

## **Appendix 9c – Details of the Survey of Japanese Diet Members**

The survey began as a random sample of LDP and DPJ members in the summer of 1999. Once a critical mass of such members had responded to the survey, I sought to include a random (but smaller) sample of HR members from other parties as well.

Diet members' Tokyo offices were called and asked if a policy expert in the office (either a staff member or the Diet member) would be willing to answer a few questions about the differences between Japan's political parties. In roughly 40 cases, a staff member answered the questions over the phone. In most cases where the staff did not immediately decline to answer the survey, I was requested to fax the office a copy of the questions. Roughly 70 surveys were completed by either policy-knowledgeable staff members or the Diet members themselves and returned to me via fax. In six cases, I included the survey in face-to-face interviews I conducted with individual Diet members.

### **Differences between Parties**

The patterns discussed regarding the differences noted in Tables 9.2 and 9.3 hold within each group in the DPJ. That is, roughly the same proportion of DPJ members see the same differences between themselves and the LDP, irrespective of which party they originated, whether it be Socialist, Democratic Socialist, *Sakigake*, or NFP/LDP.