



RED Express Questionnaire
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Q.1 How important to Irish society do you think it is that the following groups of children are a government priority? Please answer on a scale were 1 is not at all important to society and 10 is highly important to society?

(Base: All adults – 1011)	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	Any 7-10 Score %
Children who have been abused by members of the clergy	2	1	2	1	4	2	4	6	8	71	88
Children who have been abused by their families	2	1	1	2	4	3	3	8	7	68	87
Children who experience mental health problems	2	1	2	2	6	4	4	10	6	64	84
Children in the mainstream education system	1	1	1	2	7	6	10	20	7	45	81
Children whose families are poor	2	2	2	3	7	4	9	15	6	50	80
Children who commit crime	3	3	3	4	10	6	9	13	6	43	71
Children in the traveller community	4	2	2	5	11	9	10	16	5	35	67
Children who are here to seek asylum	5	5	2	5	17	8	11	14	5	28	58



Q.2 As you may or may not know, in 2009 the Commission of Inquiry into Child Abuse published a report, commonly referred to as the Ryan report. From what you know, can you tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree?

(Base: All adults – 1011)	Strongly Disagree %	Slightly Disagree %	Neither %	Slightly Agree %	Strongly Agree %	Don't know %	Net Agree %
It made me angry at those who abused these children	2	1	6	8	81	1	89
It made me angry that wider society didn't do more	3	2	9	17	68	1	84
It made me angry at the state	3	3	9	17	66	3	83
I talked with my friends or family about it	14	6	16	15	48	1	63
It made me feel helpless	13	8	19	12	45	2	58
I find the subject overwhelming and don't know what to think	16	11	19	16	36	2	52
I don't know what the report says	30	12	19	12	24	2	36
I find the subject too upsetting to engage with	26	15	22	11	24	2	35



Q.3 In addition to the Ryan report there have been three reports of inquiries into child abuse in Catholic dioceses, called the Ferns, Murphy and Cloyne report published. From what you know, can you tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree?

(Base: All adults – 1011)	Strongly Disagree %	Slightly Disagree %	Neither %	Slightly Agree %	Strongly Agree %	Don't know %	Net Agree %
Individual members of society should have demanded that the state act to prevent child abuse	2	2	6	14	74	2	88
Individual members of Irish society should have done more to protect these children	3	2	9	14	71	1	85
Government acts when society demands that it act	8	9	16	16	49	3	65
Wider society is prejudiced against children in the care of the state today	12	10	23	19	30	4	50
Wider society would prefer to turn a blind eye to child abuse	22	10	16	15	35	3	50
Wider society is prejudiced against people who were in industrial schools	14	9	25	17	30	5	47
Members of society were powerless to protect these children	29	17	19	8	26	1	34



Q.4 Thinking about the rights of children and the recent published reports in Ireland, can you tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of these statements on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree? Firstly, can you tell me if

(Base: All adults – 1011)	Strongly Disagree %	Slightly Disagree %	Neither %	Slightly Agree %	Strongly Agree %	Don't know %	Net Agree %
It is important the children have their opinions taken into account in significant decisions that affect them.	1	2	10	22	64	1	86
Noting that the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights says that all people “should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood”, ordinary people in Ireland should accept some responsibility for respecting and defending the human rights of other people in Ireland	2	3	12	23	58	2	81
Wider Irish society bears some responsibility for what has been revealed in the Ryan, Ferns, Murphy and Cloyne reports	3	3	19	23	48	4	71
Children are trustworthy when voicing their opinions on decisions that affect them	2	4	27	27	40	1	67