

# Wasteful Consumption Survey

Q1. During the past two weeks, how much money do you estimate your family or household has spent on fresh food (e.g. meat, deli goods, fruit, vegetables, milk) that has been thrown away before being consumed?

Nothing <\$10 \$10-\$19 \$20-\$29 \$30-\$49 \$50+

Q2. During the past two weeks, how much money do you estimate your family or household has spent on takeaway food that has been thrown away rather than eaten?

Nothing <\$10 \$10-\$19 \$20-\$29 \$30-\$49 \$50+

Q3. During the past two weeks, what is your estimate of the dollar value of any frozen food you have thrown out?

Nothing <\$10 \$10-\$19 \$20-\$29 \$30-\$49 \$50+

Q4. During the past two weeks, how much money do you estimate your family or household has spent on home-cooked leftovers that have been thrown away rather than eaten?

Nothing <\$10 \$10-\$19 \$20-\$29 \$30-\$49 \$50+

Q5. Some people leave electrical appliances (e.g. lights, TV, air-conditioners) on unnecessarily. Does this happen in your household?

Yes No (skip to Q6)

Q5a. If your household stopped leaving electrical appliances on unnecessarily, by what percentage do you think you would reduce your household's electricity use in an average month?

None 1-5% 6-10% 11-20% 21-30% 31-50% 51-100%

Q6. In an average year, how much money does your household spend on kitchen appliances (e.g. toasters, breadmakers, blenders) that never or rarely get used?

Nothing <\$30 \$30-\$99 \$100-\$199 \$200-\$499 \$500+

## Personal Spending

Q7. On average, how much money do you spend per year on purchasing CDs/DVDs for yourself that you never listen to/watch?

Nothing <\$10 \$10-\$19 \$20-\$29 \$30-\$49 \$50-\$99 \$100+

Q8. On average, how much money do you spend per year on purchasing books and magazines for yourself that you never get around to reading?

Nothing <\$10 \$10-\$19 \$20-\$29 \$30-\$49 \$50-\$99 \$100+

Q9. On average, how much money do you spend per year on paying fines for late returns of DVDs/Videos/games?

Nothing <\$10 \$10-\$19 \$20-\$29 \$30-\$49 \$50-\$99 \$100+

Q10. On average, how much money do you spend per week on drinks in a bar or pub that you don't finish?

Nothing <\$5 \$5-\$9 \$10-\$19 \$20-\$49 \$50+

Q11. Now thinking about clothing. Excluding shoes and accessories and clothing for 'special events' such as weddings, over an average year, how much money do you spend on clothes that you only wear once or twice?

Nothing <\$30 \$30-\$49 \$50-\$99 \$100-\$199 \$200-\$499 \$500-\$999 \$1000+

Q13. In an average year, how much money do you spend on cosmetics and toiletries (e.g. perfume, aftershave, bath products) that you never or rarely use?

Nothing <\$30 \$30-\$49 \$50-\$99 \$100-\$199 \$200-\$499 \$500-\$999 \$1000+

Q14. In an average year, how much money do you spend on shoes, handbags and other accessories (e.g. scarves, ties, hats, jewellery) that you never or rarely wear/use?

Nothing <\$30 \$30-\$49 \$50-\$99 \$100-\$199 \$200-\$499 \$500-\$999 \$1000+

Q15. In an average year, how much money do you spend on electrical and computer equipment (e.g. electronic organisers, digital cameras, MP3 players) that never or rarely get used?

Nothing Less than \$99 \$100-\$499 \$500-\$999 \$1000-\$1499 \$1500+

Q16. Do you currently pay to be a member of a gym, health club or golf club?

Yes No (skip to Q17)

Q16a. How often would you say you use the facilities of the club?

Never Rarely Sometimes (skip to Q17) Regularly (skip to Q17)

Q16b. How often do you pay your fees and how much do you pay each time?

Q17. Have you bought any exercise equipment in the last year (e.g. bicycle, exercise bike, weights)?

Yes No (skip to Q18)

Q17a. How often would you say you use this equipment?

Never Rarely Sometimes (skip to Q18) Regularly (skip to Q18)

Q17b. How much did you spend on the exercise equipment that you rarely or never use?

Nothing Less than \$99 \$100-\$199 \$200-\$499 \$500-\$999 \$1000+

## Reference

Survey taken from *The Australia Institute's* discussion paper #77 - **Wasteful Consumption in Australia.**