023, and are verbatim and unedited. NO comments have been removed except some meaningless comments such as N/A, 'None', 'no comment' etc. Therefore, and as would be expected, this report also contains some critical comments about the poll, the poll questions, National Energy Action Northern Ireland - NEA NI etc. NB Qualitative comments are unedited and are exact verbatim comments from the poll participants i.e. they are not grammar or spell checked, however the overall meaning should be clear. NB a separate comment/record No. (left-hand-column), represents a separate comment, from an individual poll-survey participant. To assist reading and reviewing some meaningless comments have been removed e.g. N/A, 'No comment', 'None' etc. – therefore the No. sequencing may show some 'missing' Nos.
- Regardless of the Qualitative (i.e. comments) analyses e.g. Word Cloud analyses, Word count analyses, we recommend a direct review of all comments by applicable and knowledgeable National Energy Action Northern Ireland - NEA NI personnel. This is because correct, accurate, and meaningful interpretation of comments, can really only be carried out by those who have key knowledge and experience about the topics and issues being researched.

Key Demographic Data used for analyses:

GENDER: Male or Female?

AGE-GROUP: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+ years.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR OCCUPATION? – Used for modelling of Socio-Economic Group:
A - Managing Director/Senior-Middle Manager/Doctor/Lawyer, B - Junior Manager/Teacher/Small business owner, C - Clerk/Tradesman/Driver/Labourer, D - Unemployed/On Benefits, E - Retired/Housewife/Househusband, F - Student/In Full-Time Education/Training.

NI RESIDENCE AREA: What NI RESIDENCE AREA of Northern Ireland are you currently resident in?:
BELFAST - 4 Belfast Constituencies, EAST NI - E&S Antrim, Lagan Valley, N. Down, Foyle, NORTH - E. L'Derry, N. Antrim, Foyle), SOUTH - Upper Bann, Strangford, Newry and Armagh, South Down, WEST – West Tyrone, Mid-Ulster, Fermanagh and & South Tyrone

CONSTITUTIONAL VOTING BLOCK POSITION REGARDING NI? Unionist, Neutral-non aligned, Nationalist/Republican, Non assigned/Can't Determine

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR COMMUNITY?
Catholic, Protestant, Other, no religion/prefer not to say

Question Analysis Data – Quantitative Questions

All applicable questions i.e. those with quantitative determinate answer structures e.g. Yes/No/Don't Know – Not Sure, are presented with five key analysis scores, as well as the main total results i.e.

MEAN – The average score (shown as a number) within the band of choices as in the question.

STANDARD DEVIATION – Amount of variation or dispersion of the set of all values within the question.

SATISFACTION RATE – The lower this No. is, then the more the overall question has tended towards 'YES', or towards the 'positive' answer aspect of the poll question, however defined. This is calculated by the overall pattern of all the answers, and not just the 'YES' score, but also including the level of 'NO's and 'Don't Knows'.

VARIANCE - The **Variance** measures the average degree to which each score within the poll differs from the **Mean** — the average of all the respondent scores within the poll. NB the **Standard deviation** (see above) looks at how spread out a group of numbers is from the mean, by looking at the square root of the **Variance**.

STANDARD ERROR – The error specific to each poll question and usually is either 1% or 2% dependent on the structure of the poll question. However, as per above, the overall error that applies to the total poll-survey project in terms of representing of NI opinion is that the results presented are NI representative to within an error of only +/-2.3% at 95% confidence.

LUCIDTALK – Professional Credentials

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NEA NI NORTHERN IRELAND – QUALITATIVE REPORT

Northern Ireland (NI) Attitudinal Poll Research Project – September 2023:

Version 1.0: 12th October 2023. Poll-Period: 15th – 18th September 2023 (2,013 respondents)

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This report contains ALL the comments for the applicable 'Qualitative' questions made as part of the project *NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION NORTHERN IRELAND - NEA NI – NI-Wide Attitudinal Poll Research Project: September 2023*, and are verbatim and unedited. NO comments have been removed except some meaningless comments such as N/A, 'no comment' etc. Therefore, and as would be expected, this report also contains some critical comments about the poll, poll questions, NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION NORTHERN IRELAND - NEA NI , and LucidTalk etc.

It is important to note that these are all the qualitative results i.e. comments (voluntary) from the complete response data-set for this poll-survey i.e. 2,013 responses. NB The final quantitative results (the data-table results) will use a response data-set smaller than this base response No.

A WORD CLOUD and WORD COUNT analyses are included applicable to the FINAL COMMENTS section only. However, regardless of the Qualitative (i.e. comments) analyses e.g. Word Cloud analyses, Word count analyses, we recommend a direct review of all comments by applicable and knowledgeable NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION NORTHERN IRELAND - NEA NI personnel. This is because correct and meaningful interpretation of comments, can really only be carried out by those who have key industry and sector knowledge and experience about the topics and issues being researched.

The quantitative data-table results, and the quantitative results presented in the main report for this poll-project, will be NI representative to within an error of +/-2.3%. However these qualitative comments should not be taken as NI representative, apart from the questions when it was compulsory to answer. However with the voluntary qualitative questions (e.g. the 'Final Comments' section) all comments are/were made voluntarily by the poll participants, and therefore not all of the poll participants recorded comments.

In terms of analysis it could be reasonably assumed that the voluntary comments made by poll-participants are from those who are the most engaged with the topic being researched, and have the strongest views pro/anti, for or against, the various topics being researched as part of the poll.

NB All qualitative comments are randomised. Therefore, there is no connection between comments made in one section to another e.g. the 7th comment in one section does NOT imply that the 7th comment in the next section was made by the same person.

This report will be included as part of the main poll-project report which will include all Quantitative and Qualitative results, plus commentary and main results graphics.

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS – FINAL COMMENTS SECTION ONLY (Voluntary comments):

NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION NORTHERN IRELAND NI-Wide Poll-Project – September 2023

Word Cloud Analysis: The actual number of Word occurrences in all of the comments listed above is calculated, and the higher the No. of occurrences, and the relative importance and specific context of where the word occurs, is reflected in the ‘Word Cloud’ by that Word being bigger and bolder compared to other words in the Word Cloud. In this context, words related to the poll-survey itself obviously occur very frequently e.g. Cost, Costs, People, Prices, Winter, Government, Heating, Executive, Stormont, Energy etc., and this should be considered when reviewing the Word Cloud.

Word Cloud – FINAL COMMENTS SECTION: NEA NI – Poll-Project 2023



Word List – National Energy Action NI-Wide Attitudinal Poll - September 2023:

FINAL COMMENTS SECTION ONLY – Frequently mentioned Words: No. of mentions for each Word. Key Words are highlighted. Only those words with 10 mentions or higher are listed

141 energy, 63 executive, 58 costs, 54 government, 54 people, 51 stormont, 50 cost, 44 heating, 43 companies, 43 pay, 38 oil, 34 fuel, 33 living, 33 prices, 30 dup, 29 crisis, 28 electricity, 28 profits, 28 work, 26 gas, 25 bills, 23 money, 23 price, 23 question, 21 winter, 18 assembly, 18 ireland, 17 year, 16 afford, 16 good, 16 high, 16 questions, 16 working, 15 deal, 14 difference, 14 northern, 14 paying, 13 families, 13 family, 13 income, 13 political, 13 politicians, 13 restored, 12 country, 12 electric, 12 heat, 12 inflation, 12 paid, 11 care, 11 food, 11 power, 10 citizens, 10 feel, 10 impact, 10 job, 10 poverty, 10 solar, 10 tax

MAIN POLL-SURVEY PROJECT RESULTS

National Energy Action Northern Ireland - NEA NI Northern Ireland (NI)

- NI Representative Poll-Survey:

Poll-Period: 15th to 18th September 2023: 1,047 NI representative response data-set

QUESTION 1 – Approximately what proportion of your household income do you spend on heating (oil/gas) and electricity in a year?

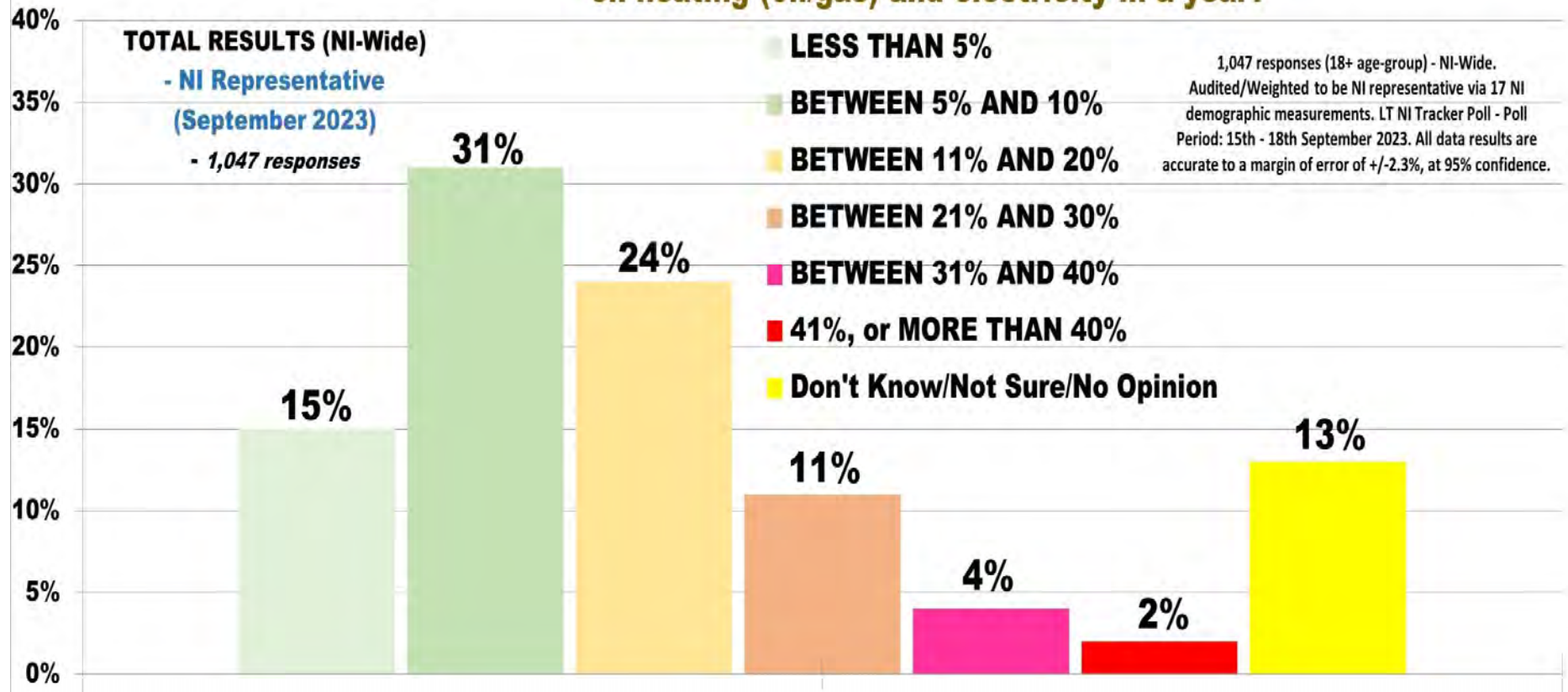
NIView - QUESTION NEA1: Approximately what proportion of your household income do you spend on heating (oil/gas) and electricity in a year?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	Less than 5%	15%	1,047					
2	Between 5% and 10%	31%	1,047					
3	Between 11% and 20%	24%	1,047					
4	Between 21% and 30%	11%	1,047					
5	Between 31% and 40%	4%	1,047					
6	41%, or More than 41%	2%	1,047					
7	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	13%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.91	Std. Deviation:	1.69	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	7.00	Variance:	2.86	Std. Error:	0.04		
	Satisfaction Rate:	31.83						



LUCIDTALK NORTHERN IRELAND(NI) Poll-Project: September 2023 - re. 'Energy issues' for NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION - NI.
Poll Period: 15th to 18th September 2023. 1,047 responses - final balanced/weighted NI Representative sample.

NEA NI POLL QUESTION 1: Approximately what proportion of your household income do you spend on heating (oil/gas) and electricity in a year?



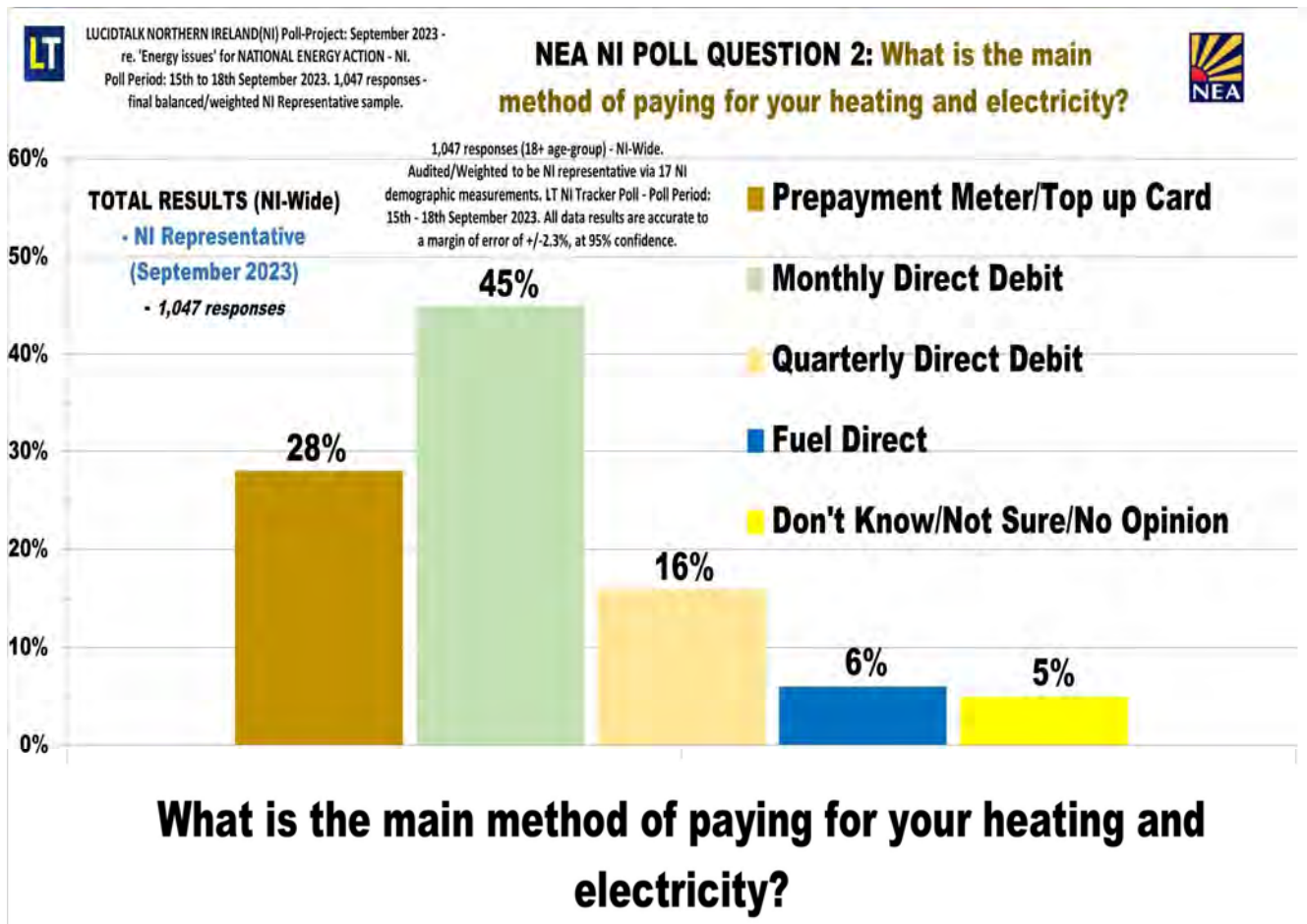
Approximately what proportion of your household income do you spend on heating (oil/gas) and electricity in a year?

NOTES

QUESTION 2 – What is the main method of paying for your heating and electricity?

NIView - QUESTION NEA2: What is the main method of paying for your heating and electricity?

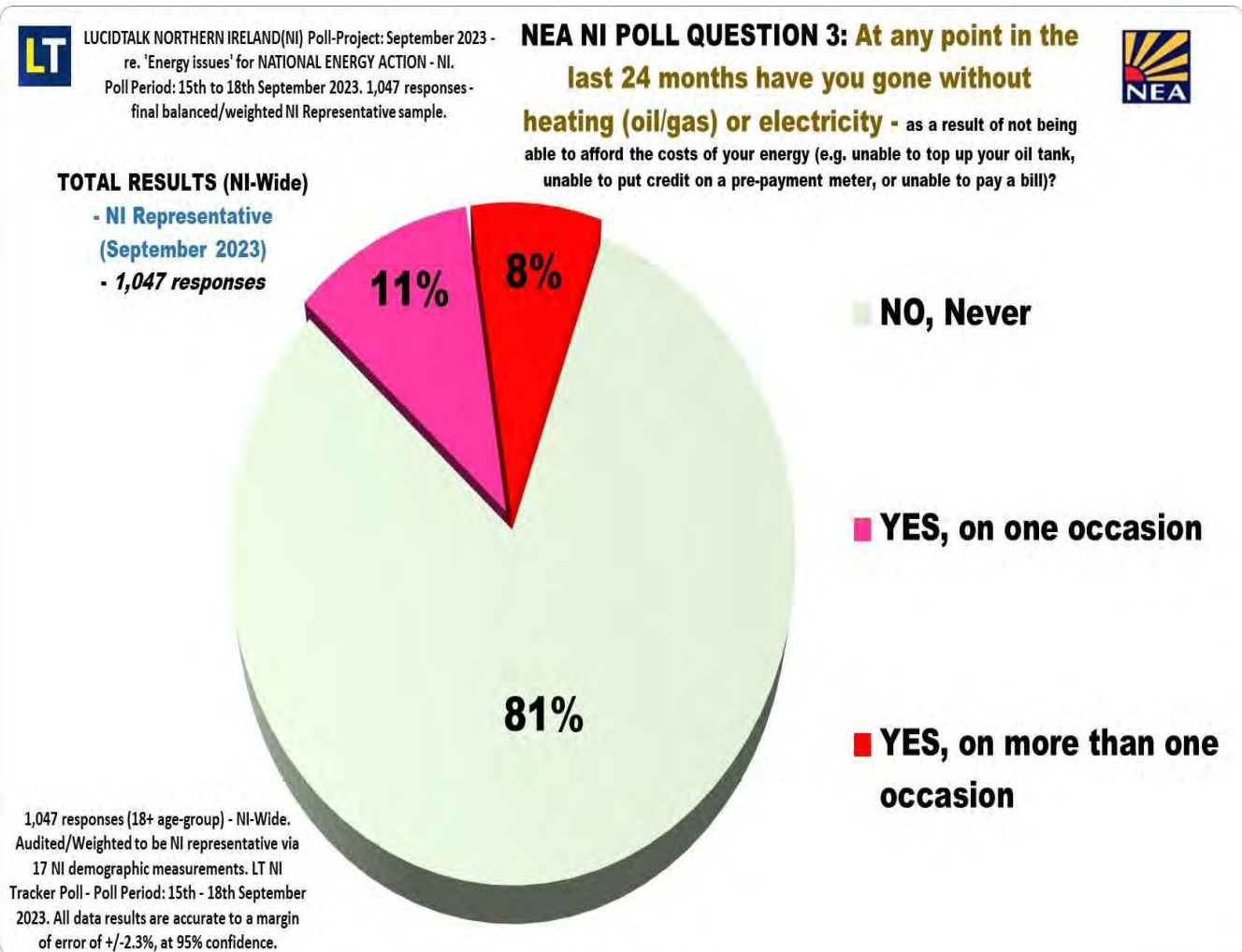
Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	Prepayment Meter/Top up Card	28%	1,047					
2	Monthly Direct Debit	45%	1,047					
3	Quarterly Direct Debit	16%	1,047					
4	Fuel Direct	6%	1,047					
5	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	5%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.14	Std. Deviation:	0.93	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	5.00	Variance:	0.87	Std. Error:	0.02		
	Satisfaction Rate:	28.44						



QUESTION 3 – At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating (oil/gas) or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy?

NIView - QUESTION NEA3: At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating (oil/gas) or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy (e.g. unable to top up your oil tank, unable to put credit on a pre-payment meter or unable to pay a bill).

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	NO, never.	81%	1,047
2	YES, on one occasion.	11%	1,047
3	YES, on more than one occasion (provide detail):	8%	1,047
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean: 1.24
	Maximum:	3.00	Variance: 0.31
	Satisfaction Rate:	11.89	Std. Deviation: 0.56
		NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047



QUESTION 3: Answers to ‘YES – on more than one occasion’ option within question - Qualitative Results

NIView - QUESTION NEA3:

At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating (oil/gas) or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy (e.g. unable to top up your oil tank, unable to put credit on a pre-payment meter or unable to pay a bill).

Qualitative answers to option 3: ‘YES – on more than one occasion – please specify’

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
3	YES, on more than one occasion (provide detail): <input type="checkbox"/>		135
Answers provided by those who indicated option 3 within the question i.e. ‘Yes – On more than one occasion’ (specify if ticked) as one of their 3 choices for this question – Question 3.			

YES, on more than one occasion (provide detail): (135)

1	Three
2	I have turned heating off completely for as long as possible
3	Oil was unaffordable last winter
4	No immune system so cold equals lengthy stay in a hospital
5	When I was on sick benefit
6	At least 5-6 times
7	Unable to afford oil
8	As often as I can
9	I couldn't afford to buy heating oil so had to put layers of clothes on or stayed in bed
10	2 or 3 times a week
11	Few times a year
12	I have to top up oil with drums as I can't afford a large load from a supplier
13	I am divorced and have my 2 children 3 nights a week. I only turn the heat on when my children are with me. This year will be even harder.
14	Chosen not to heat the house due to financial pressure.
15	3 months
16	Only have heat on if it's very cold
17	Every week prioritising between heat, electricity and food

NIView - QUESTION NEA3:

At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating (oil/gas) or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy (e.g. unable to top up your oil tank, unable to put credit on a pre-payment meter or unable to pay a bill).

Qualitative answers to option 3: 'YES – on more than one occasion – please specify'

18	Many times
19	I limit amount of hours oil heating is on
20	Quite regularly
21	Haven't been able to afford oil since running out in March
22	Ran out of money
23	Keep gas for hot water only
24	Running out of oil
25	As someone disabled I use lot of heat to help my condition and at times I have found that with other bills I cannot just afford to keep on top of everything.
26	Cut back in use
27	Oil heating, waiting for paycheck
28	Unable to fill oil tank
29	Couldn't afford heating oil
30	Cutting back on oil heating time
31	Run out not enough money had to wait
32	Unable to top up
33	We went 2 months with no oil/heating. Just kept adding layers
34	Yes, regularly not turning on the heating (I only turn it on when my children are here) during the winter
35	Before my partner moved it- cash was tight during the winter
36	The fuel market is volatile and no support really it's either heat or food
37	Prefer to go cold than pay high bill
38	Cost of oil too expensive
39	Unable to top up oil x 2
40	Some weeks are colder than others meaning I have to run my gas heating on low for days at a time if it runs out before pay day (every two weeks) I have to go without.
41	Most of last winter. Used firewood instead
42	Couldn't afford to put oil in my tank it's so expensive

NIView - QUESTION NEA3:

At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating (oil/gas) or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy (e.g. unable to top up your oil tank, unable to put credit on a pre-payment meter or unable to pay a bill).

Qualitative answers to option 3: 'YES – on more than one occasion – please specify'

43	We burned off cuts from a friend whos a joiner in the fire
44	I've had to choose between electricity and gas, ie no heading or no cooker. It has been very difficult to budget especially with electricity costs.
45	I try to keep the use down but it's hard
46	Constantly don't put heat on as much
47	We've used an electric blanket instead of turning the heat on for months during winter because of the rises
48	I hadn't the money to pay for oil
49	multiple times
50	Heating sometimes
51	Can't afford to buy oil, lost my wife a couple of years ago and she was the main earner in our house
52	3 times oil delay
53	Avoiding using because of being afraid of the bills
54	Could not afford it
55	3 times
56	As the price of electricity and oil now exceed what I can afford, I have to live without heat most of the time.
57	We have left our heating off on numerous occasions due to budgeting issues.
58	could not afford oil in a cold weather snap I had to stay in bed with an electricity blanket and hot water bottle overnight while I had the flu and was ill.and I had
59	Cannot afford to top up meter
60	Unable to get heating oil due to cost of living
61	the electricity has run out of credit many times
62	not enough money
63	Could not top up gas
64	Unable to afford oil and already had a loan for oil previous month so went without hear for six weeks whilst having chemo treatment
65	I just don't have enough money to pay for oil. My tank is currently empty & I don't know if i will have any money left to fill it this year.
66	Just didn't turn it on to try to save it for colder weather

NIView - QUESTION NEA3:

At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating (oil/gas) or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy (e.g. unable to top up your oil tank, unable to put credit on a pre-payment meter or unable to pay a bill).

Qualitative answers to option 3: 'YES – on more than one occasion – please specify'

67	4 times and still struggle to pay bills
68	The heat only goes on in extreme cold weather
69	I work from home
70	Yes because of soaring oil prices, far beyond what I was able to budget for.
71	Several occasions
72	Stopped using energy,so as to control my direct debit.
73	Put heating on for shorter periods last winter
74	No money
75	I often go to bed to save heating the house
76	Last week before payday.
77	Gone without oil due to cost
78	Only purchase 500 lt of oil a year, for winter use, when it runs out that's it.
79	It's not so much as I couldn't pay for it at that moment but more that it was so expensive I chose not to so as to avoid worryingly high bills (e.g. of refilling the oil tank).
80	We turned off the gas central heating for the past few months
81	Used heating once (one evening) last winter
82	Have went without oil and electricity has bounced.
83	Afraid to turn on cost prohibitive
84	Did without heating all winter absolutely horrendous not looking forward to winter this year
85	not turning the heating on in multiple occasions
86	Ran out of fuel unexpectedly and left it for 2 weeks till next pay day
87	Boiler was broken and couldn't afford to get it fixed
88	Unable to afford increase in gas costs so just did it use when I needed to
89	try not to use heating instead add extra clothes
90	needed to wait to pay other bills
91	Ran out of oil had to use elec rads . Vicious circle then because putting more than oil money on electric

NIView - QUESTION NEA3:

At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating (oil/gas) or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy (e.g. unable to top up your oil tank, unable to put credit on a pre-payment meter or unable to pay a bill).

Qualitative answers to option 3: 'YES – on more than one occasion – please specify'

92	Had to wait until paid on Mondays whilst using emergency over the weekend
93	Too expensive to have gass on
94	Switched off heating
95	at least 3 or 4 days a month
96	Can't afford to put heating on
97	At least 5 times
98	I have been without oil on several occasions over the last 2 years, I usually have to take out a loan to pay for oil
99	I can't manage on ESA , I get penalised for having a private pension. Totally unfair.
100	On multiple occasions I was unable to pay for heating oil
101	I cannot afford to put oil in the tank so have installed a drum and buy oil at the pump as I can afford it
102	I could not afford oil due to the price of it
103	Approximately 3 times
104	The price of both oil and electric had risen so much for me to buy.
105	I have not had heating from the middle of February. I had enough fuel for heating from the middle of December to February
106	I had a choice of eggs and bread or a fiver on electric. As I had charcoal under the stairs for the BBQ I chose food.
107	When the price of gas doubled last winter I was wearing layers of outdooe clothes indoors and only turning the heat on when the cold became unbearable
108	At least 5 or more times
109	Run out of oil heating twice and having to wait to have the money to pay for it. Constantly running out of electricity £60-£70 per week.
110	A few times..
111	Just couldnt afford it
112	Run out of oil
113	Several
114	No money
115	Not putting on heating to save for when really needed

NIView - QUESTION NEA3:

At any point in the last 24 months have you gone without heating (oil/gas) or electricity as a result of not being able to afford the costs of your energy (e.g. unable to top up your oil tank, unable to put credit on a pre-payment meter or unable to pay a bill).

Qualitative answers to option 3: 'YES – on more than one occasion – please specify'

116	a few times
117	Didn't have money to put into metre until payday. Had to borrow
118	I have an old boiler and it is inefficient. I have no money to buy more oil and am using it sparingly!
119	Can't afford oil
120	5 or 6
121	We have on many occasions gone without heating. Wrap the kids and ourselves up in blankets and jumpers during the winter. Summertime isn't too bad just cold showers
122	Electricity/oil low and had to wait until payday
123	kept the heat off
124	Unable to afford oil
125	No heating oil for weeks at a time
126	Used the least possible for fear of generating a bill bigger than I could pay
127	Twice.
128	Just trying to save money for other goods/services
129	We keep the heating off whenever we can.
130	Broken boiler
131	No money on a few occasions
132	Several times
133	We've had to wait a month a few times before we could afford oil
134	Only put LPG heating on to dry clothes
135	Just can't afford the cost, so I cut back.

QUESTION 4 – Are you currently in, or have you at any time in the past 24 months been in, debt to your energy supplier?

NIView - QUESTION NEA4: Are you currently in, or have you at any time in the past 24 months been in, debt to your energy supplier?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	YES, currently in debt	3%	1,047
2	YES, have been in debt at some time in the past 24 months	6%	1,047
3	NO	90%	1,047
4	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	1,047

Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.89	Std. Deviation:	0.42	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	4.00	Variance:	0.17	Std. Error:	0.01		
	Satisfaction Rate:	63.12						



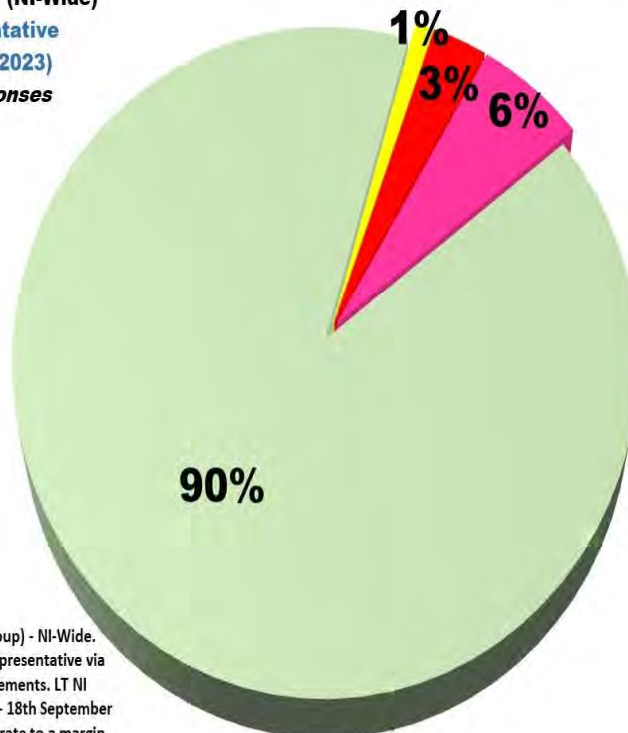
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NEA NI POLL QUESTION 4: Are you currently in, or have you at any time in the past 24 months been in, debt to your energy supplier?



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■ Yes, currently in debt

■ Yes, have been in debt at some point in the past 18 months

■ No

■ Don't Know/Not Sure/No Opinion

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QUESTION 4a – We would be grateful if you would tell us approximately the amount of debt you are in, or were in, at any time in the past 24 months to your energy supplier?

NIView - QUESTION NEA4a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - We would be grateful if you would tell us approximately the amount of debt you are in, or were in, at any time in the past 24 months to your energy supplier?

NB this is voluntary, - if you don't want to say then please just choose the 'Prefer not to say' option.

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	up to £100	20%	1,047					
2	£100 to £500	54%	1,047					
3	More than £500	23%	1,047					
4	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	3%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.01	Std. Deviation:	0.67	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	4.00	Variance:	0.45	Std. Error:	0.05		
	Satisfaction Rate:	33.72						



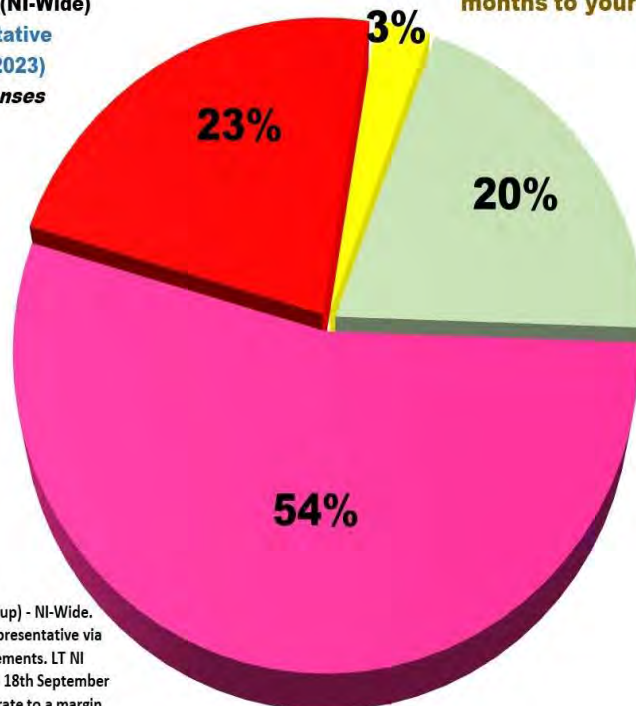
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NEA NI POLL QUESTION 4a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - We would be grateful if you would tell us approximately the amount of debt you are in, or were in, at any time in the past 24 months to your energy supplier?



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- up to £100
- £100 to £500
- More than £500
- Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say

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QUESTION 5 – Have you or a member of your household had to borrow money to pay for your energy use?

NIView - QUESTION NEA5: Have you or a member of your household had to borrow money to pay for your energy use?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	YES, on one occasion	7%	1,047
2	YES, on more than one occasion	11%	1,047
3	NO	81%	1,047
4	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	1,047

Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.80	Std. Deviation:	0.55	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	4.00	Variance:	0.30	Std. Error:	0.01		
	Satisfaction Rate:	60.03						



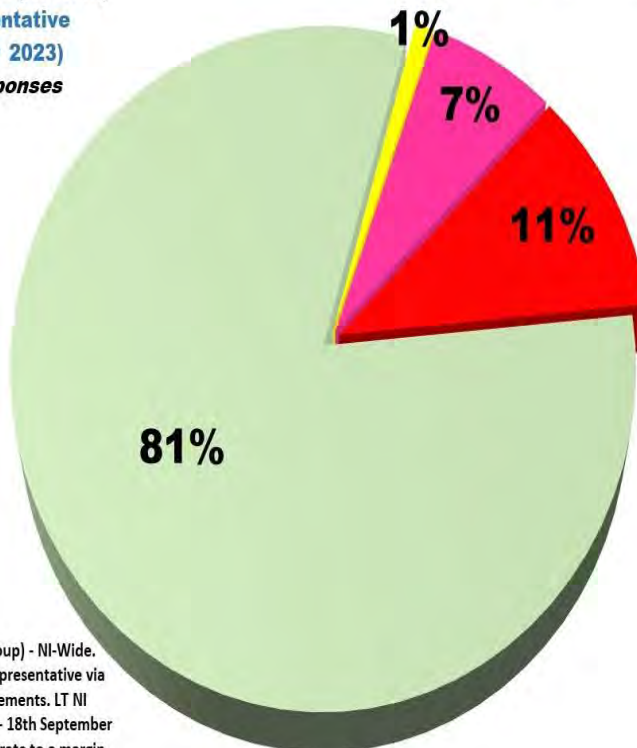
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NEA NI POLL QUESTION 5: Have you or a member of your household had to borrow money to pay for your energy use?



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- YES, on one occasion
- YES, on more than one occasion
- No
- Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say

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QUESTION 5a – As such, we would be grateful if you would let us know how/where you borrowed money to pay for your energy use?

NIView - QUESTION NEA5a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - As such, we would be grateful if you would let us know how/where you borrowed money to pay for your energy use?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	Borrowed money from family or friends	70%	1,047					
2	Borrowed money from a bank or credit union	25%	1,047					
3	Borrowed money from a payday lender	4%	1,047					
4	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.35	Std. Deviation:	0.64	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	4.00	Variance:	0.41	Std. Error:	0.04		
	Satisfaction Rate:	11.52						

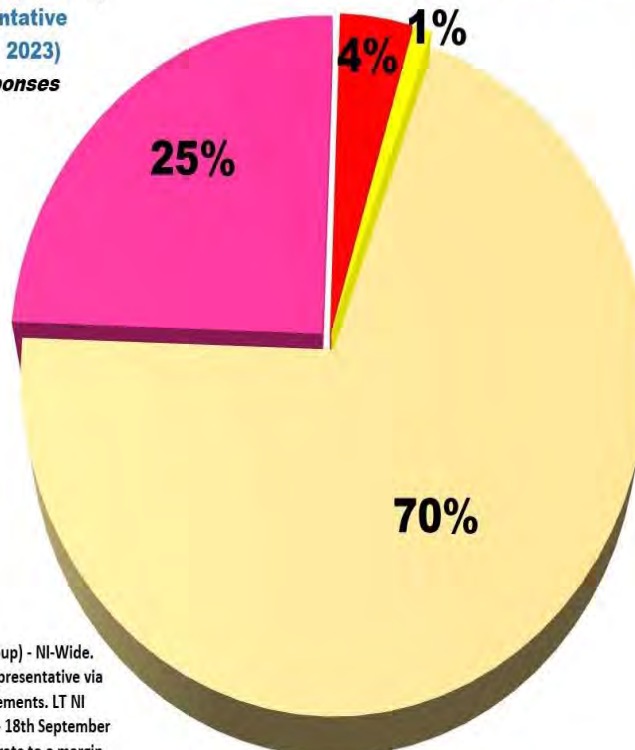


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NEA NI POLL QUESTION 5a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - As such, we would be grateful if you would let us know how/where you borrowed money to pay for your energy use?



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- Borrowed money from family or friends
- Borrowed money from a bank or credit union
- Borrowed money from a payday lender
- Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say

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QUESTION 6 – Did you or any members of your household adopt any of the following behaviours last winter, or within the last 24 months, due to the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

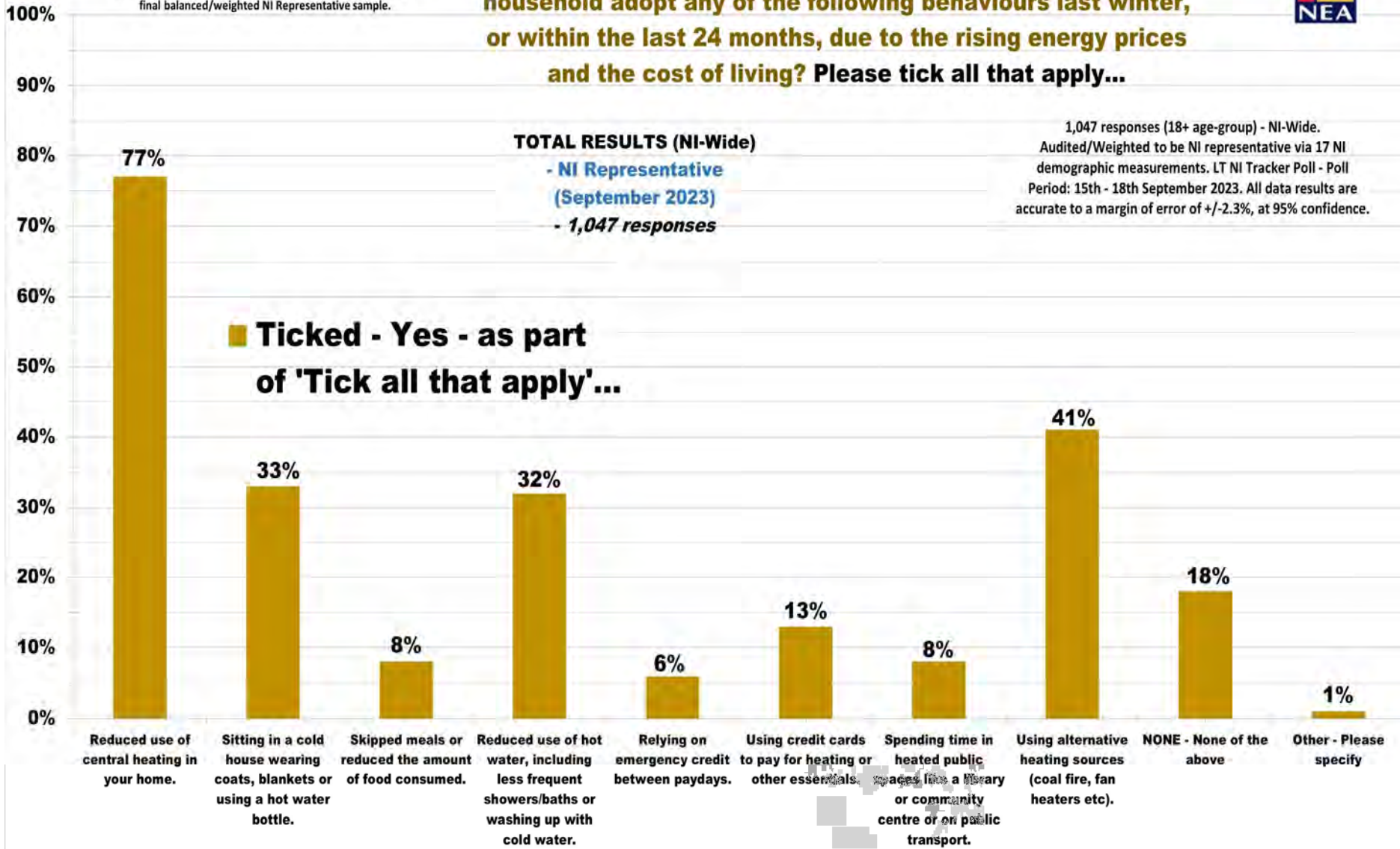
NIView - QUESTION NEA6: Did you or any members of your household adopt any of the following behaviours last winter, or within the last 24 months, due to the rising energy prices and the cost of living? Please tick all that apply

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	Reduced use of central heating in your home.	77%	1,047					
2	Sitting in a cold house wearing coats, blankets or using a hot water bottle.	33%	1,047					
3	Skipped meals or reduced the amount of food consumed.	8%	1,047					
4	Reduced use of hot water, including less frequent showers/baths or washing up with cold water.	32%	1,047					
5	Relying on emergency credit between paydays.	6%	1,047					
6	Using credit cards to pay for heating or other essentials.	13%	1,047					
7	Spending time in heated public spaces like a library or community centre or on public transport.	8%	1,047					
8	Using alternative heating sources (coal fire, fan heaters etc).	41%	1,047					
9	NONE - None of the above	18%	1,047					
10	Other - Please specify (Requires an answer if ticked):	1%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	4.07	Std. Deviation:	3.05	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	10.00	Variance:	9.28	Std. Error:	0.05		



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NEA NI POLL QUESTION 6: Did you or any members of your household adopt any of the following behaviours last winter, or within the last 24 months, due to the rising energy prices and the cost of living? Please tick all that apply...



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QUESTION 6: Answers to 'Other' option within question - Qualitative Results

NIView - QUESTION NEA6:

Did you or any members of your household adopt any of the following behaviours last winter, or within the last 24 months, due to the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

Please tick all that apply

Qualitative answers to option 10: 'Other – please specify'

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
10	Other - Please specify (Requires an answer if ticked): <input type="checkbox"/>		42
Answers provided by those who indicated option 10 within the question i.e. 'Other – Please specify' (compulsory – answer required if ticked) as one of their 10 choices for this question – Question 6.			

Other - Please specify (Requires an answer if ticked): (42)

1	Installed new insulation
2	Went to bed early a few times to avoid putting on the heating
3	Bought an airfryer
4	Switching off appliances on standby
5	Going to bed to keep warm. Using water bottles
6	Staying in bed as much as possible
7	Use an airfryer instead of oven
8	Turned off some radiators
9	Lowered thermostats and water temperature on boiler
10	Its very wise to have heating off in fine weather
11	Turned down the thermostat on the boiler
12	Turned boiler thermostat down
13	Went to bed as soon as we get home from work to use electric blanket
14	Overdraft
15	Wood stove
16	Fitted economy 7 meter
17	I have oil heating and an open fire
18	Wise up. You use what you can afford.

NIView - QUESTION NEA6:

Did you or any members of your household adopt any of the following behaviours last winter, or within the last 24 months, due to the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

Please tick all that apply

Qualitative answers to option 10: 'Other – please specify'

19	Stopped working from home
20	Used electric blanket, went to bed early.
21	Stopped using the tumble drier and bought a clothes rack
22	We haven't used our central heating for over ten years
23	Cooler, quicker showers. Radiator only in in the main room we are in, but kept off in the rest of the house
24	Using energy less in general
25	Used infrared heater as oppose to ofch
26	Using immersion heater for water.
27	Wearing extra jumper or base layer
28	Cut payments to Putin for gas.
29	Wore more layers
30	burn wood
31	Reduce usage of washing machine. No longer use tumble dryer. Don't always turn lights on.
32	Using only one method of heating.
33	Switched to lower cost food items
34	Did not heat all rooms and wore warmer clothing
35	Shower at the gym
36	Already reduced central heating and electricity to minimum use
37	Turned off lights. Only light one room at a time.
38	Topped up the oil heating by lighting the coal fires
39	New windows
40	wood burning stove
41	Burned old shoes, plastic, other combustible rubbish
42	Used electric blanket, heated throw

QUESTION 7 – Has your health and wellbeing, or any member of your household’s, been impacted by the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

NIView - QUESTION NEA7: Has your health and wellbeing, or any member of your household’s, been impacted by the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	YES	32%	1,047					
2	NO	61%	1,047					
3	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	7%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.81	Std. Deviation:	0.55	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	3.00	Variance:	0.30	Std. Error:	0.01		
	Satisfaction Rate:	40.47						



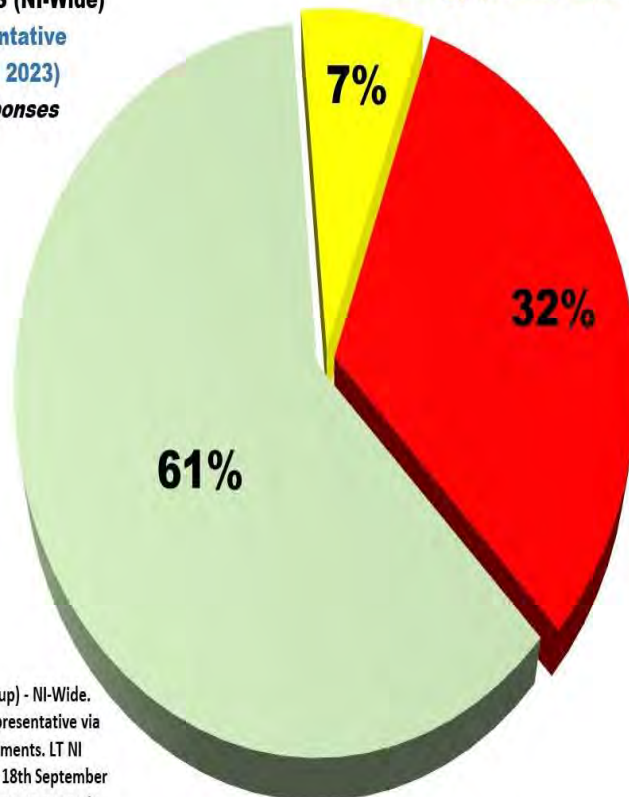
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NEA NI POLL QUESTION 7: Has your health and wellbeing, or any member of your household’s, been impacted by the rising energy prices and the cost of living?



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■ YES

■ NO

■ Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say

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QUESTION 7a – As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your household’s health and wellbeing has been impacted?

NIView - QUESTION NEA7a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your household’s health and wellbeing has been impacted?

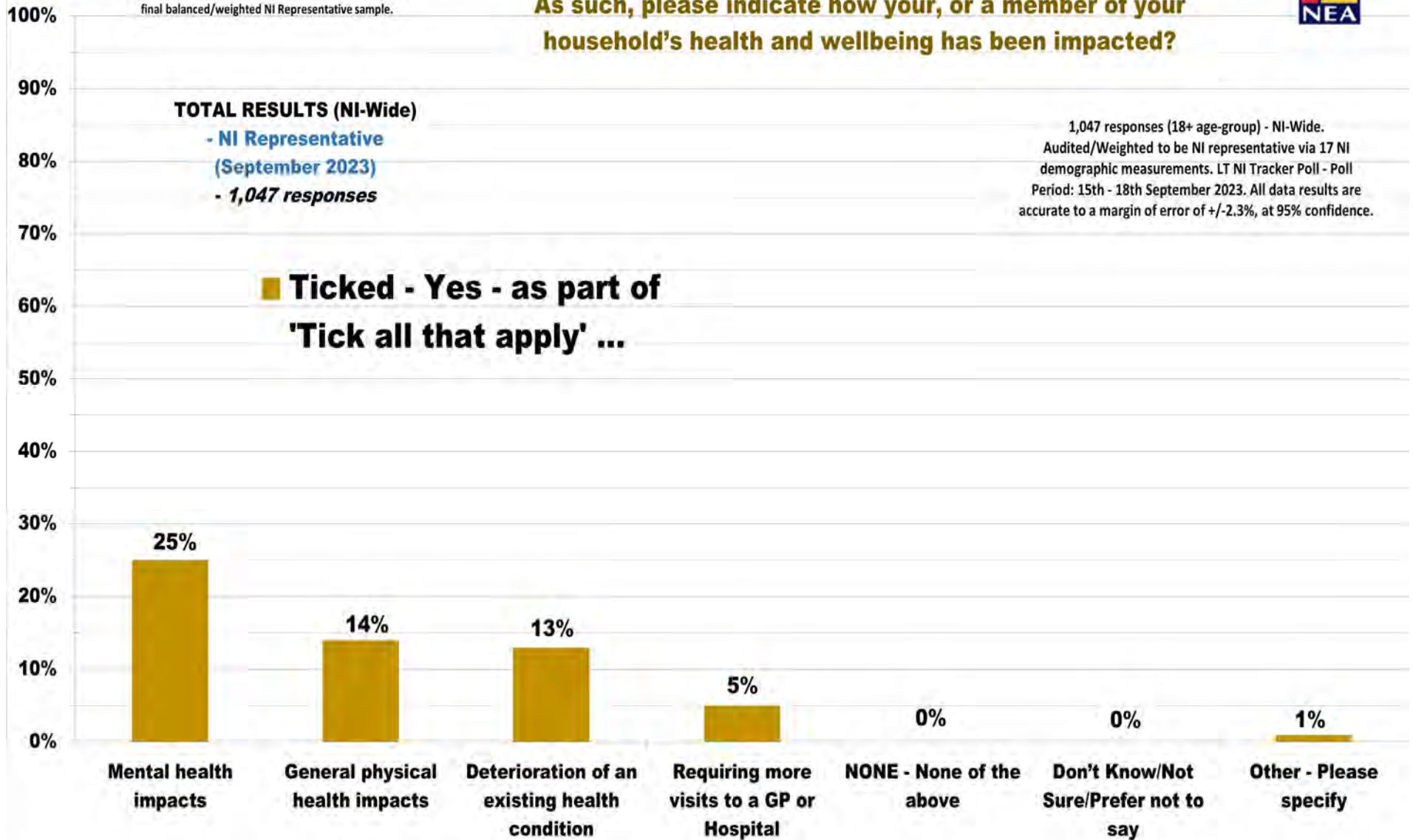
Please tick all that apply.

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	Mental health impacts.	25%	1,047					
2	General physical health impacts.	14%	1,047					
3	Deterioration of an existing health condition.	13%	1,047					
4	Requiring more visits to a GP or Hospital.	5%	1,047					
5	NONE - None of the above	0%	1,047					
6	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	0%	1,047					
7	Other (please specify - particularly if you said None-of-the-above - Requires an answer if ticked):	1%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.11	Std. Deviation:	1.27	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	7.00	Variance:	1.61	Std. Error:	0.04		



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**NEA NI POLL QUESTION 7a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, -
 As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your
 household's health and wellbeing has been impacted?**



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QUESTION 7a: Answers to 'Other' option within question - Qualitative Results

NIView - QUESTION NEA7a:

You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your household's health and wellbeing has been impacted? Please tick all that apply.

Qualitative answers to option 7: 'Other – please specify'

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
7	Other (please specify - particularly if you said None-of-the-above - Requires an answer if ticked):		18
Answers provided by those who indicated option 7 within the question i.e. 'Other – Please specify' (compulsory – answer required if ticked) as one of their 7 choices for this question – Question 7a.			
Other (please specify - particularly if you said None-of-the-above - Requires an answer if ticked): (18)			
3	Worry about finance, changed budget		
4	Getting colds more often		
5	Cant smoke as many fags as i would like and had to cut back slightly on the alcahol		
6	Have had to cut back on spending and stop family day trips		
7	More colds and coughs		
8	very stressful worrying if you can keep heat and electric on		
9	Ended up with pneumonia which took weeks to recover from		
10	House cold and damp, creating some mould and affects breathing, colds and flu		
11	Colds and flu – and Anxiety		
12	Seeing significantly less of one another as we opted to spend more time in our iwn rooms under the duvet to keep a bit warmer, instead of spending time together in the cold living room..		
13	Had to attend hospital due to asthma attack.		
14	concern about the future		
15	Both mental health and physical		
16	A strong sense of being abused by energy companies as part of a wider sense of our goverment and society having given in to rampant greed-based inflation		
17	Damp and mould in the home has affected my health		
18	Increased stressed and fighting		

QUESTION 8 – Has your, or any member of your household’s quality of life been impacted by the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

NIView - QUESTION NEA8: Has your, or any member of your household’s quality of life been impacted by the rising energy prices and the cost of living?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	YES	44%	1,047					
2	NO	52%	1,047					
3	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	4%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.63	Std. Deviation:	0.56	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	3.00	Variance:	0.32	Std. Error:	0.01		
	Satisfaction Rate:	31.27						

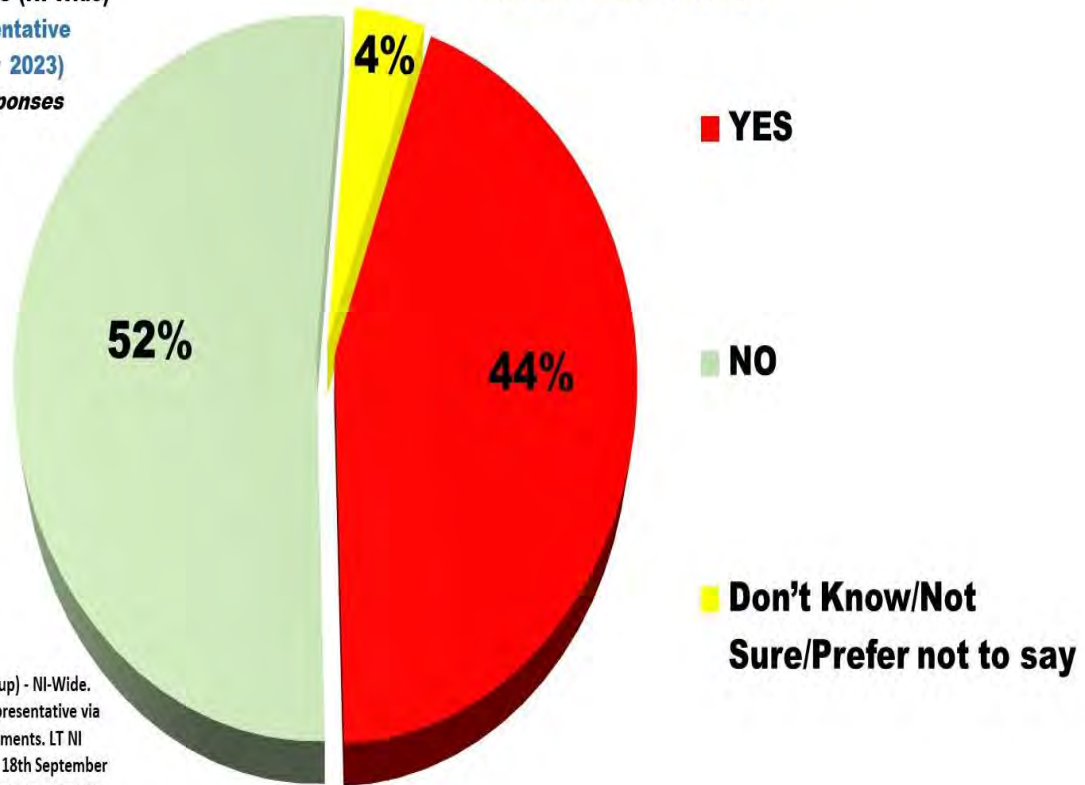


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NEA NI POLL QUESTION 8: Has your, or any member of your household’s quality of life been impacted by the rising energy prices and the cost of living?



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QUESTION 8a – As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your household’s quality of life has been impacted?

NIView - QUESTION NEA8a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your household’s quality of life has been impacted.

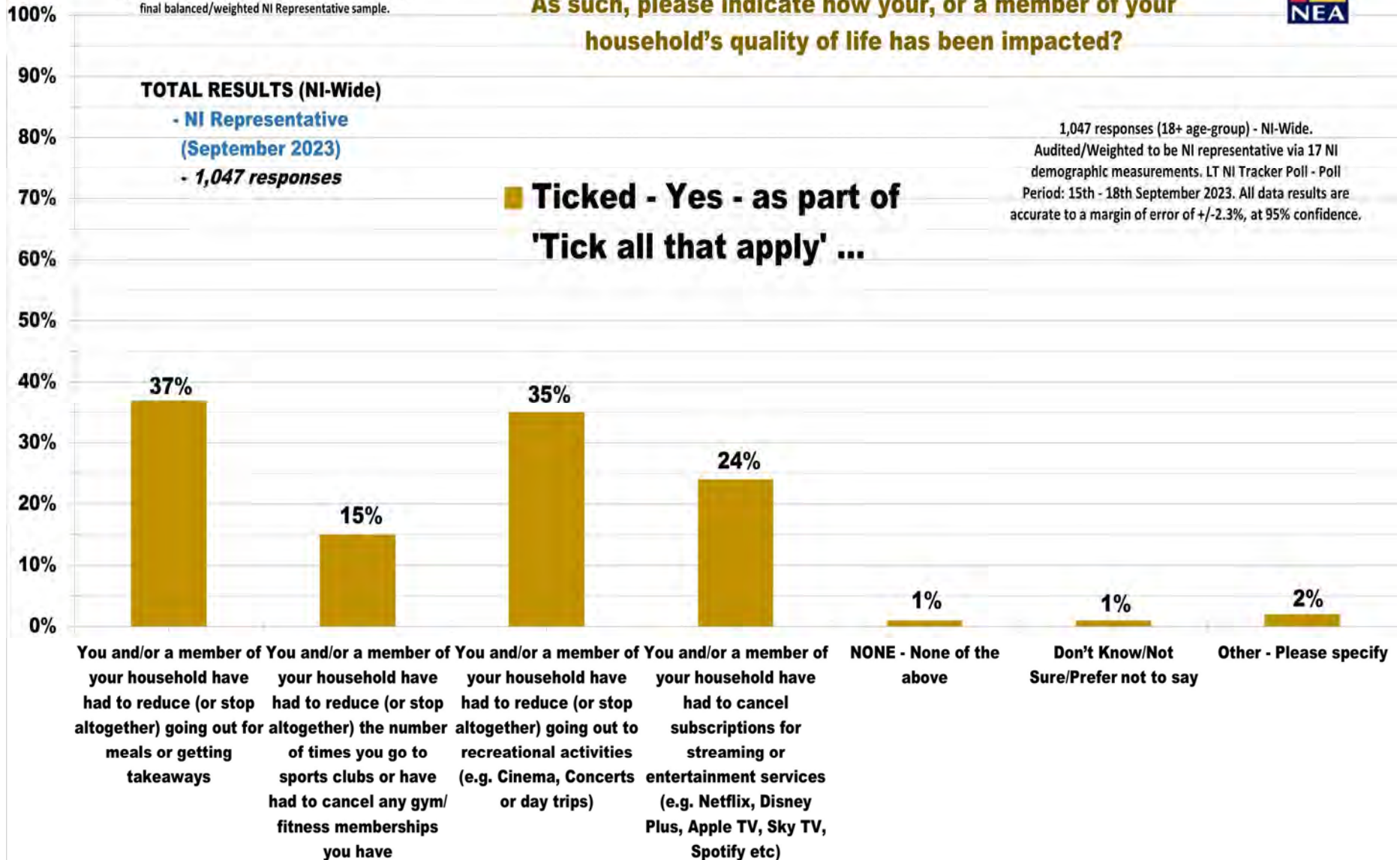
Please tick all that apply.

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	You and/or a member of your household have had to reduce (or stop altogether) going out for meals or getting takeaways	37%	1,047					
2	You and/or a member of your household have had to reduce (or stop altogether) the number of times you go to sports clubs or have had to cancel any gym/fitness memberships you have	15%	1,047					
3	You and/or a member of your household have had to reduce (or stop altogether) going out to recreational activities (e.g. Cinema, Concerts or day trips)	35%	1,047					
4	You and/or a member of your household have had to cancel subscriptions for streaming or entertainment services (e.g. Netflix, Disney Plus, Apple TV, Sky TV, Spotify etc)	24%	1,047					
5	NONE - None of the above	1%	1,047					
6	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	1%	1,047					
7	Other (please specify - particularly if you said None-of-the-above - Requires an answer if ticked):	2%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.57	Std. Deviation:	1.34	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	7.00	Variance:	1.80	Std. Error:	0.03		



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NEA NI POLL QUESTION 8a: You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, -
As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your household's quality of life has been impacted?



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QUESTION 8a: Answers to 'Other' option within question - Qualitative Results

NIView - QUESTION NEA8a:

You answered 'Yes' to the previous question, - As such, please indicate how your, or a member of your household's quality of life has been impacted. Please tick all that apply.

Qualitative answers to option 7: 'Other – please specify'

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
7	Other (please specify - particularly if you said None-of-the-above - Requires an answer if ticked):		37
Answers provided by those who indicated option 7 within the question i.e. 'Other – Please specify' (compulsory – answer required if ticked) as one of their 7 choices for this question – Question 8a.			
Other (please specify - particularly if you said None-of-the-above - Requires an answer if ticked): (37)			
1	We have not "had" to but we have voluntarily reduced our spending on various social &entertainment related things		
2	seek cheaper groceries		
3	There is massive NHS waiting time and with higher electricity and heating prices takes a lot longer to seek and pay for private treatments		
4	Travel less, shop less, less craic, more fucking anger at the capitalist class and their simps		
5	We are a low income family so we didn't have gym membership or meals out anyway		
6	Not using car as much live in my own never see anybody		
7	Surely we all have to cut back on unessessary luxuries as mentioned above in times of financial squeeze ??		
8	Often uncomfortable in winter given our climate and difficulty in heating a house with poor insulation characteristics.		
9	Plan finances better and prioritise outgoings .		
10	reduced holidays		
11	Just being cold and miserable		
12	More basic things like cutting back on food spend and buying clothes and shoes is a rarity		
13	Reduced money to pay for holidays		
14	Have had to cancel subscriptions of entertainment, meals out and all unnecessary spending as above in question.		
15	Wear second hand clothes and shoes		
16	less driving		
17	Reduced % of time working from home		






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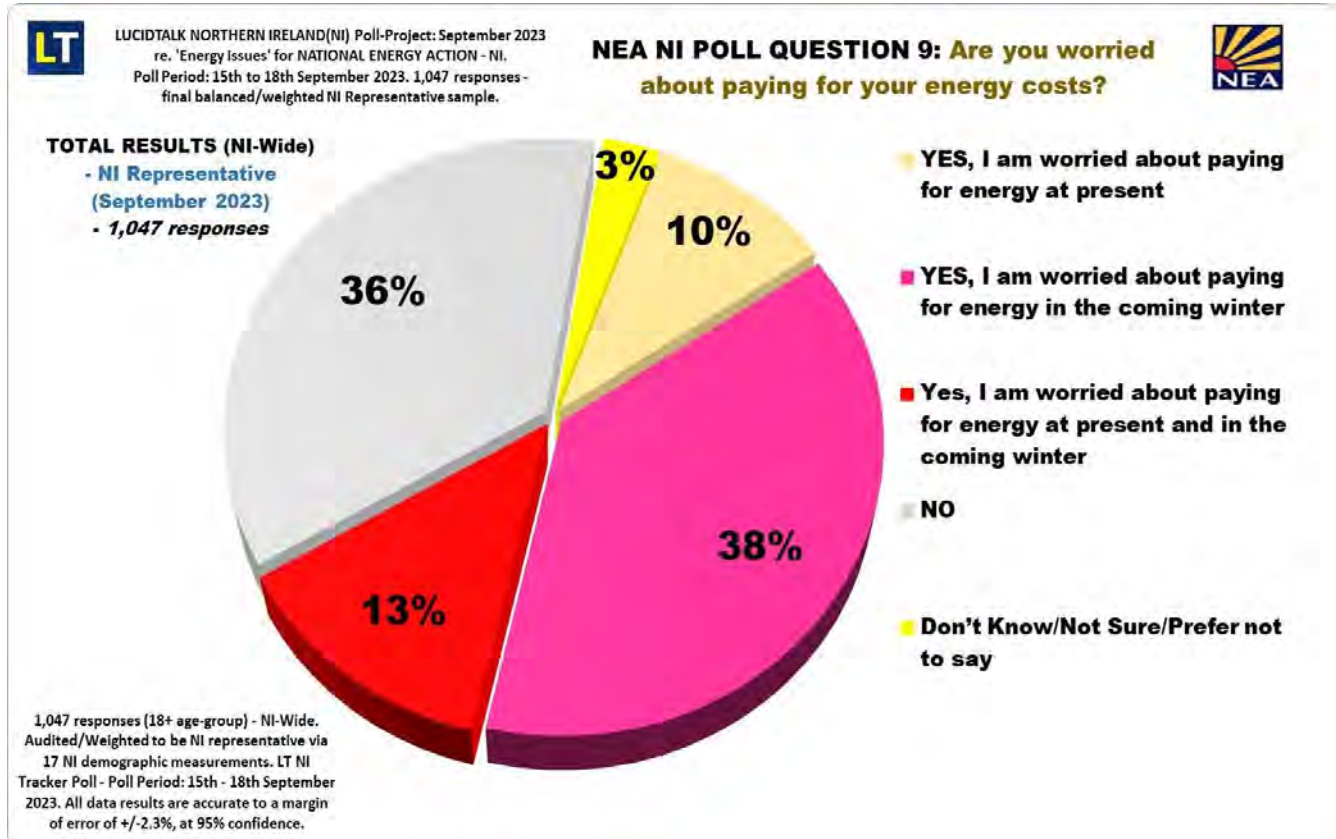
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Qualitative answers to option 7: 'Other – please specify'

18	reduce children's paid clubs/activities
19	We can never afford to go out for dinner, cinema, get take aways to start with. We have had to cut back on basics in the house such as food, toiletries etc
20	Constantly reviewing spending and budget.
21	Reduce other non-essential activities and purchases
22	Those activities are not part of our routine in life
23	I NEVER have spare money now ,I'm totally broke after the 1st of every month ,all my direct debits leave me totally broke.
24	Putting ourselves in debt to keep the house warm for our family is excruciating. It builds and builds and it is not sustainable.
25	reduce driving car use over 60s bus pass more
26	Have had to cutback on things I buy to manage my medical needs.
27	Spend less on shopping. Already can't afford take aways or going out!
28	Living in a freezing cold house, counting the hours until you can switch the gas on for an hour, means that you forgoe activities such as reading and exercising.
29	dont use takeaways no clubs etc dont go to cinema or concerts
30	On occasion unable to attend apts
31	Heating and lighting one room at a time rather than entire house.
32	In stores going for cheaper alternative/on offer goods
33	Less discretionary spend
34	Fewer holidays
35	Stopped having guest and visitors due to embarrassment of the cold home.
36	Reduced non essential shopping - clothes, delayed home repairs
37	Additional stress of making a fixed budget go further

QUESTION 9 – Are you worried about paying for your energy costs?

NIView - QUESTION NEA9: Are you worried about paying for your energy costs?						
Answer Choices					Response Percent	Response Total
1	YES, I am worried about paying for energy at present.				10%	1,047
2	YES, I am worried about paying for energy in the coming winter.				38%	1,047
3	Yes, I am worried about paying for energy at present and in the coming winter				13%	1,047
4	NO				36%	1,047
5	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say				3%	1,047
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	2.93	Std. Deviation:	1.09
	Maximum:	5.00	Variance:	1.18	Std. Error:	0.02
	Satisfaction Rate:	48.33				
					NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
					skipped	0



QUESTION 10 – Do you believe that the Northern Ireland Executive should be restored to deal with the ongoing cost-of-living crisis?

NIView - QUESTION NEA10: Do you believe that the Northern Ireland Executive should be restored to deal with the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and the impacts high energy prices are having on households in NI?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total					
1	YES	68%	1,047					
2	NO	26%	1,047					
3	Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say	6%	1,047					
Analysis	Minimum:	1.00	Mean:	1.25	Std. Deviation:	0.52	NI-Rep response-dataset	1,047
	Maximum:	3.00	Variance:	0.27	Std. Error:	0.01		
	Satisfaction Rate:	12.69					skipped	0

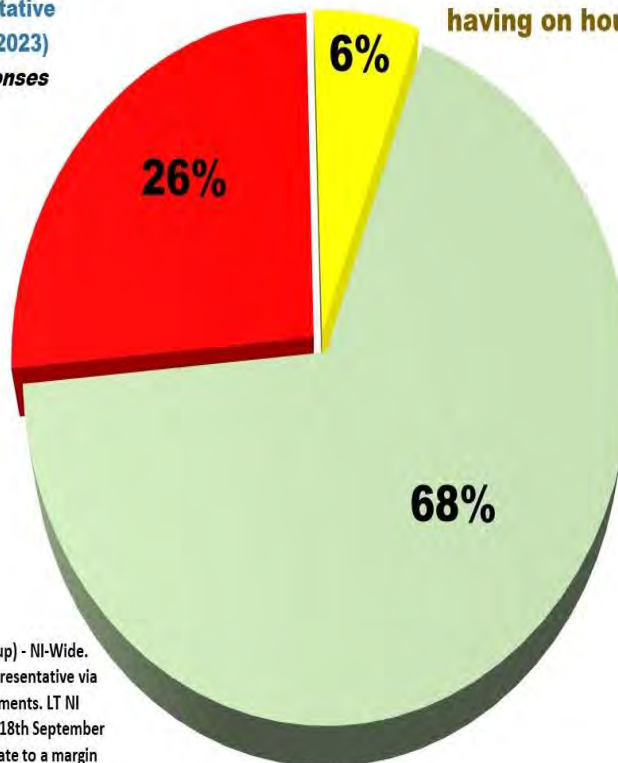


LUCIDTALK NORTHERN IRELAND(NI) Poll-Project: September 2023 re. 'Energy issues' for NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION - NI.
Poll Period: 15th to 18th September 2023. 1,047 responses - final balanced/weighted NI Representative sample.

NEA NI POLL QUESTION 10: Do you believe that the Northern Ireland Executive should be restored to deal with the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and the impacts high energy prices are having on households in NI?



TOTAL RESULTS (NI-Wide)
- NI Representative
(September 2023)
- 1,047 responses



■ YES

■ NO

■ Don't Know/Not Sure/Prefer not to say

1,047 responses (18+ age-group) - NI-Wide. Audited/Weighted to be NI representative via 17 NI demographic measurements. LT NI Tracker Poll - Poll Period: 15th - 18th September 2023. All data results are accurate to a margin of error of +/-2.3%, at 95% confidence.

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS – FINAL COMMENTS SECTION ONLY (Voluntary coments):

NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION NORTHERN IRELAND NI-Wide Poll-Project – September 2023

Word Cloud Analysis: The actual number of Word occurrences in all of the comments listed above is calculated, and the higher the No. of occurrences, and the relative importance and specific context of where the word occurs, is reflected in the ‘Word Cloud’ by that Word being bigger and bolder compared to other words in the Word Cloud. In this context, words related to the poll-survey itself obviously occur very frequently e.g. Cost, Costs, People, Prices, Winter, Government, Heating, Executive, Stormont, Energy etc., and this should be considered when reviewing the Word Cloud.

Word Cloud – FINAL COMMENTS SECTION: NEA NI – Poll-Project 2023



Word List – National Energy Action NI-Wide Attitudinal Poll - September 2023: FINAL COMMENTS SECTION ONLY – Frequently mentioned Words: No. of mentions for each Word. Key Words are highlighted. Only those words with 10 mentions or higher are listed

141 energy, 63 executive, 58 costs, 54 government, 54 people, 51 stormont, 50 cost, 44 heating, 43 companies, 43 pay, 38 oil, 34 fuel, 33 living, 33 prices, 30 dup, 29 crisis, 28 electricity, 28 profits, 28 work, 26 gas, 25 bills, 23 money, 23 price, 23 question, 21 winter, 18 assembly, 18 ireland, 17 year, 16 afford, 16 good, 16 high, 16 questions, 16 working, 15 deal, 14 difference, 14 northern, 14 paying, 13 families, 13 family, 13 income, 13 political, 13 politicians, 13 restored, 12 country, 12 electric, 12 heat, 12 inflation, 12 paid, 11 care, 11 food, 11 power, 10 citizens, 10 feel, 10 impact, 10 job, 10 poverty, 10 solar, 10 tax

FINAL COMMENTS SECTION: Voluntary comments made by poll participants

POLL-SURVEY CLOSE: FINAL COMMENTS (optional):
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Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	343
1	How do you pay for your heating and electricity? This only allowed for one answer. My heating is top up card. My electricity is direct debit.		
2	No option for paying for heating oil in a lump sum.		
3	I know I'm one of the lucky ones but I feel very much for others impacted by the energy crisis.		
4	If no executive up soon then need Dublin to joint rule		
5	I'm not convinced that if the NI Executive was restored that they would do anything to benefit the people in NI.		
6	"Fuel poverty" is just a part of poverty Fuel prices should have been more directly addressed by UK government in order to pre-empt fuel cost based inflation. UKG did a very poor job compared to Spain and other EU countries		
7	Stormont - useless therefore no point in restoring it. Westminster holds the purse strings and therefore that is where big decisions are taken.		
8	The energy crisis is not the fault of the NI Exec and your leading questions don't help. The SoS and NIO are penalizing our children, young people and deprived families.		
9	Government should more pressure on the gas, electricity and oil suppliers to reduce their obscene profits and reduce their prices		
10	It's absolutely disgraceful that people in NI are paying higher prices for heat, electric, food and many other items than in mainland UK and all that with much lower wages than England. No, the executive won't be able to sort anything as they have overspend 350 million and there's no money left. So thanks to them average citizen this year is poorer than last year same time.		
11	Restoration of assembly will do fuck all to address price gouging, profiteering, share buy-backs, speculation, monopolistic behaviour by corporations and the increasing concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the capitalist class and their imperialist drive to war		
12	has anyone invested in energy efficient improvements ?? yes installed solar panels		
13	The difference in prices in border counties is very noticeable. I can get a gas tank for my oven for 30 euro in Donegal where as I pay 37 pound for the same gas tank in Tyrone More people are using turf for the first time Everyone is hoping for a milder winter this year		
14	Question or item 2 - oil and electricity can be paid separately- Electricity- DD Oil- cash Question does not allow for this		

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15	I budget throughout the year, to ensure there are sufficient funds for the winter bills. I also have my boiler serviced regularly to ensure it is operating efficiently. I turn down heating in those rooms which are used less.
16	The cost of energy support should not be bourne by tax payers and should be funded by the utilities company profits
17	I am a one parent,on low income,My mum died this year who helped me financially through the cost of living. This comming winter will be a very challenging time for me and my family.
18	I am considering adopting solar power panels to help with heating costs and environmental considerations.
19	We are oil central heating and unless we order 500 litres which costs £380 we have to save this money if we order less price increases by 10% its difficult
20	The Stormont Executive can not fix the current energy bill crisis. Anyone who thinks otherwise is only play party political games.
21	Restoring the executive won't make a difference regarding energy.
22	While I have been able to manage to maintain heating when required, many of my friends, family and colleagues are finding it very difficult. The NI Assembly have a duty to NI citizens to put in place legislation to address the cost of living problems being faced by the most vulnerable in our community.
23	Q2 does not consider the option that some people pay their energy bills upon receipt from their income (this is how it is paid for in our household.
24	One question about a family member borrowing money to pay for heating got me thinking. Growing up in the late 80s and 90s, fuel poverty and food poverty were real things in my household. Just reminded me of that. I've worked hard to ensure it'd never impact me again but never say never. Just my musings.
25	Na
26	One of your questions assumes the the restoration of the Executive would make a positive impact on the high energy prices & cost of living. It would not. Without more money from Westminster, the Executive cannot do much.
27	The idea that the NI assembly or Executive could do anything to impact the cost of energy is laughable. I'm sure OPEC members will have to call an emergency meeting if Jeffrey and Michelle make up
28	The DUP have no interest in the day to day lives of the people in N.Ireland. All they want is to keep dividing the communities and keep themselves in their jobs. The Good Friday Agreement should be tweaked to allow the Assembly to continue if any political party decides to walk out. Donaldson, Wilson and Paisley spend a lot of time in London , they should be here looking after their constituents.
29	The energy firm are taking too much profit, they should give back to the consumer. We can get nothing done here without a functioning government.
30	A restored executive will have no impact on energy costs, any help which comes will come from the Treasury.
31	Government subsidies on electricity and gas need to be reintroduced until the underlying costs reduce significantly. General pressure on basic food inflation and cost of petrol / diesel means actual living costs far outweigh the headline inflation figures - these increasing costs add additional pressure on our ability to pay for electricity and gas. It's going to be a long cold winter for my family. :(

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32	It's getting to the stage I would rather be dead. I've tried year's ago and it wasn't as bad as this plus was working flat out every shift going.
33	I
34	Whether the assembly is back up running or not will make no difference. They themselves are millions of £s In deficit.
35	I live alone without the responsibility of children I just don't know how young families cope with the worry of feeding their children and keeping them warm
36	Can we not be incentives to improve the insulation in our houses, grants for loft insulation, triple glazing, etc. I would put in solar panels but there are no grants so its a huge outlay in the current high interest rate environment, could there be an interest free or low interest loan supplied by government or could I sign an agreement that all excess energy my solar produces I get no payment but just give to the grid or a half and half payment between consumer and government to cover the solar costs
37	No need for a political question in this survey 😞
38	It is pure greed. Companies just want to make more and more money. The energy price cap should never have been lifted. This was lifted under the smokescreen of covid just so rich people could get richer. Why was this cap lifted? And why was the media and press not questioning it at the time?
39	Get Executive back to work and help families in difficulty. The Tories just don't care about us!
40	What is the point of all these energy companies who each have to pay their shareholders? And why does it take so long for the retail price to go down when the wholesale price drops?
41	I worry about poorer families being able to heat their homes & feed their families this winter. It's disgraceful they have been placed in this position because of the failure of national & local governments
42	Energy companies are making big profits at while households are struggling
43	I'm fortunate to be able to afford my energy costs but feel sorry for those who can't. Better insulated houses, grants for alternative energy are needed
44	Why is the cost of electricity linked to the cost of gas when we have access to renewable energy on this windy island?
45	Don't think Varadkars partisan comments were helpful. Especially as he helped the hysteria over a hard border creating the Windsor framework nightmare. Don't blame the DUP for staying out although I didn't agree with Brexit in the first place.
46	The way I pay electricity was not an option in your survey ⁶
47	No
48	We need Stormont back running. That or get rid of the border
49	Im disappointed in this line of preset questions/ options concerning fuel poverty. All Poverty is relative. If I chose to smoke £70 worth of cigs and drink £30 of alcohol per week can I justify turning to Charities for handout ??? In questions you mention gym / theatre/ Cinema and other such luxuries as if they were critic in times of financial pressure. I see this with many Charities. Poverty is RELATIVE !!
50	All the political politicians should return to surmount and start to govern its people. And at least have debates with each other on how best to help people through the financial difficulties

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51	We need to get a cheap renewable sustainable energy source for NI citizens. Solar on all council homes and new builds. Focus the brilliance of ni brains on achieving this for ni and not someone else's greed
52	Ni executive will make little or no difference to paying bills If people prioritised day to day bills rather than android phones and satellite TV plus forget about takeaways that will ease their burden. I drive a hgv and I am as working class as it gets so I am not coming off with some Right wing narrative.
53	The Northern Ireland Executive should prioritise the needs of those who have struggled with fuel poverty last winter and may do so again this winter over the Protocol. We cannot go into a second winter in a political vacuum. We need political and financial support to target various groups of citizens who are struggling.
54	Everyone should plan financial outgoings to account for fuel costs. Prioritise bills and where necessary switch the heating etc off in the home. Only use fuel when it can be paid for and put extra layers of clothing on when it is necessary. Ex erise and be sensible about heating and expenditure. After all we live in a mild climate and do not generally experience really cold weather. During the summer periods switch the heating off. Education is necessary as older people remember homes without central heatin, double glazing and electricity. The adapted and wore appropriate clothing and as a society we should do likewise. We are spoilt and have been pampered during our lifetime.
55	Having no government is a disgrace. The place is on its knees. The DUP need to get back to stormont.
56	The cost of living crisis is not new, the executive should have sat and dealt with it long before now!
57	Spent part of last winter going to bed at 6 00 or 7 00pm, and not getting up to about 11 00am.
58	I do without heat and light as much as I can. I am very frugal in my use to contribute as little as possible to the fat cats aka shareholders, or immoral bonus payment to CEOs in Energy Companies
59	My answers might suggest this hasn't been an issue for us. But we have very good pensions, unlike many. An additional question to highlight this might have been useful.
60	The reason I put don't know to the final question is that I don't think a local administration would be able to do much to mitigate the energy crisis
61	I believe that the electric and gas companies are artificially raising costs and working together ie when one reduces costs the other rises the cost and visa versa. I also believe they will not lower costs to the previous rates. The companies are paying themselves huge profits. The DUP are to blame for this being allowed to continue. Stop their salaries
62	I'm no longer frustrated with no Stormont Executive; I'm just apathetic at this stage. Northern Ireland doesn't function.
63	The Northern Ireland Executive cannot make any difference to the cost of living crises as it has been caused by global issues, e.g War in Ukraine, negative relationships with Russia and China, fall out from covid payments, green issues whereupon they have halted facking, oil and gas exploration etc. It is the perfect storm which has impacted negatively on the people living in the North of Ireland. To say anything different is to ignore the facts.
64	As pensioners with state and work pensions, we are reasonably comfortable. However, we have become much more careful about our energy consumption. I dread to think how this crisis is affecting poorer pensioners and young families.
65	None
66	Utilities are unbelievable and working people are struggling . Whether an executive in place really doesn't matter there should always be a civil service department that can deal with it ..utilities are a law unto themselves and governments are not regulating enough for all of society it's a disgrace.

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67	People need as much help as they can get in the current situation ,perhaps if Stormont was functioning as a normal political assembly ,the politicians and British Government may be able to provide more financial assistance to those in need. Ordinary people have more pressing concerns around the cost of living ,health ,education and infrastructure and these seem to be ignored .
68	Power, energy and oil companies should be stripped of excess profits while they heat poverty remains.
69	Increase the winter fuel allowance in line with rising energy prices
70	Many of the questions don't give you a box to answer the questions accurately. Survey questions and replies poorly drafted
71	Energy costs would be outside any control that an assembly could do without unlimited funds.
72	Without government we can not hold to account energy firms whom are quite simply ripping customers off whilst they all get fat bonuses! They aren't worried about us who are fearful that they will freeze to death. It is unfathomable in this day and age that I whom work have sleepless nights thinking how am I going to pay for food electricity oil - these are basic things that we need to survive. I am absolutely irate !!!
73	We have a prepayment for gas and monthly direct debit for electric - recently had to change electricity provider due to end of contract/cost increases - even though new deal was cheaper than the existing deal because of the fixed nature im paying £32 a month more and my first bill showed I was in £35 credit - it's disgusting
74	Think it would be very limited what the restored northern Ireland government can do
75	It is impossible to manage the pay for both gas and electricity from my current income. I just don't believe that the energy companies are doing enough to pass on price cuts when they happen. I think it is shampoo that the DUP are boycotting Stormont and making the situation worse.
76	I have 3 autoimmune disorders, 2 mental health issues, and am a civil servant working from home 3 days a week. I struggle keeping warm and I've already cut all I can cut. The DUP should get back to work, given that they are still paid even if they don't show up.
77	DUP should be bypassed and executive set up. enough is enough
78	We have recently moved to a new, properly insulated house. This is why our heating bills have been manageable. In our last house we froze because it did not retain heat at all and could not be insulated any better due to design.
79	Why are energy grants not available in NIB Did RHI ruin it for us all.
80	We are being overcharged for energy suppliers of coal and wood have also raised prices dramatically seems everyone is gouging
81	Get the government back to work. This country is in tatters.
82	The media has went quiet of the cost of fuel and it is worrying as people are very uncertain as to how much it is likely to cost this winter
83	The UK Government should have dealt with the energy costs responsibly. The DUP couldn't care less about looking out for the welfare of the people in NI. it is all about flags, parades etc. Stormont/power sharing will never work. We all deserve better.

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84	fix windsor agreement
85	Energy companies appear to have massively increased profits during the crisis...they should be held to account and forced to compensate consumers
86	Leading questions
87	We have a relatively decent income but our electric bill doubled in a month and overall oil and energy costs are over 3K a year. This despite having a wood burner as well.
88	NI Executive is useless.
89	Silly questions, all designed to exacerbate the extent of difficulties arising from energy costs.
90	The lack of supports from the civil service (in absence of a functioning executive) on grants and supports to encourage decarbonisation and improve energy efficiency is a major failure over a long number of years. While supports are available for social housing tenants, there is nothing to encourage owners of private housing to take steps in this regard - which is in contrast to supports available in the rest of the UK and in ROI.
91	The last question was silly and irrelevant.An Executive could only shuffle funds around, it couldn't make a significant difference - less than honest to suggest it could
92	We've been lucky up to now, but other family members have been more seriously affected. I worry what will happen if this continues - with no government we aren't in a position to do anything about it.
93	I answered "no" in relation to the return of Stormont because I believe the return of devolution will have no impact on the financial crisis.
94	Families with children on income support should be provided with a top up meter and should receive a £40 top-up code each month along with their income support. This finance should come from extra tariffs on large properties or landlord taxed.
95	In the supermarket the cashier said she had worked there for almost 40 years and had never seen so many people having a shocked reaction to the bill and putting items back
96	The cost of fuel/energy costs has nothing to do with the absence of an executive at Stormont!
97	Stormont returning is a pointless exercise. They can only implement one year budgets. Joint rule will provide long term solutions
98	Northern Ireland needs a heating oil watchdog with real powers to combat the cartel which operates at the present time. As 70% of homes in NI use heating oil, this is urgently needed.
99	My gas is top-up, I topped up loads when it was cheaper last summer (2022) so avoided most of the price increases. I have used all of that now. My electricity is direct debit and has quadrupled but I live by myself in a very small one-bedroom flat. I decided to work in the office to use their heat and electric. I spent half my energy money from govt fixing my boiler
100	While current energy suppliers are privatised energy costs will be high, or higher than if a public body. The profit margin has to be added on to our bills.
101	Think it's appalling as the cost of living and cost of energy go up MLAs still get paid for not doing their job.
102	It is absolutely ridiculous that our elected representatives are not allowed to do the job because of one minority political party. The system needs to be modified immediately.

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103	Restoring NIA means nothing unless they have a coordinated plan to help poorer and older members of our society with the outworking of Tory policies which reduce quality of life for all but the wealthiest.
104	Much more needs to be done by the government to help people in need, to help with fuel, electricity, oil payments and to help those who cannot afford food. Our government needs to do what they were elected to do instead of getting paid for doing nothing.
105	Please get those fucktard DUPers back to work and give the population the government we NEED
106	Why all the fuss on energy, the real increase in living costs is inflation, for example our weekly stop is £50 more per week than 12 months ago
107	No mention of the effect of the UK government's payments to householders.
108	If the dup won't form a government in the north then it is urgent that a new joint uk/Irish partnership to run this god forsaken place... we have been failed
109	Executive useless when a carve up between Paisleyites and Proxies
110	Total disgrace that big companies are making record profits while ordinary people struggle. Nationalise energy-no profits.
111	Tax the profits of the energy companies fully.
112	These surveys are badly designed - always
113	I had never used a pre pay electric meter until moving back into my house after it had been let out and the renters had installed it. Find it so good for budgeting and paying for energy costs
114	Q.10 was nakedly political and should have had no place in this survey.
115	Rising costs and interest rates are crippling every aspect of our lives.
116	The Executive needs to be restored and quite frankly,shame on DUP voters/supporters.
117	There's many other good reasons for the executive to return. Maybe we should turn of the heating in there homes this winter!!
118	No
119	The only restoration of Stormont should be based upon the recognition of constitutional and jurisdictional facts and consequent border placement where it belongs; at the Irish border.
120	We were able to move our electricity consumption to save considerable money last winter by using economy 7 tariff and the time delays on our appliances and pre-cooking meals early in the morning during the economy 7 time and heating them in the microwave in the evening. This made a massive difference but isn't reflected in the questions asked.
121	The Stormont executive hate their constituents.
122	The removal of 2 power stations, shows the department responsible Is not fit for purpose The RHI scandal Now the possibility of electricity cuts, with no power capacity

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123	Big powerful energy companies should be asked to cap their prices, share their profits by reducing costs. Some top executive staff earn a fortune, at the expense of the ordinary worker/citizen.
124	More emphasis should targeted at senior citizens on low fixed incomes and have health issues.
125	It's not the government's job to solve cost problems short term. But it really ought to do something about energy supply long term. NI ought to have a nuclear power station - should have used the Maze site.
126	Biased survey to get results client requires.
127	Irish Sea Border is driving up the cost of heating goods and services to NI
128	Although I answered no to alot of questions it's because myself and my wife although we live in a 4bedroomed cottage we know how to live in not very big rooms we know how to keep warm plus we have duel fuel heating which helps
129	Have to help with other family members fuel bills
130	Bring back Stormont, and what exactly could they do..... N.Ireland is away to hell in a hand cart
131	Whilst the current energy crisis doesn't affect my family it's time Stormont returned to work for ALL of those affected.
132	Thanks!
133	Our two oldest children live in their own homes and we've had to help them with their fuel bills due to them struggling to pay riding mortgage/rent costs. It's a worry for us and for them.
134	I have luckily gathered up coal all year so I have enough to fo me during the winter, I wouldn't care if I was cold and hungry I would rather that than submit to having Stormont up and running while the protocol is in place
135	It is absolutely vital that the assembly and executive are fully functioning ASAP.
136	The executive can do nothing. Quit the green agenda.
137	The National Government is to blame for the increased fuel charges. They import fuel when the British Isles are sitting on oil, coal and gas which we should be using at a much reduced cost to our pockets and the environment. There should be no VAT on fuel either. The British Government sends £14Billion per year on foreign aid while their own people starve and go cold..
138	If inflation continues to rise it may make life difficult in the future. My wages have not risen as fast as inflation. Fuel has gone up more than my wages it has taken all my pay raise to cover my future oil bill over the next year. This doesn't include food prices increasing My savings may have to be used.
139	High energy costs have been manufactured to increase profits for the companies involved. Meanwhile the government sits back and encourages said companies to rip us off, as they gain from the extra tax revenues, plus they want a poor population, to continue their plans around the climate and covid
140	It's a scandal that fuel costs are so high in NI, and that the Westminster government are using the DUP boycott of the Assembly to impose swingeing austerity cuts. The privatisation of the energy sector has also led to massive profiteering by companies compared to energy prices in similar nations across Europe
141	MLAs Get back to work! If not stop their wages 100%

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142	If stormont isn't up and running soon then direct rule ought to be reinstated
143	all about price of energy no emphasis on support with insulation or similar techniques to reduce operational heating costs nothing about reducing energy use from global warming perspective
144	You don't need heating all of the time it only a recent thing for years we didn't have central heating and done ok I don't like the high prices for everything But the government would rather fight a foreign war than look after their own citizens so the prices will remain high
145	It is absolutely immoral how our government facilitate these energy companies.
146	There could have been some questions about climate change in relation to our use of fuel.
147	People have an unrealistic expectations that they can maximise their spending on nice to haves rather than prioritising spending on necessities. I find people are also careless and do not turn off appliances or are excessive with heating.
148	We are all oblivious to how potentially fragile our energy supply is. Very lokely we will have tobendure power cuts at some point and we have been lucky the winters have been so mild in rece t years. As a country (and the EU) we are not energy independent. That is scary in unpredictable geopolitical international situation.
149	Should be a cap on oil prices like there is on gas. Oil suppliers can charge anything they want. Also why have gas prices down but electric has not come down. Stormont will look after benefit people not working people .
150	The cost of gas and electricity is punitive. Companies overcharge and then seek to retain surplus monies due to the customer. Green taxes , VaT etc add to the cost.
151	Elected representatives need to challenge the current energy situation in ni better use of their time than flags, marches or being constantly offended by Nolan
152	I don't know exactly what restoring Stormont will do they are useless in office as well
153	RESTORE STORMONT NOW, AND CUT THE DUP OFF IF THEY FAIL TO WORK/COLLABORATE.
154	Very unhappy with the last question since it is loaded against the DUP
155	Aside from the £600 payment, the north seems to have been pretty much forgotten about when it comes to mitigating the cost of living crisis. British government ministers are barely aware that we operate in a completely different energy market from GB, and whilst some costs have come down from their peak, oil and gas are still a lot more expensive than they were 2-3 years ago.
156	Due to being a pensioner, I give up other things to ensure I have money to pay for utilities.
157	Very angry at energy suppliers who I believe are gouging their customers and with the government that makes no genuine effort to stop them but uses tax revenue to offer paltry assistance to those in need.
158	We the people are being punished, left behind and neglected by the pathetic dummy spitting DUP! They need to either get back to Stormont or get out for good, and let the rest of the parties do the job they were elected to do. We're on our knees here! It needs to end, now!

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159	We need a government sitting in Stormont, fighting for us, fighting the energy costs, incl petrol which is rising again, fighting the extortionate food costs (eg. Milk/ bread has almost doubled, A box of my dog's food went from £8.50 to £14.50 overnight. No excuse for some of the price hikes), the water pollution, which is not only destroying nature habitats, but which ultimately we'll be paying for. I'm really disgusted by the DUP's actions right now.
160	My income is sufficient for my energy needs, but my two daughters do struggle with their costs. One has recently moved into an 'eco' friendly house which should reduce her energy costs by two thirds, building more of these homes is a big part of the way forward.
161	I realise I am one of the lucky few who can afford to pay for all my heating and cooking needs. Thanks to good pensions ...
162	The Executive should be working for the good of all the electorate, especially during these times of economic crisis. Those who are currently holding the people of NI to ransom because they cling to outdated political ideals and tribal prejudices, when thousands are suffering deprivation, are a disgrace. These, so called, politicians, are paid handsomely and they are currently taking (stealing) taxpayers money and doing nothing. It is time new legislation was enacted to prevent the collapse of the Executive by any single party in the future. The people of N.I. do not deserve to be subjected to political manipulation, such as is currently happening. We deserve better, much better. We need politicians who are genuinely interested in working for the betterment of all those, whose daily lives they impact, by their actions.
163	There was only one question about behavioural change in this questionnaire which, in my view, is not enough. While we are in the fortunate position of being able to pay for our energy consumption, we have radically changed our behaviour to ensure this continues. We have reduced heating, curtailed the use of domestic appliances, use an air fryer rather than the main oven and microwave, where possible, instead of using a hob. Appliances that were left on 'standby' for convenience are now switched off. We wear warmer clothes indoors and tend to heat only one room.
164	My energy bills have more than doubled this last year. I have to work extra shifts to make these payments.
165	Sneaky question at the end. No Unionist will ever accept a border down the Irish Sea, fact!
166	I have oil so you don't have an option to Pay monthly you have to pay in full the price keeps going up I used to 900 litres for £500 now I only get 500 litres so I've cut back on how long the heating is on and get to bed early to stay warm in the cold months my husband has a heart condition and feels the cold and I've arthritis so it affecting our quality of life we go out less trying to save to pay our bills it's not just heating costs that have gone up also food bills have increased I think the Government need to clamp down on all these companies and the huge profits they get living on the backs of people I'm retired grateful I have a public sector pension but it's buying power is less each month!
167	I think that people in Northern Ireland should have grants for the installation of energy-saving renewable as they do in the rest of the United Kingdom and Ireland
168	I don't see the point of a regulator when the providers have a free roulette of price increases....a monopoly of corruption
169	I am very conscious that with a reasonable retirement income I can see through the cost of living and energy costs crisis but that many households are not in this situation
170	It's not just heating that's a problem I live in the country so rely on a car to get groceries and the price of fuel is crippling
171	Our household income is above average, but rising costs have still affected us, we are foregoing luxuries. I do not know how people on lower incomes manage. They would most certainly be making decisions about which essentials had to go, and for working families, that is unacceptable.

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172	Energy prices have been very low for a long time and have not included the costs to the consumer of the pollution that they cause. We have become 'insulated' to the real costs of energy by economics and government policy, and we are as a society spending money on non-essentials - such as luxury phones and multiple foreign holidays. Some are suffering yes, but many are not, or have not got their priorities right.
173	I have no faith in the present Stormont administration and it's elected representatives to resolve any of our problems. After a quarter of a century in office, they have proved to be totally ineffective, indecisive, wasteful and corrupt. Their legacy is in creating or perpetuating many of the problems NI faces today.
174	I am fortunate to have a good pension so can afford to pay my energy bills, but I still worry about the coming winter oil bills and use credit cards to spread the cost.
175	The only reason I am not in debt is that I have come into an inheritance and am therefore able to pay my bills. Even so, I am being very careful with energy use and frequently feel cold at home. I bought an electric over blanket to use in the evenings so I can turn the heating off earlier. I really fear for others this winter - as last's was so mild.
176	The Stormont Executive needs to be restored as a matter of urgency.
177	You should be asking how many peoples energy providers aare in debt to their customer. Neigh on impossible to get back what you are in credit to them given they just raise the DD when prices go up despite your usage
178	I'm angry that DUP MLAs continue to be paid more than me, even their reduced wage, for not going to work. They simply don't care about the community bar lining their own pockets
179	I found some aspects of this poll difficult. For example I pay for electricity by monthly direct debit but I am billed quarterly for gas
180	Due to a recent bout of I'll health if has been suggested to me that I need to give up my job that is well paid & find something less stressful that can be a better life/work balance.. However, a lesser job will be less money only compounding the amount of 'juggling' I have to do when it comes to paying for things...
181	For all kinds of reasons, including energy costs and the rising cost of living in general, the Assembly needs to be sitting, OR more urgent action needs to be taken to prevent one party holding us all hostage. Words fail me to express my anger and frustration at the ongoing shambolic situation, while voluntary organisations who are the first line of assistance for vulnerable people are going to the wall because the Assembly and Executive aren't working.
182	The DUP are a disgrace
183	Please note, too much help has been given to unemployed and disabled people and not enough to those in work, keeping the country going, especially health care workers who still haven't had a pay increase. What is happening in NI is disgusting, I'm completely disillusioned with politicians, but I'm not surprised they are completely incompetent I'm not sure having an executive would make any difference they just WASTE the little money we have.
184	A reconstituted NI Assembly, whilst desirable, will have little or no impact on the cost of living generally or energy costs.
185	At one point in the past 1-2 years I was paying a fairly significant amount per month for oil and electricity and this was making me cut back on any items but thankfully my energy costs have dropped.
186	Increase Tax on energy providers massive profits - lower charges to consumers particularly to those on low incomes/pensioners
187	NI Executive...get back to work! CHH cut their pay if they won't go.

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188	I believe it is a failure of all European and western governments to of been relying on Russia so much on energy for decades.
189	The government need to step up & help struggling families this winter
190	There should be much greater windfall taxes on the energy companies as they are all making obscene profits
191	I can afford to pay for my heating but the price is ridiculous £500 a month for gas for 2 people and our house is never overly warm
192	Although we've been "ok" so far we are slowly succumbing to the high cost of living and fear the coming bad weather.
193	The restoration of Stormont will make no difference to fuel/energy prices as these are controlled internationally.
194	I'm not sure how the NI Executive would be able to assist with the cost if living crisis / energy support atm given the enormous financial defecit it is facing.
195	The government needs to investigate whether fuel companies are making excessive profits.
196	The Executive question is a political one and takes away from the purity of the survey.
197	Expectations are much higher now than when I was a child, living in a draughty and leaky farmhouse. We considered ourselves to be comfortable. We were several years into our marriage before we installed central heating in our home. It is logical that the luxuries of modern life, which have become essentials, will be more costly to maintain.
198	It is abysmal that politicians have given no help during this period of energy price increases
199	Stop paying unwilling MLA salary's and those of their staff and put this towards a means tested heating scheme for low paid people. PowerNI still overcharging when wholesale prices have dropped dramatically. Where's the watchdog?
200	We've actually been without a boiler for 10 months as we can't afford £2k+ to replace it and we don't qualify for any boiler replacement schemes.
201	Government should aid home loft insulation and solar panels for people.
202	It doesn't matter whether Stormont is open or not. The self harming sanctions on Russia and the ridiculous green agenda are the causes of this energy crisis.
203	The cost of living is impacting everyone. Parents can skip meals, stop socialising, stop using the heating whenever the kids aren't home, but ultimately they suffer. There was also no Summer payment for those on free lunches . We've had to cancel family outings, getting new clothes & kid's activities.
204	The last question about restoring the executive is a bit misleading. Rephrase it to ask "do you think NI should be fully restored in the UK BEFORE the DUP return to Stormont?". In that case, it is a YES! Of course we'd all like to see a functioning Stormont but while we are booted out of the UK without a vote, I am opposed to returning. Sinn Fein would do exactly the same if the shoe was on the other foot.
205	Stormont cannot stop price gouging,and that's what is happening Unscrupulous gas, electric ,petrol, diesel or any other energy companies .The British government sold everything they could ,and cannot punish the country's who own our energy French citizens and others Germans and Spanish are happy the British electric went up 204% theirs was subsidised by hard working British citizens. The energy markets are rigged

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	just as all others and inflation has always been much higher than Gov figures petrol and diesel has increased 17p per litre in just 15 days.
206	Paying more for oil, gas and electricity as we are doing reduces what is left to spend on luxuries such as holidays.
207	Question 2 was bad. I pay for electricity and gas to heat my house in two different ways.
208	I don't believe that if the executive were to return that they would be able to produce any major changes in terms of energy cost
209	I am in the fortunate position I can afford to pay my energy bills but I am well aware there are many in my community which is largely rural who are struggling with rising energy bills.
210	We are hoping that these high energy costs are temporary
211	Question re Stormont ; what exactly would Stormont do? We receive all our money from Westminster - they got us through last year's crisis better than our leaders/MLAs would have. A fairer and more balanced question would have been- do you believe Stormont would have managed the problem better? A general question should Stormont be setting if meaningless - feel this was more of a political focus rather than would they do a better job, as we all know they would not have!
212	A few questions didn't have a wide enough range of options provided in regards the responses eg how you pay for heating and electricity which are from different sources and paid in different ways.
213	Do not forget that whilst energy costs are rising, the dividends to energy shareholders are enormous. Also an important aspect of rising energy prices is the green/climate taxes that the government imposes. When all of the published research shows that the planet is changing irrespective of what humans do, its time to start taking care of us instead of penalising us.
214	It just seems that no one is interested in looking at the wide price range of oil across the various companies in NI. This should be monitored as it is getting ridiculous!
215	Rally worried about winter coming. And politicians sitting on their arse!
216	I know I am very lucky - I am a single parent on a good salary - but I am horrified about the decisions poorer families are being forced into by the cost of living crisis. It is utterly disgusting that this country is letting the lives of those who are on lower incomes be impacted in the way that it has. It is a policy failure on every level - tax rich people more - I can afford to pay for prescriptions, my mother can afford to pay her own train fare even she acknowledges it shouldn't be free- sort out tax on those who derive income from wealth, not earnings. Where is the societal safety net? And most of all the DUP should hang their heads in shame. Christians? Happy to let the poor suffer, turn the other cheek etc etc - hardly what their Lord Jesus would have done. Get back into government and help us - what on earth are you a politician for?
217	While I'm concerned about stormont not sitting. I think as a person that voted for brexit stormont should not sit until this is resolved no matter what. The vote for brexit was a uk wide vote we were told if we voted for this we the uk as a hole would leave there was no mention of a deal NI has not left the eu. Thus my vote has not been implemented or respected. The energy crisis has nothing to do with stormont sitting or not sitting it has to do with energy companies ripping the consumer off at every opportunity and the governments putting too high a tax on fuel they should be off setting the price when it goes too high or putting pressure on energy companies so they don't inflate the price.
218	In our home, we are lucky to earn enough to be able to afford energy bills but we need leadership from Stormont as many are not so lucky. We also need to give a much greater priority to energy independence and combatting climate change/carbon dioxide emissions.
219	None

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220	Restoring the NI Executive would not make any difference to the problems I face with living costs, never has and doubtful if it ever will. Other parts of the uk with running govts have same problems. Decisions made when the executive are up and running are never good or good for Britain as a whole so no executive means No Bad Decisions. Don't know what the answer is but it doesn't lie with the present executive. Maybe a certain level of education to sit on the NI executive and Absolutely No criminals or Terrorists or Terrorist / murder sympathisers allowed. The basics are not right! takes a certain level or expertise, skill, education, and common sense to run a country.
221	We are being treated as cash cows for all the energy companies. Our costs grow and grow and the energy companies profits grow. There is a lack of competent politicians at all levels, regionally and nationally, who want the best for the citizens. They either serve the interests of large businesses and shareholders or pursue their own constitutional agenda. I and my family are badly impacted by below inflation pay awards in the public sector since 2008 but particularly by the insult that was last year's pay award of £552, with nothing for this year.
222	Huge investment in insulation and heating grants needed
223	Price rises on essential utilities should be restricted if profits exceed a certain amount or directors remuneration is of a certain level. Disgusting that people are doing without to pay for huge bonuses for the sickeningly wealthy individuals and corporations
224	The last question on the executive is a nonsensical one. They can do absolutely nothing about the cost of energy
225	Na
226	We are lucky to have solar panels and an air source heat pump, as well as having occupational pensions as well as state pensions.
227	We are in a privileged position in that our work pensions are very good and therefore enable us to live comfortably. We are very aware that not everyone is in this position hence our desire for Stormont Gov to be back up and running to deal with high energy costs for those who can not afford them.
228	Increasing dramatically. Low income must be suffering. Why do we have politicians????
229	Spiraling energy and food costs are a cause of worry and anxiety. Having enough money to make ends meet is a constant balancing act.
230	The issue is not with Northern Ireland government or lack of government. Issue is with the greed of energy companies and lack of oversight from energy regulator to reduce prices.
231	The price of oil per barrel has not gone up yet the price of gas, oil and electricity has these companies make huge profits while people freeze this is not right they should be held to account
232	It is an absolute disgrace that Stormont is not functioning in these economical unstable times!
233	Get the government back to work
234	Energy company profits should be taxed
235	I don't believe energy prices are likely to come down / back , going forward .
236	I and my family are the fortunate ones. We have the means to weather this period of greed-inflation - masquerading as a cost-of-living crisis. Intelligent leadership, a proper corporate taxation structure and renewable energy policy would have lessened the grotesque impacts of this period of systemic greed

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237	I DONT BELIEVE THAT STORMONT SHOULD BE UP AND RUNNING BEFORE THE PROTOCOL IE WINDSOR PLOT IS REMOVED IN ITS ENTIRETY
238	Just because I am not personally affected yet by the cost of energy does not mean I am not aware of the plight of low income families. I buy less than I did before and am frugal, but I have a reasonable pension as a former teacher. If my savings start to run out I will be more concerned for myself.
239	DUP actions are a disgrace.
240	We have always been frugal, and remain so. And in doing so, have ensured that we have enough money to cover our bills now and going forward.
241	The profits being made by these utility companies is grotesque and disgusting.
242	Please force these fools back into govt ,we need help now !!! I don't care about borders , religion, politics !!! I just need to be able to survive.
243	The N.I executive if it was up and running would have no impact on world energy prices.
244	every home including self builds should have access & grants to improving both insulation & solar or wind assets. I find it absurd that in a country that has a lot of locals itching to gether to build a home, they are always excluded, yet frequently they are living in caravans, with family etc as it's the only way to get a home. They're caught between getting access to a mortgage & not earning enough to purchase or go on public housing stock. So reducing initiative & hard work or other sacrifices is self defeating by a local govt who should support their endeavour. Hardly inclusive to penalise them always by exclusion.
245	One of your questions enquired about NI Executive being restored to deal with the cost of living crisis, and I answered No. I believe that the NI Executive is a luxury that we can't afford, they don't have to ability to deal with the problems that this country is currently facing.
246	Na
247	The restoration of the Assembly would be pointless. I believe we should just accept power sharing doesn't work and go back to direct rule
248	If public service departments can't manage their budgets without stormont they should be disbanded and replaced with managers who can , budgets are supplied from Westminster and public departments should be able to run their own finances without stormont
249	There should be even more investment in renewable energy so that we aren't as affected by global oil and gas prices.
250	Energy needs to be nationalised so prices can be controlled and profits can be reinvested in infrastructure
251	You asked the question about the return of the executive. It is the executive that for the last 20 years have made a complete mess of health care and education. We have been training teachers for zero vacancies in schools and reduced training provision for nurses yet we are desperate for these skills! Why would you want the same individuals returned to make a mess of energy. They are incompetent, and more interested in playing party politics than resolving real issues.
252	I feel media and government backed consumer bodies should be much more pro active in publicising fuel prices across the province and keeping consumers informed on best deals available and promoting competition among suppliers
253	The Northern Ireland Executive should be restored immediately to address the multiple problems that are affecting the citizens of Northern Ireland. Very few members of the population are being affected by the Windsor Agreement.

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254	<p>As consumers we do not know why oil and vehicle fuel is SO expensive. There is no world shortage, GB has a lot of oil reserves , but consumers feel they are being exploited by supply companies . They also feel that the gov't's extreme 'climate change' agenda takes no account of the needs of poorer customers . And climate change promoters seem to only think of the metropolitan elite , with no regard for poorer rural dwellers who must use oil and vehicles .</p> <p>They feel that their needs are not even considered by the climate change zealots and the govt.</p>
255	<p>I believe it is shameful and grossly unfair that those who use pay as you go meters for electricity are charged the highest tariffs. Similarly those ordering small amounts of oil for delivery are charged a higher rate per litre. Those who can least afford it are forced to pay more.</p>
256	<p>NI executive needs to be meeting at Stormont to deal with the energy crisis.</p>
257	<p>Energy firms are immoral, money grubbing, greedy bastards</p>
258	<p>How do i feel under valued worked over 40 years pay all my bills . and anyone can come into ni and get more help.</p>
259	<p>People with disabilities are being failed due to the increase of fuel, food etc and those with complex needs are suffering as they cannot afford to pay for the care they are receiving and have had to stop care visits etc.</p>
260	<p>I am cold, hungry and the DUP need to accept a Sinn Fein Firat Minister. It's time because seriously what is the difference???</p>
261	<p>My energy bills have gone through the roof and I'm constantly worried about paying my heating and electricity bills. I despair that the energy companies are making huge profits whilst I struggle to pay to heat my home .</p>
262	<p>We as pensioners in our seventies found NIE on phone very helpful from being in excess payments had them reduced a little and it has worked reasonably well this past year. My wife takes down the usage numbers on her phone regularly. Thank you for any help you can give.</p>
263	<p>I dont think restoration of Stormont will make any difference to our pockets.</p>
264	<p>Energy companies did not loose out over Covid like other businesses and have kept prices high even though costs have fallen. Energy companies are making more profits now than before Covid. Tax the hell out of them. Regulator not doing its job.</p>
265	<p>The vast majority of people in NI want Stormont restored why should 20 per cent dictate over 80 percent. It just is not right.</p>
266	<p>Stormont needs restored now! It is absolutely ridiculous that the DUP can be allowed to hold the electorate and British Government/EU to ransom. The British government should announce a constitutional referendum to be held in 2030 and both British and Irish governments in conjunction with the EU prepare accordingly.</p>
267	<p>The Assembly coming back won't solve any problems as they don't have the money.</p>
268	<p>We as a family, are lucky we have been able to pay our energy bills to date. However we reduce everything else accordingly which means not having treats. My partner has to commute to england for work which in the end means we only break even. In addition we keep our heating at as low a temperature as possible in the winter months.</p>
269	<p>We need All parties back working together or legislation to side line the DUP and let those who want a working executive get on with it.</p>

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270	I believe that all the fuel companies are profiteering including the oil and gas companies
271	Energy costs and cost of living increases are a result of failed politics and greedy profiteering. Looking elsewhere, the volume of increases we're experiencing are not a necessary requirement, more moderate increases could be coped with but not these excessive ones along with ignorance at the BofE over economic theories and interest rates. Obsession with GDP is long debunked but it doesn't suit the narrative of the greedy
272	Energy costs are not regulated enough. Suppliers are making too much profit. We need to see a cessation on charges for prepayment meters. More neutral avenue for oil users to save monthly and still give them ability to shop around for oil. Ex. NIHE should set up a saving scheme and customers can still access cheaper oil when needed
273	Electricity costs are ridiculous - same period we used 98 more units and the bill virtually double from 2022 to 2023
274	Fuel prices are inflated due to government inaction to cap profits from global companies
275	Households are being played for fools on energy issues and costs, and it will only get worse as governments double down on "net zero". The notion of net zero is utterly misguided and will destroy this country and people's lives and livelihoods. It will not help anyone if Stormont is restored, as they have neither the brains nor the backbone to do anything genuinely useful for the people they allegedly serve. Politicians in NI, as in all jurisdictions, will continue to do what they are told by unelected masters in the EU and UN. Local politics is only a charade and energy/climate is part of it.
276	People should wear more clothes! Not unusual to see folk being interviewed on TV about fuel cosy and fuel poverty wearing a tee shirt or sleeveless top.
277	Although I am not impacted negatively as much as other people, I am aware that a considerable number of people are suffering severe hardship due to the stress of not having enough money to pay their bills. The dereliction of responsibility shown by DUP MLAs, individually and collectively, is both morally bankrupt and depressing. It will be sad if they manage to create enough fear in the electorate so that they succeed in avoiding being punished at the next election.
278	People are very quick to complain about the cost of living, but yet they have no complaints about there sky TV/Sports latest mobile phone and the extreme cost of them.
279	Stormont is a failed institution and needs closed or drastically reformed.
280	I don't believe the return of a functioning assembly would make any difference whatsoever to the cost of living crisis.
281	Many people say that changes are needed in NI but I'd be reluctant to change now to have to change again after a poll. So why not have the poll to promote stability?
282	Worried about changes to green energy and heating and hiw the costs of changing will affect me
283	Only for my wood burning stove and my supply of wood the answers to the questions would have been very different.
284	The Cost of living crisis is a world wide problem and restoring the Executive would not make one bit of difference to Northern Ireland.
285	The government give £600 to every household last winter also families on benefits got several different extra payments to deal with the cost of living crisis. I think more than enough has been done to deal with the problem. Any payments the government handed out should have been in the form of vouchers for electric, oil

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	gas etc. I'm sure several people abused this payment and treated themselves to something needless which in turn has been a drive factor towards inflation.
286	I don't know if NIA would be of any use in attempting to reduce the effect on energy costs as it is above their level of influence
287	Stormont isn't capable of functioning at present. Direct rule is needed to deal with the issue.
288	The question about payment assumes heating and electricity are one and the same. Our main source of heating is oil.
289	The assembly has zero influence over the insane policies that have driven inflation and the cost of 'living crisis'. Perhaps if they pushed back against Westminster (in addition to grifting unelected NGOs and intl. bodies) on the 'Net Zero' and 'Climate Crisis' scam energy prices and inflation may fall a little. That said, pushing a shameful, disastrous proxy war against the world's largest commodity exporter isn't helpful either - Sanctions on commodities in a global market that damage your own economy are moronic.
290	Furlough is the biggest disaster ever it has wrecked our entire economy and now we are paying for it through the nose
291	wind farms don't benefit consumers
292	Stop the mlas pay entirely until they get back into the assembly
293	The DUP should not go back to Stormont. Being there would not help with the energy prices but would weaken any point they are trying to make on the Windsor Framework/Northern Ireland Protocol
294	At a complete loss as to why fuel both road and home is still on the increase when the Big Energy companies are reporting such disgustingly high profits and the government are choosing to do nothing about it - possibly mostly share holders or are given " contributions "
295	I'm lucky enough to be able to afford heat and electric. That said, we have definitely cut back in other areas to absorb the price increases. We had no family holiday and our leisure spend has dropped.
296	It's unsustainable, prices need to come hugely down before this place slips into being a third world country
297	We need the executive up and operating to deal with the catastrophic issues surrounding Lough Neagh and our drinking water.
298	Energy cost remain worryingly high for all. This is due to global factors and the Ukraine war. There is nothing local politicians can do about it other than give other people's (taxpayers) money away to their vested interests.
299	I feel that my energy company has deliberately engineered my debt. They continuously alter the direct debit figure. When I get close to paying off the debt they change the figure to less than my monthly costs. The debt then builds again. After a few months they then raise the figure, before dropping again. I believe this is done to stop me switching provider, as they know I can't afford to clear the debt with one payment if I switched.
300	Note I pay for my heating quarterly but SSEAirtricityGas don't allow this by direct debit. This was not a poll option.
301	The crisis at the northern Ireland executive is not related to cost of living pressures. The DUP stood on 7 tests and were elected to enforce them. If the DUP want to go back into government without all tests being met they should outline Why and go back to the electorate to allowed people to stick with them or switch to TUV. It's time for another assembly election.
302	It has been an absolute scandal the last few years the greedflation of energy companies at the expense of ordinary people.

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	<p>They have all made excessive profits and paid out massive dividends to shareholders.</p> <p>The cost of energy crisis is being blamed on ordinary people and they are not accepting it.</p> <p>This survey needs directed to water, gas, oil and other energy companies to challenge them on their excessive greed.</p> <p>As for all of the local politicians they have lost all credibility in the eyes of the public and current governments in Dublin and London have no power over Corporate greed. However at least in Dublin and London the politicians do go to work.</p> <p>Enough is Enough!</p>
303	We are lucky. Two good salaries coming into house. Know of plenty of difficult situations for others.
304	Rising energy costs have eaten into the limited discretionary spending we previously enjoyed. After the rise in fuel and energy and the knock on cost for groceries, there is little discretionary spending left.
305	If oil rises to £600 or £700 per 500litres like last year, then the impact will be felt, especially with child care prices and mortgage rates increase.
306	We are a relatively high income household and we are really feeling the impact of soaring costs everywhere.
307	Electricity is far too expensive here in Northern Ireland, primarily because of the lack of competition, if we are truly a part of the United Kingdom we should have access to all the energy suppliers available to the rest of the citizens of the UK.
308	We need a working government in place to tackle mounting prices and spiralling debt in this country. We need a radical rethink of what we are doing.
309	Many services under pressure so action needs taken and decisions made by someone cause executive not coming back. Change is required and now.
310	Our massive and increasing Childcare costs are reducing the money left over for heating and leccy. We have oil heating and the only way we managed last winter is because it was relatively mild, and we bought a full tank before the massive price rises.
311	There should be grants to encourage clean energy in households (eg. For solar panels or windmills).
312	I answered no to several questions as we have used pension savings to meet increasing energy and other costs. These savings are limited
313	Stormont needs to get back to work. As a unionist I'm now looking and asking where is better health services, roads, energy, schools, environment and my glance is increasingly to the south. Make NI work or lose the union.
314	The NI Executive are not a panacea and to be honest, we keep electing people from all parties that are not up to the job. The problem needs to be addressed by Westminster and only a change of government offers any hope of a fairer society. In NI all the Executive can do is shuffle money from one much needed dept to another. That's a lose lose scenario in the end, just look at water, we are slowly sinking into 2nd world water health thanks to Lough Neagh unaddressed pollutants.
315	The NI executive are useless and the primary cause of the budget deficit in NI. The focus and spend tax payers money on their liberal pet projects for minority groups, rather than maintain quality of life of the majority of NI.

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316	The DUP should not be allowed to stand for GOVERNMENT again please let's Stop this act of trying to pull down GOVERNMENT by any Party.i rest my case .
317	Fuck the DUP
318	Anxiety feels bad when I skip meals to feed my daughter and wife, I've lost 2 stone.
319	Worked hard all my life from 15 to 60 plus my wife worked in a factory from 15 till 55 when she suffered a health crisis.All my our hard work working shifts which included weekends means we have luckily no money worries, but it was anything but easy
320	The prices in £/kWh need to be published openly with any caps and standing charges (ideally zero)
321	Nobody gives a toss. We are on our own. Private companies, energy/banks etc privatise profits and socialise losses.
322	DUP need to wise up and get back to work!
323	The NI Executive should not be restored until the Brexit issues are sorted and Northern Ireland back in it's constitutional position as a full part of the UK. Then and only then should it be restored and these issues can be dealt with.
324	Need to get the NI executive up and running asap otherwise the 6 counties will go down the pan- lough Neagh is a good example of what NI will become if left without government
325	I think that the energy companies are ripping us off
326	I question whether restoring Stormont would improve things. They didn't improve anything when they were sitting.
327	Frankly, I'm not sure that reinstating Stormont, or the bunch of retarded monkeys who "work" there, would be of any benefit.
328	lazy question to say Executive can deal with this. UK Government can deal with this under the devolution settlement. It does not require an Executive.
329	We budget carefully, and always have done. So we have sufficient funds for our needs. We don't smoke, drink hardly any alcohol and easily live within our small means.
330	Difficult for families with elderly/sick/disabled living in house as property needs to be kept warm to avoid other health issues arising
331	I stated No in the last question because I have no faith in a devolved executive anymore. It isn't working so I want us to move onto Joint Authority and a Border Poll. Why go back to more of the same cos its never going to change.
332	It's a matter for the National Government, nothing to do with Stormont!
333	there are other reasons than this for restoring the ni executive. that question was desgined to elicit an answer and lacks credibility.
334	Our government is a short-termist, bigoted international laughing stock. Get back to work.
335	The Executive is incapable of dealing with the cost of living crisis. Only Westminster has the ability and resources to deal with it.

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336	I rent privately, and just moved into a place with a better heating system, but in general, it's a lot harder for private tenants to heat properly and pay the bills, because a lot of properties aren't insulated and have no good heating systems, so you pay more to keep warm.		
337	Energy companies main concern is profit not consumers.		
338	What do you do with the information collated?I suspect published ,then quickly forgotten about!		
339	Also - something needs to change with the huge profits that energy companies make versus the costs that are passed onto energy customers		
340	Very good and compact poll and survey.		
341	The cost of heating my home and getting my family warm & healthy has increased beyond my means. I struggle daily to heat my home, have invested in extra blankets & duvets for night time because I can't afford to have heating on. The cost of electric is disgusting and the fact the DUP are holding this whole place & community to ransom is beyond contempt. Dreadful and it's people like me and my young children who suffer, all Because they want to bang a drum & play politics with peoples lives. Shameful.		
342	I assume it's a major concern for everyone.		
343	electricity/heating payment questions don't account for different options. i.e. monthly DD for electric and payment on demand for oil.		
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