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INTRODUCTION

1 This paper discusses the major underlying concepts and questions used in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and recent changes made to the questionnaire. A copy of the current questionnaire, introduced in April 2001, is attached.

2 The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has been conducting the LFS since November 1960. The survey was conducted quarterly, in February, May, August and November, from 1960 to 1977. The survey was initially restricted to State Capital cities only, with quarterly national surveys commencing in February 1964. The national survey has been conducted on a monthly basis since February 1978.

3 The LFS provides timely estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the LFS component of the Monthly Population Survey. The statistics of most interest each month are the estimates of the number of employed and unemployed, the unemployment rate, and the labour force participation rate. Estimates of the labour force characteristics of family members are also produced.

4 Labour force estimates are published monthly, initially in *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6202.0) and later in the more detailed publication *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). More detailed estimates are available on request.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

5 The LFS is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia.

6 The survey is generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and the 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (that is, the reference week). Selected dwellings remain in the survey for eight consecutive months.

- 7 The LFS includes all persons aged 15 and over except:
- members of the permanent defence forces;
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts;
- overseas residents in Australia; and
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

8 The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers, using face-to-face and telephone interviewing. Information about each household member in scope of the LFS is generally collected from one adult member of the household. Coverage rules are applied to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection.

9 Interviewers receive training in interviewing practices and techniques, and are required to ask questions exactly as they appear on the LFS questionnaire, in order to ensure consistency of approach in all interviews. Interviewers are also instructed as to the significance of the questions in relation to the objectives of the survey so that they can help respondents to relate the questions to their particular circumstances. This training equips interviewers to obtain the cooperation of respondents, and to collect objective, accurate responses to the questions.

DEFINITIONS USED IN THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

THE LABOUR FORCE FRAMEWORK	10 The labour force framework classifies the in-scope population according to their labour force status (that is, employed, unemployed, or not in the labour force). The employed and unemployed categories together make up the labour force which gives a measure of the number of persons contributing to, or willing to contribute to, the supply of labour at the time of the survey.
	11 Labour force definitions used by the ABS align closely with international standards and guidelines as defined by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The definitions of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force used by the ABS are outlined below. More detailed concepts and definitions may be obtained from <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 6203.0), or from the forthcoming release of <i>Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (Cat. no. 6102.0).
EMPLOYED	12 Employed persons are those aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week:
	 worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or
	 worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or
	 were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or on strike or locked out; or on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or
	 were employers or own account workers, who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
UNEMPLOYED	13 Unemployed persons are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and:
	 had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:
	 were available for work in the reference week; or
	 were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week, and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE	14 Persons not in the labour force are those who were not in the categories employed or unemployed, as defined. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, persons in institutions (hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums, etc.), members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the reference period was unpaid voluntary work for a charitable institution.

THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

HISTORICAL QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPMENTS	15 Since the inception of the LFS in 1960, the survey questionnaire has undergone a range of developments. These developments have been required to maintain the integrity of the data and the efficiency of the collection. However, to provide a high degree of consistency and comparability over time, changes to the questionnaire have been infrequent. Details of the questionnaire developments have been published in <i>Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey</i> (Cat. no. 6232.0) in March 1978, December 1981, August 1984, June 1986, June 1991 and March 1993. A summary of the major questionnaire changes is included in Attachment A. A detailed history of changes to the LFS questionnaire and the survey methodology is documented in the forthcoming release of <i>Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (Cat. no. 6102.0).
THE CURRENT QUESTIONNAIRE — IMPLEMENTED IN APRIL 2001	16 In April 2001 the ABS introduced a redesigned LFS questionnaire (attached). This was the first time since the inception of the monthly survey in February 1978 that the questionnaire had been substantially redesigned.
	17 The April 2001 redesign of the LFS questionnaire was undertaken to better reflect contemporary labour market developments, as well as reflecting developments in international standards and practices for collecting labour force statistics. Under the redesigned LFS questionnaire, a small number of definitions were modified and some additional data items included to provide more precise, more consistent and more detailed data. New or extended information was introduced on job tenure, underemployment, hours worked, duration of unemployment, and marginal attachment to the labour force. The format of the questionnaire was improved, and the question wording updated to improve the efficiency of the survey, enhance the quality of the data collected, and reflect current terminology or labour market conditions.
	18 The questionnaire changes introduced in April 2001 are described fully in <i>Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire</i> (Cat. no. 6295.0).

GUIDELINES FOR FOLLOWING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

OVERVIE	N	19 The attached questionnaire is used for the February, May, August and November surveys. For the remaining months of the year a slightly modified questionnaire is used which excludes questions collecting information about underemployment, occupation and industry, job tenure, and last job details for unemployed persons.		
		20 The LFS questionnaire may appear formidable if simply read through from beginning to end. However, in practice, only a subset of the questions are asked of each person. Interviewers follow the sequencing of the questionnaire to ensure that only questions appropriate to each person's labour force experience are asked during the interview.		
		21 The question follows:	naire is structured so that details are collected broadly as	
		Questions 1-17	Demographic and survey control information.	
		Questions 19–24	Filter questions to identify those most likely to be employed (people who respond 'yes' to questions 19–21), to identify those most likely to be unemployed (people who answer 'yes' to questions 22 or 23), and to determine the majority of persons not in the labour force.	
		Questions 25–72	Identify employed persons (as described in paragraph 23) and obtain information on employment characteristics, including actual and usual hours worked, underemployment, occupation and industry, and job tenure.	
		Questions 73–93	Identify unemployed persons (as described in paragraph 24) and obtain information on unemployment related characteristics, including duration of unemployment, occupation and industry of last job, and reasons for leaving last job.	
IDENTIFY FORCE S	ING LABOUR TATUS	22 Labour force status is derived by asking a series of questions about a person's work-related activities in the reference period. Some guidelines for identifying labour force status from the current questionnaire are provided below.		
	Identifying employed persons from the questionnaire	business or farm, or in a family business without pay, or that they had a job		
		 the person worked in a job, business or farm, or in a family business without pay, for one hour or more in the reference week, as report in question 39; or 		
		less than one l attachment in	s away from work during the reference week (or worked nour during the reference week), but maintained job the reference week (see paragraph 12), and usually ar or more, as determined in question 59.	

Identifying unemployed persons from the questionnaire

24 Persons who did not have a job but had been looking for work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week (as reported in questions 22 and 23), and people who, although they report that they have a job, fail to satisfy the employed criteria as specified above, are sequenced to further questions to determine if they are unemployed. In order for a person to be classified as unemployed, the following conditions must be met:

- the person took an active step to find work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week, that is, they answer one of categories 01 to 07 in Question 75; and:
 - the person was available to start work in the reference week, determined by question 76; or
 - the person was not available to start work in the reference week because they were waiting to start a job they had already obtained, as reported in question 77; and would be starting that work within four weeks, as reported in question 78; and could have started in the reference week if the work had been available then, as reported in question 83.

Identifying persons not in the labour force from the questionnaire **25** In the LFS, persons not in the labour force are simply identified as the residual population who do not meet the criteria to be classified as either employed or unemployed, as described in paragraphs 23 and 24.

26 Most people not in the labour force are identified at the beginning of the questionnaire, so that they are not asked questions that do not apply to them. These people are identified in the questionnaire as follows:

- institutionalised persons and boarding school pupils as identified in Question 6; or
- persons permanently unable to work as identified in question 19; or
- persons aged 65 years or over who are permanently not intending to work, as reported in questions 19, 20, 21, 22, or 23; or
- persons who did not do any work in the reference week, and were not away from a job in the reference week, and had not looked for any work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week, and were not waiting to start a job they had already obtained. These people will answer 'no' to questions 19 to 24.

27 The balance of people who are not in the labour force are identified later in the questionnaire, if they have failed to meet the criteria to be classified as either employed or unemployed.

TREATMENT OF FUTURE STARTERS

28 Future starters are those persons who were not employed during the reference week, and were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week, and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.

29 The current LFS definition of unemployed only includes the subset of future starters who had actively looked for work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week (see paragraph 13). However, ILO guidelines do not require future starters to be actively looking for work in order to be classified as unemployed. Hence, the current LFS treatment of future starters is not fully consistent with the ILO standards because the precondition of active job search is not waived, with the result that some future starters are defined as not in the labour force.

30 ABS considers that the LFS definition of unemployed should be aligned with ILO recommendations for the treatment of future starters (that is, all future starters should be classified as unemployed). The redesigned questionnaire introduced in April 2001 provides for the more complete identification of future starters to support this definitional change. However, due to concerns that such a change could possibly result in a break in the core labour force series, ABS decided to postpone implementation of this change until early 2004, when historical series will be revised to align with new benchmarks from the 2001 Population Census. This delay provides the time necessary to monitor the likely impact on core series of the changed treatment of future starters, using data from the redesigned questionnaire from April 2001 onwards. Summary data for the additional group of future starters will be included in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

31 Until the change relating to future starters is implemented in 2004, only the previously identified subset of future starters (that is, those who had actively looked for work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week) will be classified as unemployed (as defined in paragraph 13).

32 Although the additional group of future starters (that is, those currently classified as not in the labour force) will not be incorporated in the LFS definition of unemployed until early 2004, it is possible to identify them in the questionnaire as follows:

- the person had not looked for a job in the four weeks to the end of the reference week because they were waiting to start a job they had already obtained, that is, they answer 'yes' to question 24 or 81; and
- they will be starting that work within four weeks, as determined in Question 82; and
- they could have started that work in the reference week if the work had been available then, that is, they answer 'yes' to Question 83.

QUESTIONNAIRE CONVENTIONS

33 Different type faces are used throughout the questionnaire to indicate to interviewers how the questions should be asked. The conventions used in the questionnaire are outlined below:

- **Capital letters** are used for all questions to be read out fully by the interviewer. For some questions (e.g. questions 64 and 75) the interviewer must also read out the categories down the page until a positive response is given.
- Lower case is used for the coding of answers given by the respondents and are not read out by the interviewer.
- Italics are used for all instructions to interviewers and are also not read out to respondents.
- Brackets are used to separate parts of the question that only need to be asked if applicable to the person, based on previous question responses.

34 The LFS is conducted on the basis that any responsible adult (ARA) should usually be able to answer the questions on behalf of all other household members. In the questionnaire, sets of five dots (e.g '.....') are used where a name or a pronoun is to be inserted to reference the person about whom the question is being asked. For example, 'you', 'your husband', 'his', 'her', 'Mrs Smith', may be appropriate references.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

35 Users may wish to refer to the following publications which relate to the LFS and are available on request:

Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire (Cat. no. 6295.0)

Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design (Cat. no. 6269.0)

Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0) - issued monthly

Labour Force, Australia (Cat. no. 6203.0) - issued monthly

Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods (forthcoming) (Cat. no. 6102.0)

36 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office or from the ABS Information Service on the ABS web site <www.abs.gov.au>.

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MAJOR CHANGES TO THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

SURVEY	EVENT
Nov 1960	Quarterly survey commenced. State Capital cities only, including persons aged 14 years and over, but excluding the Indigenous population. Sample of 1% of households Australia wide, with 1/8 rotation in private dwellings and 1/4 rotation in other dwellings.
Feb 1964	Quarterly national survey commenced. Capital city series continue in absence of release of national series. Capital city estimates and population benchmarks based on 1961 Census data.
Aug 1966	Scope of survey population reduced to persons aged 15 years and over, due to changes in the school leaving age and to conform with definitions used in the 1966 Population Census. Indigenous population included. Additional questions introduced on the steps taken to find a job by persons looking for work. The grouping of hours worked changed to reflect recommendations from International Conference of Labour Statisticians in 1961.
Aug 1967	Additional questions introduced to better identify employees of incorporated enterprises (some of whom had previously been incorrectly classified as employers or self-employed).
Feb 1972	Questions seeking information on country of birth and year of arrival in Australia introduced.
Feb 1975	Persons who were not employed were asked whether they were looking for work during the previous four weeks, instead of during the previous week only. Those who were looking for work during this period were asked whether they would have been able to take a job in the reference week had one become available.
Feb 1978	Monthly national survey commenced. The Labour Force Survey adopted as the official source of unemployment statistics. New questionnaire, with substantial redesign of question wording, structure and sequence to improve data quality collected on 0.5% sample. Changes included separate questions on looking for full-time/looking for part-time job; active search more clearly identified; availability and future starters better identified. Some impact on employed, main impact on unemployed seeking part-time work.
Nov 1981	Minor amendments made to questions which seek to determine whether or not persons reporting that they were looking for work had taken active steps to find a job during the previous four weeks. No impact on data or definitions.
Oct 1982	Additional questions to identify usual residence and family relationship, with marital status questions reworded and de facto relationships coded as married. An additional response category was included to identify persons whose standard working arrangements were less than 35 hours in the reference week.

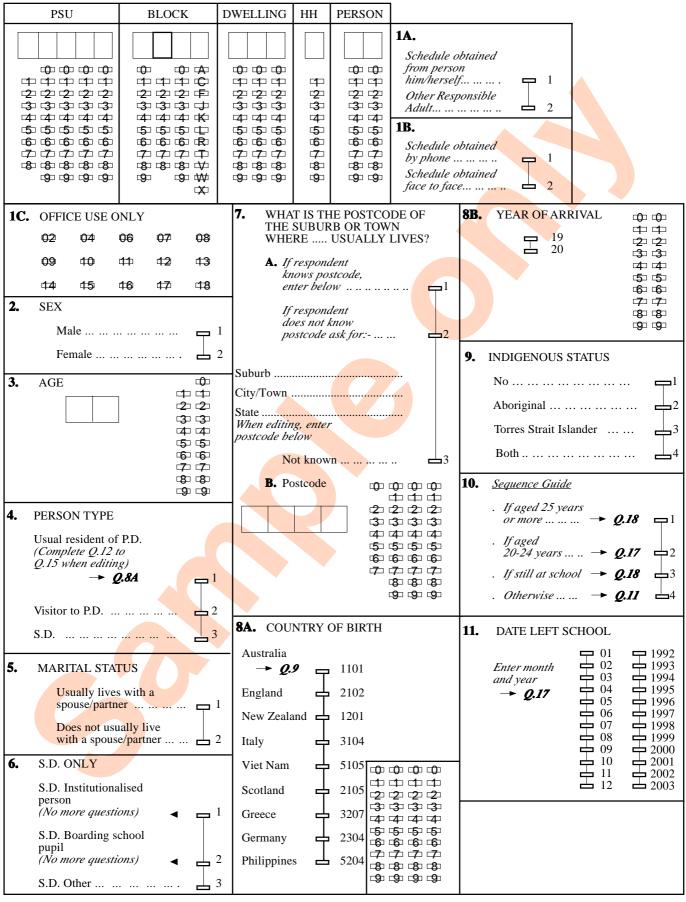
- Apr 1986 The questionnaire was amended to reflect a revised definition of employed persons, to include persons working 1 to 14 hours without pay in a family business or farm. This revised definition aligned the Australian labour force concepts with a set of changed international definitions adopted by the 13th International Conference of Labour Statisticians in October 1982. In consequence, there was a significant break in series for employed, employed part-time, unemployed and related unemployment rates. The number of questions was also increased to accommodate additional topics, for example, persons aged 15–24 attending an educational institution full time.
- Nov 1989 Optical Mark Recognition questionnaire design and data capture method introduced.
- Aug 1996 to Feb 1997 Telephone interviewing implemented progressively. Initial impact on data dissipated by end of implementation period.
 - Feb 2000 Computer assisted coding introduced for industry and occupation in place of manual coding and reference to the ABS Business Register. Breaks in series for Status in employment, Industry and Occupation series.
 - Apr 2001 New questionnaire implemented (minor changes to a number of core series and non core series, including the addition of new data items and extension of existing data items).

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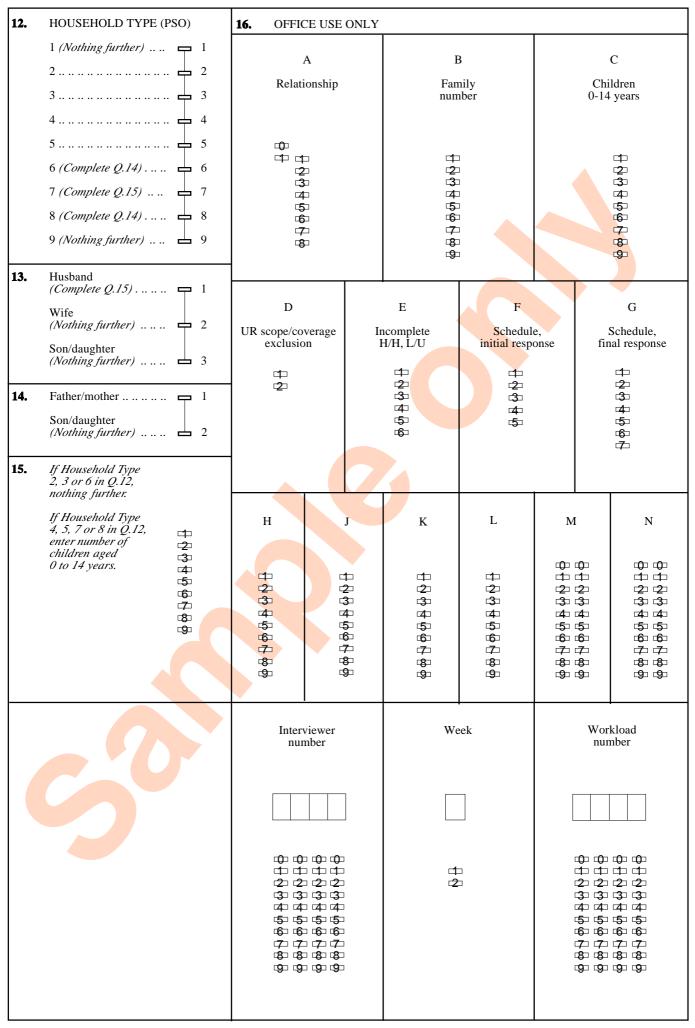
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17.	IS CURRENTLY A <u>FULL-TIME</u> STUDENT AT A TAFE, UNIVERSITY OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION?	24.	(YOU TOLD ME THAT DIDN'T LOOK FOR WORK DURING THE LAST 4 WEEKS.)
	Yes 1		WAS THAT BECAUSE WAS WAITING TO START WORK HAD ALREADY OBTAINED?
	No		Yes $\dots \dots \dots$
18.	Interviewer: Read statement for the first person to be interviewed in the household, or if the respondent changes.	25.	DID HAVE MORE THAN 1 JOB OR BUSINESS LAST WEEK? Yes
	I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ABOUT LAST WEEK, THAT IS, THE WEEK STARTING MONDAY THE AND ENDING (LAST SUNDAY THE/YESTERDAY).		No 2.28 2
19.	LAST WEEK, DID DO ANY WORK AT ALL IN A JOB, BUSINESS OR FARM?	26 .	WAS THAT BECAUSE CHANGED JOBS DURING THE WEEK? Yes
	Yes $\dots \dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.25 \qquad 1$ No $\dots \dots \dots$		No
	Permanently unable to work, no more questions	27A.	THE NEXT FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE WORK DOES NOW.
	Permanently not intending to work (<i>if aged 65+ only</i>), <i>no more questions</i>	27 B .	THE NEXT FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE JOB OR BUSINESS IN WHICH USUALLY WORKS THE MOST HOURS, THAT IS, <u>MAIN JOB</u> .
20.	LAST WEEK, DID DO ANY WORK WITHOUT PAY IN A FAMILY BUSINESS?	28.	DID WORK FOR AN EMPLOYER, OR IN OWN BUSINESS?
	Yes $\dots \qquad \rightarrow \qquad Q.25 \qquad 1$ No $\dots \qquad 2$		Employer $\rightarrow Q.31$ Own business $\rightarrow Q.31$ Other/Uncertain $\rightarrow Q.30$ 3
	Permanently not intending to work <i>(if aged 65+ only), no more questions</i>	29.	IS PAID A WAGE OR SALARY, <u>OR</u> SOME OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT?
21.	DID HAVE A JOB, BUSINESS OR FARM THAT WAS AWAY FROM BECAUSE OF HOLIDAYS, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER REASON?		Wage/Salary $\rightarrow Q.33$ 1 Other/Uncertain 2
	Yes $\dots \dots \dots \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q.45} = 1$ No $\dots \dots \dots$	30.	WHAT ARE (WORKING/PAYMENT) ARRANGEMENTS?
	Permanently not intending to work <i>(if aged 65+ only),</i> <i>no more questions</i>		Unpaid voluntary work $\rightarrow Q.73$ 01 Contractor/Subcontractor 02
22.	AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST 4 WEEKS HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK?		Own business/Partnership \dots 03 Commission only \dots 04
	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Yes} \\ \mathbf{No} $		Commission with retainer $\rightarrow Q.33$ _ 05 In a family business
	Permanently not intending to work <i>(if aged 65+ only),</i>		without pay $\dots \dots \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q.33} \stackrel{\frown}{=} 06$ Payment in kind $\dots \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q.33} \stackrel{\frown}{=} 07$
23.	<i>no more questions</i>		Paid by the piece/ item produced $\dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.33 \longrightarrow 08$ Wage/salary earner $\dots \longrightarrow Q.33 \longrightarrow 09$
	Yes $\dots \dots \dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.75 \square 1$ No $\dots \dots \dots$		Other $\rightarrow Q.33$ \square 10
	Permanently not intending to work <i>(if aged 65+ only), no more questions</i>		

31.	DOES HAVE EMPLOYEES (IN THAT BUSINESS)? Yes	40.	HOW MANY HOURS DOES <u>USUALLY</u> WORK EACH WEEK IN (THAT JOB/THAT BUSINESS/ ALL JOBS)?
32.	No <u>2</u> IS THAT BUSINESS INCORPORATED?	a	35 hours or more
	Yes 1 No 2		1-34 hours → Q.60 5 5 6 6 6
33.	I WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK ABOUT WHEN WORKED (IN MAIN JOB) LAST WEEK.	Ь	Less than 1 hour/ No hours $\rightarrow Q.60$ \square
	[REMEMBERING THAT (<i>Day</i>) WAS A PUBLIC	41.	→ Q.65
	HOLIDAY,] DID WORK (IN THAT JOB) ON MON TUES WED THU FRI SAT SUN?	42.	HOW MANY HOURS DOES <u>USUALLY</u> WORK EACH WEEK IN (THAT JOB/THAT BUSINESS/ ALL JOBS)?
	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	a	35 hours or more
34.	<u>Sequence Guide</u>	-	1-34 hours → Q.60
	. If no days worked in Q.33 $\rightarrow Q.39 = 1$. If Q.31 answered $\rightarrow Q.37 = 2$	Ь	Less than 1 hour/ No hours $\rightarrow Q.60$ \square \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc
	$\begin{array}{c} . \ 0 \ \text{otherwise} \dots \dots$	43.	WHAT WAS THE MAIN REASON WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS LAST WEEK?
35.	ON THE DAYS THAT WORKED (IN THAT JOB), DID HAVE ANY TIME OFF?		Holiday/Flextime/Study/ Personal reasons
	Yes		Own illness or injury/Sick leave 2
	No		Standard work arrangements/ Shift work/RDO
36.	DID WORK ANY EXTRA HOURS OR OVERTIME?		Stood down/On short time/
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Yes} \\ \text{No} \\ \dots \\ $		Insufficient work 4 Bad weather/Plant breakdown 5
37.	Sequence Guide	-	Began/left/lost job during week 6
	. If only 1 job/business ('2' in Q.25 or '1' in Q.26) $\rightarrow Q.39 = 1$		On strike/Locked out/ Industrial dispute
	. Otherwise		Other
38.	HOW MANY HOURS DID <u>ACTUALLY</u> WORK IN <u>MAIN</u> JOB LAST WEEK	44.	→ Q.65
	(LESS THE TIME OFF) (BUT) (COUNTING THE EXTRA HOURS WORKED)?	45.	DID HAVE MORE THAN 1 JOB OR BUSINESS LAST WEEK?
a	4 4 5 5 1 hour or more 「		Yes 1
b	Less than 1 hour/		No → Q.47 <u>⊥</u> 2
39.	No hours 占 🧐 🧐 HOW MANY HOURS DID <u>ACTUALLY</u> WORK (IN	46.	THE NEXT FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE JOB OR BUSINESS IN WHICH USUALLY WORKS THE MOST HOURS.
55.	<u>ALL</u> JOBS) LAST WEEK (LESS THE TIME OFF) (BUT) (COUNTING THE EXTRA HOURS WORKED)?	47.	DOES WORK FOR AN EMPLOYER, OR IN OWN BUSINESS?
			Employer $\dots \dots \dots$
a	35 hours or more 22 2 33 33 44 44		Own business $\dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.50 \square 2$
	1-34 hours → Q.42 ເ5 ເ5 ເ6 ເ6		Other/Uncertain → Q.49 📩 3
b	Less than 1 hour/ No hours → Q.53 → 2 .53 ↔ 2 .53		
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48.	IS PAID A WAGE OR SALARY, <u>OR</u> SOME OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT?	54.	WAS ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAST WEEK?
	Wage/Salary → Q.53 🖵 1		Yes 1
	Other/Uncertain 2		No → Q.56 🛓 2
49.	WHAT ARE (WORKING/PAYMENT) ARRANGEMENTS?	55.	WILL BE RETURNING TO WORK FOR EMPLOYER?
	Unpaid voluntary work 🛛 → Q.73 🖵 01		Yes -> <i>Q.59</i> - 1
	Contractor/Subcontractor 02		No
	Own business/Partnership 03		Don't know → Q.73 📥 3
	Commission only	56.	UP UNTIL THE END OF LAST WEEK, HOW LONG
	Commission with retainer $\rightarrow Q.53$ \downarrow 05		HAD BEEN AWAY FROM WORK?
	In a family business without pay → Q.73 _ 06		Less than 4 weeks $\dots \dots \rightarrow Q.59 \square 1$
	Payment in kind $\dots \dots \rightarrow Q.53 = 07$		4 weeks or more $\dots \dots \dots$
	-	57.	WAS PAID, OR WILL BE PAID, FOR ANY PART
	Paid by the piece/ item produced $\dots \dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.53 \longrightarrow 08$		OF THE LAST 4 WEEKS?
	Wage/salary earner → Q.53 → 09		Yes $\dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.59 \square 1$
	Other $\rightarrow Q.53$ \perp 10		No → Q.73 <u>⊥</u> 2
50.	DOES HAVE EMPLOYEES (IN THAT BUSINESS)?	58.	WHAT WA <mark>S THE MAI</mark> N REASON WAS AWAY FROM WORK LAST WEEK?
	Yes \cdots \square \square \square \square \square \square		Holiday/Study/Personal reasons 🖵 1
	No 2		Own illness or injury 2
51.	IS THAT BUSINESS INCORPORATED?		No work available/Not enough work
	Yes → Q.53 🗖 1		work 3 Locked out/Industrial dispute
	No 2		Bad weather/Plant breakdown
52.	→ Q.58		
53.	WHAT WAS THE MAIN REASON WAS AWAY FROM WORK LAST WEEK?	59.	HOW MANY HOURS DOES <u>USUALLY</u> WORK EACH WEEK IN (THAT JOB/THAT BUSINESS/
	Holiday/Flextime/Study/ Personal reasons → Q.56 — 1		ALL JOBS)?
	Own illness or injury/Sick leave 📥 2	a	35 hours or more
	No work available/		→ Q.65 3 3 3 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 4
	Not enough work $\dots \rightarrow Q.56 + 3$		1-34 hours
	Standard work arrangements∕ Shift work	Ь	Less than 1 hour/
	On strike/Locked out/ Industrial dispute → Q.59 _ 5		No hours $\rightarrow Q.73$ \Box \bigcirc \bigcirc
	Stood down $\rightarrow Q.56 = 6$	60.	WOULD PREFER TO WORK MORE HOURS THAN <u>USUALLY</u> WORKS?
	Bad weather/ Plant breakdown → Q.56 _ 7		Yes 1
	Other		No → Q.65 _ 2
	2	_	Don't know → <i>Q.65</i> ⊿ 3
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61.	LAST WEEK, WAS AVAILABLE TO W HOURS THAN USUALLY WORKS? Yes	··· 〒 ¹	66.		
62.	IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS, HAS DONE A OBTAIN MORE HOURS OF WORK? Yes	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - $			· 2· 2· 2· 2· 2· 2·
63.	DOES WANT TO WORK 35 HOURS O WEEK? Yes No	··· 〒 ¹		WHAT IS THE NAME OF (EMPLOYER/B	USINESS)?
64.	AT ANY TIME IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS H (ASKED CURRENT EMPLOYER FOR MORE HOURS?)				1 2
	WRITTEN, PHONED OR APPLIED IN PERSON TO (AN/ANOTHER) EMPLOY FOR WORK? ANSWERED AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR A JOB?	🗖 02	68.	HAS WORKED (FOR EMPLOYER/IN BUSINESS) FOR 12 MONTHS OR MORE? Yes/More → Q.70 No/Less	
	LOOKED IN NEWSPAPERS? Yes No CHECKED FACTORY NOTICE BOARE OR USED THE TOUCHSCREENS AT CENTRELINK OFFICES?		69.	HOW MANY MONTHS HAS WORKED (FOR EMPLOYER/IN BUSINESS)? Months	╊╂┦╬╋╊╋╋╊╋╋
	AT ANY TIME IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS HAS BEEN REGISTERED WITH CENTRELI AS A JOBSEEKER? CHECKED OR REGISTERED WITH AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY?	👝 05	70.	DOES EXPECT TO BE WORKING (FOR EMPLOYER/IN BUSINESS) IN 12 MONTH Yes/Don't know, <i>no more questions</i>	$\frac{1}{1}$ S TIME?
EWI LOTIMENT AGENCITY 00 DONE ANYTHING ELSE TO FIND A JOB? 07 Advertised or tendered for work 07 Contacted friends/relatives 08 Other 09 Only looked in newspapers 10 None of these 11			71.	WHAT IS THE <u>MAIN</u> REASON (EXPECTS FINISH WORK (FOR EMPLOYER/IN BUSINESS) IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS? Changing jobs/Seeking other employment Returning to study/Travel/ Family reasons Retiring	
65. (Tit.	WHAT (WAS/IS) OCCUPATION IN (THAT/ MAIN) (JOB/BUSINESS)? <i>Ie</i>)			Seasonal/Temporary job/ Fixed contract Employer/business closing down/ downsizing Other	
(Ma 	WHAT (WERE/ARE) MAIN TASKS AND DUTIES? <i>in tasks/duties)</i>	0000 01010 2222 3324 4453 6666 6777 6666 7777 8888 89999	72.	No more questions	

73.	AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST 4 WEEKS HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK?	7	9.	COULD START IN THE NEXT 4 WEEKS IF WORK WAS AVAILABLE?
	Yes $\cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots \rightarrow Q.75 = 1$			Yes 1
	No <u>L</u> 2			No <u>L</u> 2
74.	HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST 4 WEEKS?	_	0.	No more questions
	Yes 1	8	1 A .	(YOU TOLD ME THAT DIDN'T LOOK FOR WORK DURING THE LAST 4 WEEKS.)
	No → Q.814 <u>–</u> 2			WAS THAT BECAUSE WAS WAITING TO START
75.	AT ANY TIME IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS HAS			(PAID) WORK HAD ALREADY OBTAINED?
	WRITTEN, PHONED OR APPLIED IN PERSON TO AN EMPLOYER FOR WORK?		1 B.	LAST WEEK, WAS WAITING TO START (PAID) WORK HAD ALREADY OBTAINED?
	ANSWERED AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR A JOB?			Yes \dots 1 No, <i>no more questions</i> \dots 4 2
	LOOKED IN NEWSPAPERS?		2.	WILL BE STARTING THAT WORK IN THE NEXT 4 WEEKS?
	Yes			Yes
				No, no more questions $\ldots \ldots \checkmark \checkmark \boxed{2}$ 2
	CHECKED FACTORY NOTICE BOARDS, OR USED THE TOUCHSCREENS AT CENTRELINK OFFICES?	8	3.	COULD HAVE STARTED LAST WEEK IF THAT WORK HAD BEEN AVAILABLE?
	AT ANY TIME IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS HAS			Yes
	BEEN REGISTERED WITH CENTRELINK			No, no more questions $\ldots \ldots \checkmark \blacktriangleleft \stackrel{1}{\sqsubseteq} 2$
	AS A JOBSEEKER? 04 CHECKED OR REGISTERED WITH AN	8	4.	WILL THAT WORK BE FULL-TIME?
	EMPLOYMENT AGENCY? 05			Yes/Full-time 1
	DONE ANYTHING ELSE TO FIND A JOB?			No/Part-time <u>L</u> 2
	Advertised or tendered for work $\dots \dots = 06$		5.	WHEN DID BEGIN LOOKING FOR WORK?
	Contacted friends/relatives		a	Enter date
	Other $\dots \dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.81B \longrightarrow 08$ Only looked in newspapers $\rightarrow Q.81B \longrightarrow 09$			Less than 2 years ago//////
	None of these $\dots \dots \dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.81B \longrightarrow 10$			DD MM YY 2 years to less
76.	IF HAD FOUND A (PART-TIME) JOB COULD			than 5 years ago/
/0.	HAVE STARTED WORK LAST WEEK?			5 years or more ago
	$Yes \qquad \cdots \qquad \cdots \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Q.85}} \qquad = \qquad 1$ No $\cdots \qquad \cdots \qquad \cdots \qquad \cdots \qquad $			Day Month Year
	Don't know $\dots \dots \dots \longrightarrow Q.85 = 3$			ᲚᲚ ᲚᲚ ᲚᲚ
77.	WHAT WERE THE REASONS COULD NOT	\neg		
	HAVE STARTED WORK LAST WEEK?			설 석 석 석 도 도 도 도
	Waiting to start a job 1			
	Other → Q.79	-		- 路 路路 の の の
78.	WILL BE STARTING THAT WORK IN THE NEXT 4 WEEKS?		h	Did not look for work
	Yes → Q.83 ¬ 1		υ	
	No 2			

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	a Enter date					lant/Employe		
	Less than					iness/Dismiss ble etc.)		🖵 1
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					No			🛓 2
	<i>b</i> Has never worked (for 2 weeks or more), <i>no more questions</i>		< □	93.	WHEN DID IN A JOB OF <u>35</u>			
87.	Commence Coulds							
0/.	<u>Sequence Guide</u> . If less than 2 years ago	in 0.86 ->	2.88 - 1	a	Enter date			
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90.	WHAT WAS THE NAM BUSINESS?	E OF EMPLOY	YER OR					

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