

# PLMR – Deficit Poll

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,011 British adults online between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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## Budget Deficit Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork: 18th-19th February 2015

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

**Q1. Below are five suggested approaches to addressing the UK Government's budget deficit. Which, if any, comes closest to your view of what the government should do over the next two years? The UK Government should ...**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2011	1001	1010	260	283	321	348	324	475	605	617	293	496	239	801
Weighted base	2011	986	1025	239	339	339	358	299	438	538	558	438	478	259	867
Slow down the pace of spending cuts to reduce the deficit more slowly	610 30%	296 30%	314 31%	69 29%	88 26%	101 30%	115 32%	103 34%	135 31%	143 27%	154 28%	150 34%	162 34%	90 35%	242 28%
Continue with the current programme of public spending cuts	490 24%	275 28%	214 21%	42 18%	52 15%	69 20%	71 20%	89 30%	166 38%	165 31%	159 28%	83 19%	83 17%	46 18%	219 25%
End public spending cuts and aim to keep spending at broadly the same level as in 2014/15	280 14%	138 14%	141 14%	23 10%	70 21%	44 13%	55 15%	33 11%	55 13%	68 13%	77 14%	65 15%	69 14%	35 14%	126 14%
Increase public spending regardless of the deficit	209 10%	124 13%	85 8%	32 13%	37 11%	39 11%	42 12%	25 9%	33 8%	54 10%	56 10%	48 11%	52 11%	39 15%	78 9%
Speed up the pace of spending cuts to reduce the deficit more quickly	139 7%	78 8%	61 6%	20 8%	32 9%	20 6%	25 7%	21 7%	22 5%	45 8%	35 6%	30 7%	29 6%	12 5%	73 8%
Don't know	284 14%	74 8%	209 20%	52 22%	61 18%	66 19%	51 14%	27 9%	27 6%	63 12%	76 14%	62 14%	82 17%	36 14%	129 15%

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	Total	Region											
		Scotland	Wales	NET: England	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2011	170	110	1731	88	218	190	184	143	189	240	300	179
Weighted base	2011	181	101	1729	80	221	181	181	141	201	261	282	181
Slow down the pace of spending cuts to reduce the deficit more slowly	610 30%	65 36%	31 30%	515 30%	32 40%	66 30%	59 32%	41 22%	43 30%	65 32%	73 28%	81 29%	56 31%
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Don't know	284 14%	27 15%	10 10%	247 14%	15 19%	35 16%	27 15%	32 18%	15 11%	28 14%	47 18%	27 10%	21 11%