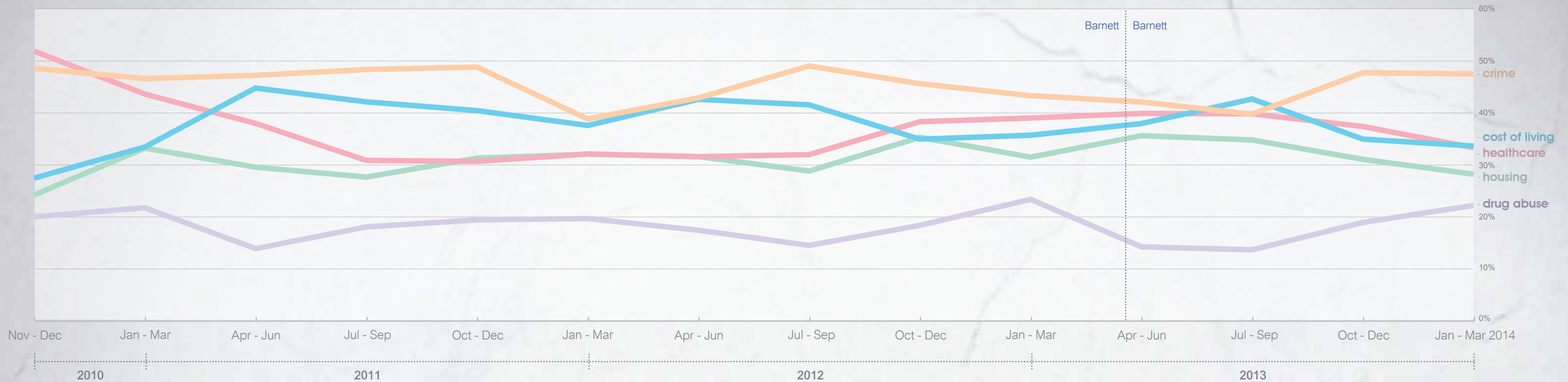


# THE TOP ISSUES FACING WA JANUARY TO MARCH 2014

What would you say are the three most important issues facing WA?



## KEY COMPARISONS

▲ ▼ denotes significant difference (January to March 2014)

	WA	REST OF AUSTRALIA	PERTH	REST OF METROPOLITAN AUSTRALIA	REGIONAL WA	REST OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA
CRIME	▲ 48%	▼ 33%	▲ 48%	▼ 32%	45%	35%
COST OF LIVING	34%	31%	36%	31%	27%	31%
HEALTHCARE	▼ 33%	▲ 41%	35%	39%	▼ 27%	▲ 46%
HOUSING	28%	22%	25%	26%	▲ 38%	▼ 17%
DRUG ABUSE	22%	18%	19%	17%	33%	19%

## IN SUMMARY



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Despite the Coalition Government's looming first budget, the economy is not a pressing issue for Western Australians.

At a national level, however, the economy emerges as the most pressing issue, perhaps reinforcing the notion that us Western Australians still feel insulated against economic fluctuations by the resources sector.

Crime continues to be the hot topic in Western Australia with nearly one in two placing it in the top three issues facing the state for the second quarter in a row. Compared to the rest of the nation, crime has consistently been considered a more important issue here in WA.

While healthcare was the most important issue for Western Australians in late 2010, concerns can be seen to have eased over time. What's more, this decline in the importance of

healthcare as an issue is being driven by regional Western Australians who are significantly less likely than their counterparts around regional Australia to consider healthcare an important issue.

The State Government's Royalties for Regions program may be playing a role in easing concerns with more than \$6.5billion being funnelled from resources sector royalties into regional WA.

For those living out of the Perth metro region the greatest concern is housing with nearly two in five putting the issue in the top three compared to less than one in five nationally.

While the Royalties for Regions program has allocated more than \$350million to meet the shortfall in affordable housing options in regional WA, concerns are still high among the population.

# ALL ISSUES FACING WA JANUARY TO MARCH 2014

What would you say are the three most important issues facing WA?

	2010	2011				2012				2013				2014
	Nov - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar
Crime	49%	47%	47%	48%	49%	39%	43%	49%	46%	43%	42%	40%	48%	48%
Cost of Living	28%	34%	45%	42%	40%	38%	43%	42%	35%	36%	38%	43%	35%	34%
Healthcare	52%	44%	38%	31%	31%	32%	32%	32%	38%	39%	40%	40%	37%	33%
Housing	24%	33%	30%	28%	31%	32%	32%	29%	35%	32%	36%	35%	31%	28%
Drug Abuse	20%	22%	14%	18%	19%	20%	17%	15%	18%	23%	14%	14%	19%	22%
Education	13%	12%	10%	9%	10%	13%	8%	10%	17%	16%	11%	14%	24%	20%
Transport	6%	10%	15%	13%	12%	12%	16%	20%	14%	25%	21%	17%	19%	15%
The Economy	8%	5%	8%	14%	8%	10%	10%	9%	14%	9%	10%	17%	15%	14%
Petrol Prices	7%	16%	18%	16%	18%	19%	17%	10%	10%	10%	11%	17%	6%	14%
Environment	24%	22%	20%	18%	16%	23%	16%	15%	13%	13%	13%	13%	11%	13%
Unemployment	4%	5%	4%	5%	7%	8%	9%	8%	8%	8%	6%	9%	11%	12%
Immigration	19%	15%	14%	18%	18%	8%	13%	20%	15%	11%	13%	9%	11%	11%
Personal Debt	15%	11%	13%	11%	14%	12%	9%	9%	10%	11%	11%	7%	7%	10%
Poverty	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%	10%	9%	8%	6%	11%	9%	7%	9%
Population	6%	4%	4%	2%	3%	5%	7%	8%	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%	6%
Racism	8%	5%	5%	8%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%
Indigenous Issues	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	10%	5%	7%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Taxation	4%	5%	5%	5%	7%	5%	8%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%
Defence	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%

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