

4. On another topic, opposition Members of Parliament have asked the federal government to release cost estimates of some of the government's proposed crime legislation, The government has refused, saying that the information is contained in documents that are protected by cabinet confidence and therefore cannot be made public. Which is closer to your point of view:

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	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	<HS	HS	Post Sec	Univ Grad
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Base: All respondents	1097	582	515	205	377	515	96	322	449	230
Weighted	1097	531	566	306	436	355	120*	421	358	199
The figures should be kept secret if the government says they should be	195	110	85	53	74	68	21	76	58	41
	18%	21%	15%	17%	17%	19%	18%	18%	16%	20%
		B								
The government should be compelled to release the cost estimates if the opposition parties demand them	902	420	481	253	362	287	98	346	300	158
	82%	79%	85%	83%	83%	81%	82%	82%	84%	80%
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5. Turning to the topic of prison expansion, the government has proposed some new laws that would result in inmates spending more time in prison. This will require prison expansion and extra costs while the inmates remain in jail. The government says the extra costs will be \$2 billion, but others, such as the parliamentary budget officer and opposition parties, say the cost will be higher. Which is closer to your point of view?

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The prison expansions are a worthwhile initiative	626	319	307	158	250	218	82	255	190	99
	57%	60%	54%	52%	57%	61%	69%	61%	53%	50%
						C	HI	I		
The prison expansion is unaffordable	471	212	259	148	186	138	37	166	168	100
	43%	40%	46%	48%	43%	39%	31%	39%	47%	50%
				E					F	FG

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