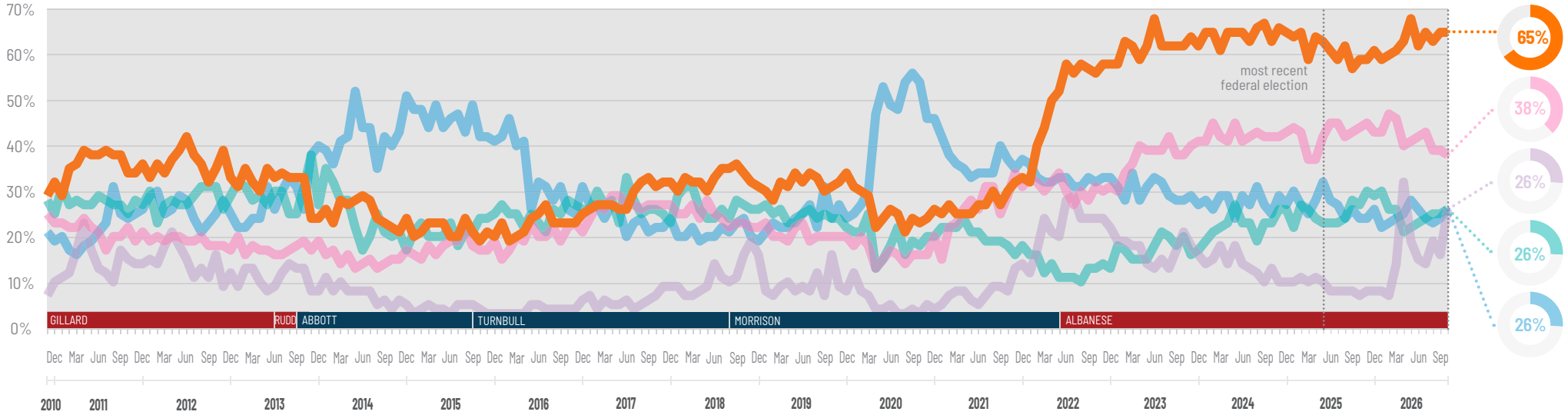
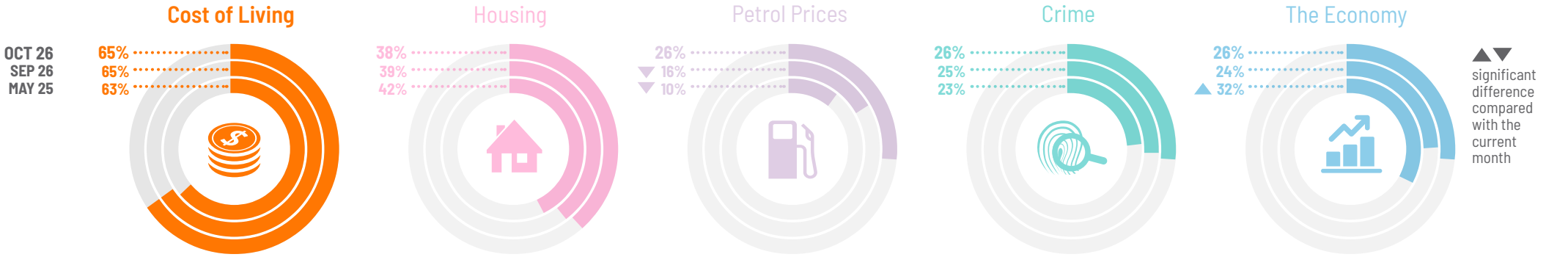
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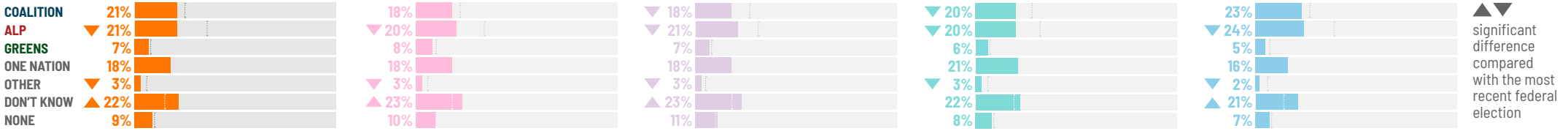
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Party most capable to manage the top issues facing Australia



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Cost of Living	30%	36%	36%	31%	25%	21%	23%	29%	33%	32%	25%	28%	52%	62%	65%	61%	59%	60%	61%	63%	68%	62%	65%	63%	65%	65%
Housing	24%	21%	19%	18%	15%	18%	20%	27%	24%	20%	17%	27%	31%	38%	42%	43%	43%	47%	46%	40%	41%	42%	43%	39%	39%	38%
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Crime	27%	28%	28%	29%	24%	22%	25%	27%	27%	24%	19%	20%	13%	18%	23%	25%	30%	26%	26%	21%	22%	23%	24%	25%	25%	26%
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