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Population Diversity

Questions directed primarily to policy makers:

- 1) What are the greatest research needs in relation to the development, design and implementation of policies in the wake of Canada's cultural and religious diversity?
- 2) Are there new or emerging issues/factors/trends in diversity that you are encountering in the policy-making process? For example:
 - impact of new technologies on socioeconomic status of Aboriginal peoples, immigrants or visible minorities?
 - social, cultural or systemic factors – other than educational, occupational or economic factors – that might be affecting labour market experience of Aboriginal peoples, ethnic minorities, or newcomers?
- 3) To what extent are you confident that you have the research-based information you need to provide good policy advice to decision-makers? What challenges do you encounter when trying to obtain or utilize recent research findings?
- 4) To what extent has the information you require from either internal or external researchers (i.e. to guide policy advice) changed over time?
- 5) To what extent has the broad research community (academics, think tanks, etc.) been able to help you fill research gaps on diversity issues in the past? Were you satisfied with the extent of this research? What could have been done differently?
- 6) To what extent do you use the research that is made available to you?
- 7) To what extent do you inform researchers of the use that you make of their research?
- 8) To what extent do you ask researchers about the policy implications that they (the researchers) draw from their own research?
- 9) To what extent do you include researchers in the development of policy options that relate to the topics that they study?
- 10) To what extent are senior managers aware of the research that gets done internally?

Questions directed primarily to researchers:

- 1) What do you see as the main research interests of the diversity research community going forward?
- 2) To what extent do academic researchers have interest in policy?
- 3) Do academics face the right incentives for undertaking policy research?

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- 4) Do academics have accurate information on what policy makers want or need by way of policy-relevant research and on the most effective vehicles to share research findings with policy makers?
- 5) What are the biggest obstacles to conducting research relevant to policies on diversity?
- 6) What challenges do you encounter when trying to engage policy makers with your research findings?
- 7) What might be some innovative tools/methods/strategies that would make it easier for academics to link their research to the policymaking process?
- 8) Which areas of your research on diversity do you feel have not obtained sufficient visibility or uptake in the policy community? Why not?
- 9) What data gaps stand in the way of diversity research that would help better inform the policy-making process?

Caregiving

Questions directed primarily to policy makers:

- 1) What are the greatest research needs in the area of caregiving?
- 2) To what extent are you confident that you have the research-based information you need to provide good policy advice to decision-makers? What challenges do you encounter when trying to obtain or utilize recent research findings?
- 3) To what extent has the information you require from either internal or external researchers (i.e. to guide policy advice) changed over time?
- 4) To what extent has the broad research community (academics, think tanks, etc.) been able to help you fill research gaps on caregiving issues in the past? Were you satisfied with the extent of this research? What could have been done differently?
- 5) To what extent do you use the research that is made available to you?
- 6) To what extent do you inform researchers of the use that you make of their research?
- 7) To what extent do you ask researchers about the policy implications that they (the researchers) draw from their own research?
- 8) To what extent do you include researchers in the development of policy options that relate to the topics that they study?
- 9) To what extent are senior managers aware of the research that gets done internally?

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Questions directed primarily to researchers:

- 1) What do you see as the main research interests of the caregiving research community going forward?
- 2) To what extent do academic researchers have interest in policy?
- 3) Do academics face the right incentives for undertaking policy research?
- 4) Do academics have accurate information on what policy makers want or need by way of policy-relevant research and on the most effective vehicles to share research findings with policy makers?
- 5) What are the biggest obstacles to conducting research relevant to caregiving policy?
- 6) What challenges do you encounter when trying to engage policy makers with your research findings?
- 7) Which areas of your research on caregiving do you feel have not obtained sufficient visibility or uptake in the policy community? Why not?
- 8) In the absence of a new national survey on caregiving, what is the most efficient way to utilize finite resources to obtain data on caregiving knowledge gaps (such as the monetary value of negative economic consequences caregivers incur)?

Labour markets

Questions directed primarily to policy makers:

- 1) What are the greatest research needs in the area of labour markets?
- 2) To what extent is the current economic context creating demand for new types of research-based information, or changing what you seek from existing sources of information?
- 3) To what extent are you confident that you have the research-based information you need to provide good policy advice to decision-makers? What challenges do you encounter when trying to obtain or utilize recent research findings?
- 4) To what extent has the information you require from either internal or external researchers (i.e. to guide policy advice) changed over time?
- 5) To what extent has the broad research community (academics, think tanks, etc.) been able to help you fill research gaps on labour market issues in the past? Were you satisfied with the extent of this research? What could have been done differently?
- 6) To what extent do you use the research that is made available to you?
- 7) To what extent do you inform researchers of the use that you make of their research?
- 8) To what extent do you ask researchers about the policy implications that they (the researchers) draw from their own research?

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- 10) To what extent are senior managers aware of the research that gets done internally?

Questions directed primarily to researchers:

- 1) What do you see as the main research interests of the labour market research community going forward?
- 2) Are there findings flowing from your work that may be particularly relevant to policy makers in the current economic context?
- 3) To what extent do academic researchers have interest in policy?
- 4) Do academics face the right incentives for undertaking policy research?
- 5) Do academics have accurate information on what policy makers want or need by way of policy-relevant research and on the most effective vehicles to share research findings with policy makers?
- 6) What are the biggest obstacles to conducting research relevant to caregiving policy?
- 7) What challenges do you encounter when trying to engage policy makers with your research findings?
- 8) Which areas of your research on caregiving do you feel have not obtained sufficient visibility or uptake in the policy community? Why not?

Productivity and private risk-taking

Questions directed primarily to policy makers:

- 1) What are the greatest research needs in the areas of productivity and private risk-taking?
- 2) To what extent are you confident that you have the research-based information you need to provide good policy advice to decision-makers? What challenges do you encounter when trying to obtain or utilize recent research findings?
- 3) To what extent has the information you require from either internal or external researchers (i.e. to guide policy advice) changed over time?
- 4) To what extent has the broad research community (academics, think tanks, etc.) been able to help you fill research gaps on productivity/private risk-taking issues in the past? Were you satisfied with the extent of this research? What could have been done differently?
- 5) To what extent do you use the research that is made available to you?
- 6) To what extent do you inform researchers of the use that you make of their research?

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- 9) To what extent are senior managers aware of the research that gets done internally?

Questions directed primarily to researchers:

- 1) What do you see as the main research interests of the productivity/private risk-taking research community going forward?
- 2) To what extent do academic researchers have interest in policy?
- 3) Do academics face the right incentives for undertaking policy research?
- 4) Do academics have accurate information on what policy makers want or need by way of policy-relevant research and on the most effective vehicles to share research findings with policy makers?
- 5) What are the biggest obstacles to conducting research relevant to policy on productivity and private risk-taking?
- 6) What challenges do you encounter when trying to engage policy makers with your research findings?
- 7) Which areas of your research on productivity/private risk-taking do you feel have not obtained sufficient visibility or uptake in the policy community? Why not?

Income security

Questions directed primarily to policy makers:

- 1) What are the greatest research needs in the area of income security?
- 2) To what extent are you confident that you have the research-based information you need to provide good policy advice to decision-makers? What challenges do you encounter when trying to obtain or utilize recent research findings?
- 3) To what extent has the information you require from either internal or external researchers (i.e. to guide policy advice) changed over time?
- 4) To what extent has the broad research community (academics, think tanks, etc.) been able to help you fill research gaps on income security issues in the past? Were you satisfied with the extent of this research? What could have been done differently?
- 5) To what extent do you use the research that is made available to you?
- 6) To what extent do you inform researchers of the use that you make of their research?

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- 9) To what extent are senior managers aware of the research that gets done internally?

Questions directed primarily to researchers:

- 1) What do you see as the main research interests of the income security research community going forward?
- 2) Are there findings flowing from your work that may be particularly relevant to policy makers in the current economic context?
- 3) To what extent do academic researchers have interest in policy?
- 4) Do academics face the right incentives for undertaking policy research?
- 5) Do academics have accurate information on what policy makers want or need by way of policy-relevant research and on the most effective vehicles to share research findings with policy makers?
- 6) What are the biggest obstacles to conducting research relevant to income security policy?
- 7) What challenges do you encounter when trying to engage policy makers with your research findings?
- 8) Which areas of your research on income security do you feel have not obtained sufficient visibility or uptake in the policy community? Why not?