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ICM interviewed a random sample of 1,001 adults aged 18+ by telephone between 27th-28th August 1999. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

**When it comes to making laws and changing laws, in the new second chamber, whose views do you think should be considered more important?
-The views of eminent people who have special knowledge or expertise?**

Much more important	12%
A little important	14%

-The views of elected representatives of ordinary people?

Much more important	34%
A little important	26%
Don't know	8%

**How would you prefer to see members of the second chamber chosen?
-By a special commission choosing members for life from lists supplied by the political parties and other bodies.**

Strongly in favour	5%
Somewhat in favour	6%

-By election by the people

Strongly in favour	51%
Somewhat in favour	31%
Don't know	5%

There are two ways in which the government might seek to draw on people with knowledge or expertise, for the second chamber. Which do you think is preferable?

All members elected	61%
Party elected/party appointed	33%
Don't know	5%

In helping to make and improve new laws, what powers do you think the second chamber should have to make the government think again when it objects to a new law?

The power to delay a new law for a few months	21%
The power to delay a new law for one year	19%
The power to delay a new law for two years	6%
The power to hold up a new law indefinitely until the two Houses of Parliament can reach agreement	46%
Don't know	8%

Some people say that the new second chamber should have extra powers of delay where it feels that a proposed law would endanger human rights. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree	72%
Disagree	20%
Don't know	8%

To return to make up of a reformed second chamber. The Royal Commission, which is advising the government, could choose to recommend a wholly elected chamber, a wholly appointed chamber, or a mixture of elected and appointed members. With these alternatives in mind, what percentage of the members do you think should be elected by the people?

None	2%
1-10%	1%
11-20%	1%
21-30%	3%
31-40%	3%
41-50%	29%
51-60%	8%
61-70%	5%
71-80%	14%
81-90%	2%
91-100%	21%
Don't know	11%