

Questions

the Poll to help people in their choice of a tune for their National Anthem.

2. The interviewers used were the normal Population Survey interviewers, who have undergone extensive training and retraining courses as well as attending a special one day training session on the Poll. By the use of suitable call-back procedures, information was obtained personally from every person within the scope of the Poll aged 18 years or more at the selected dwellings. Details of persons outside the scope of the Poll are given in Attachment I. A copy of special instructions used by the interviewers for the National Anthem Poll is included as Attachment II. A low refusal rate of about 3 per cent was encountered.

3. The sample for the Poll contained approximately 60,000 persons of 18 years or more who live in the selected dwellings. The fraction of the population sampled in the multi-purpose Population Survey varies from State to State so that estimates of reasonable accuracy can be obtained from the smaller States. (The fractions used are set out in Attachment III.) Within a State, each person has the same chance of selection irrespective of whether he or she lives in the capital city, a provincial city, a country town or village or in the rural areas, or whether he or she lives in a private dwelling or in a non-private dwelling (e.g. hotels, motels, etc.).

4. A ratio estimation procedure to known population age/sex distributions was used to produce the results.

5. The major part of the cost of the National Anthem Poll was absorbed within the normal Bureau operation of the Population Survey. The additional funds which were expended for asking the Poll questions and for the subsequent manual processing was about \$9,500.

6. The results of the National Anthem Poll are shown in the following 2 tables, one which gives age/sex details and the other State details. The preferences have been expressed as a percentage of the total vote. The figures shown adjacent in brackets and slightly below are the percentage standard errors, which indicate the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample, and not the whole population, was polled. There are about 2 chances in 3 that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained from a comparable complete enumeration (i.e. referendum), and about 19 chances in 20 that the difference will be less than 2 standard errors. An example of the use of the standard errors is as follows. For 'Advance Australia Fair' the standard error on the total Australian result (51.4 per cent) is 0.6 per cent of that figure, i.e. 0.3 of a per cent. There are about 2 chances in 3 that a complete enumeration figure is within the range 51.1 per cent to 51.7 per cent and about 19 chances in 20 that this figure is between 50.8 per cent to 52.0 per cent.

7. A copy of the final questionnaire used is included as Attachment IV.

NATIONAL ANTHEM PREFERENCES  
(Expressed as percentages)

Sex	Age group	Tune			
		'Song of Australia'	'Advance Australia Fair'	'Waltzing Matilda'	Other
Males	18-24	15.7 (3.6)	45.9 (1.7)	24.7 (3.6)	13.7 (4.4)
	25-29	13.8 (4.5)	48.4 (2.1)	21.0 (3.8)	16.9 (4.8)
	30-34	11.6 (5.3)	48.9 (2.2)	22.2 (4.1)	17.2 (4.7)
	35-39	11.7 (5.4)	49.1 (2.2)	23.9 (3.7)	15.2 (5.6)
	40-44	11.9 (5.5)	47.4 (2.6)	24.6 (3.9)	16.1 (5.9)
	45-49	11.8 (5.4)	51.2 (2.1)	20.4 (3.9)	16.6 (4.7)
	50-54	11.2 (6.3)	52.4 (2.2)	18.6 (4.9)	17.8 (5.3)
	55-59	12.2 (6.1)	52.8 (2.3)	17.2 (5.3)	17.8 (5.4)
	60-64	10.1 (6.8)	52.1 (2.4)	18.3 (5.4)	19.5 (5.3)
	65-69	9.8 (8.5)	55.3 (2.8)	15.9 (7.7)	19.0 (6.6)
	70+	8.7 (7.1)	59.1 (2.2)	14.1 (6.7)	20.1 (5.2)
	Total	12.3 (1.7)	50.0 (0.9)	21.0 (1.3)	16.7 (1.8)
Females	18-24	18.3 (2.8)	50.8 (1.5)	18.8 (3.5)	12.1 (4.5)
	25-29	17.0 (4.0)	50.8 (1.9)	19.0 (3.9)	13.3 (4.4)
	30-34	15.5 (4.1)	50.5 (2.0)	19.9 (4.4)	14.1 (5.1)
	35-39	14.8 (4.2)	49.3 (2.6)	22.7 (3.9)	13.2 (6.0)
	40-44	15.5 (4.8)	51.9 (1.9)	20.3 (4.8)	12.3 (5.9)
	45-49	15.3 (4.9)	52.7 (2.2)	19.4 (4.1)	12.6 (5.4)
	50-54	13.0 (5.0)	53.5 (2.1)	17.8 (4.9)	15.7 (5.4)
	55-59	12.5 (5.5)	54.7 (2.1)	17.9 (5.5)	14.2 (5.9)
	60-64	12.2 (6.0)	56.3 (2.5)	15.0 (6.3)	16.1 (6.2)
	65-69	11.2 (6.3)	60.1 (2.3)	12.4 (8.0)	16.3 (6.6)
	70+	10.5 (5.1)	56.0 (2.1)	14.3 (5.5)	19.2 (4.4)
	Total	14.8 (1.4)	52.7 (0.7)	18.3 (1.4)	14.2 (1.8)