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	TOTAL	REGION						AGE			GENDER	
		BC	ALB	SK/MN	ONT	QUE	ATL	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Base: All Respondents												
Unweighted Base	1000	131	104	65	380	250	70	252	428	306	469	531
Weighted Base	1000	139	96	67*	385	237	76*	294	385	308	490	510
Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor can't be expected to know everything that happens after detainees are handed over to Afghan officials, and it's unfair for opposition parties to call for his resignation	534	72	65	38	201	106	52	144	210	175	282	252
	53%	52%	68% ADE	57%	52%	45%	68% ADE	49%	54%	57%	58% K	49%
Defence Minister Gordon O'Conner should have been monitoring what's happening to detainees after they have been turned over to Afghan officials, has been negligent in his duties, and should be fired and replaced	355	44	24	24	148	97	18	121	134	98	161	195
	36%	32%	25%	36%	38% BF	41% BF	24%	41% I	35%	32%	33%	38%
Don't know/Refused	111	23	8	4	36	34	6	30	41	36	47	64
	11%	16% D	8%	7%	9%	14%	8%	10%	11%	12%	10%	12%

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		REGION TYPE		EDUCATION				INCOME		
	TOTAL	Urban	Rural	<HS	HS	Post sec	University	<\$30K	\$30K-<\$60K	\$60K +
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Base: All Respondents										
Unweighted Base	1000	814	186	72	179	351	378	152	274	425
Weighted Base	1000	819	181	71*	185	348	377	154	276	425
Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor can't be expected to know everything that happens after detainees are handed over to Afghan officials, and it's unfair for opposition parties to call for his resignation	534	429	104	28	93	199	206	67	133	257
	53%	52%	58%	40%	50%	57% C	55% C	44%	48%	61% GH
Defence Minister Gordon O'Conner should have been monitoring what's happening to detainees after they have been turned over to Afghan officials, has been negligent in his duties, and should be fired and replaced	355	295	60	32	73	110	132	70	110	130
	36%	36%	33%	45% E	40%	32%	35%	45% I	40% I	31%
Don't know/Refused	111	94	16	11	19	39	38	17	32	37
	11%	12%	9%	15%	10%	11%	10%	11%	12%	9%