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Voters' dissatisfied

with abortion law,

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MP's survey says

Voters in Mississauga riding feel a "definite dissatisfaction" with the present laws regarding abortion, according to the Dialogue Ten survey conducted by MP Don Blenkarn.

In response to a question asking if Canadian abortion law should stay as it is, only 18 per cent said yes. However, 41 per cent replied no, and an equal percentage had no opinion, so "the pro-abortion and anti-abortion factions are somewhat evenly divided", according to Blenkarn's office.

Over half of those surveyed (50.6 per cent) felt that abortion should be a private matter between a woman and her doctor and should be available on demand, while 35 per cent said no, and 14.4 were undecided.

Abortion should only be available when the life of the mother is in danger, according to 37 per cent of the voters. To this question, 35 per cent said no, and 28 per cent had no opinion.

The results were also inconclusive with regard to the expansion of American professional football into Canada. Asked if they felt such expansion should be prevented, 44 per cent said yes. On the other hand, 39.3 of the respondents said they were in favour of allowing American football teams to play here.

These figures are based on an analysis of the first 7,500 questionnaires received. Over 60,000 forms were distributed to each household in the riding.