



**STAT SHEET – RIDEAU INSTITUTE**

Question - As you may know, the previous federal Liberal government began to set up a national early childhood education and childcare program. Following the 2006 federal election the new Conservative government cancelled the program and replaced it with a program, which provided parents with children under the age of six, \$100 per month to pay for childcare or other purposes. Which of these two approaches do you think helps parents find high quality affordable childcare:

		Total	The \$100 a month cheque	Setting up an early childhood education and childcare system	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Region	Oct 4 to 6	1201	31.3	58.1	10.7
	Atlantic	119	29.9	63.4	6.7
	Quebec	304	31.0	64.0	5.0
	Ontario	361	27.1	61.7	11.3
	West	416	35.5	49.1	15.4
Gender	Male	591	30.5	57.6	11.9
	Female	609	32.0	58.5	9.5
Age	18 to 29	237	31.4	59.9	8.8
	30 to 39	230	34.3	56.8	8.9
	40 to 49	258	28.7	59.9	11.4
	50 to 59	206	29.6	60.3	10.1
	60 plus	270	32.4	54.0	13.6
Vote Profile	Liberal	314	27.1	66.0	6.9
	Conservative	348	47.4	36.8	15.8
	NDP	184	19.1	67.9	13.0
	Bloc	112	26.9	68.1	5.0
	Green	63	29.7	63.9	6.4
	Undecided	181	23.1	66.9	10.0

Random Telephone Survey of 1,201 Canadians from October 4<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The margin of accuracy for a sample of 1,201 is  $\pm 2.8\%$ , 19 times out of 20.