

THINKING NOW ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY. DO YOU PERSONALLY THINK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING A GOOD JOB OR A BAD JOB OF MANAGING THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY DURING THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34 YEARS</u>	<u>35-49 YEARS</u>	<u>50+ YEARS</u>	<u>LABOR SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
VERY GOOD	24	23	25	23	27	23	43	6
SOMEWHAT GOOD	<u>39</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL GOOD	63	61	65	64	67	59	87	31
NEITHER	6	7	5	8	6	4	5	6
SOMEWHAT BAD	14	15	14	16	11	16	4	30
VERY BAD	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>27</u>
TOTAL BAD	24	26	22	23	19	30	5	57
UNCOMMITTED	7	6	8	5	8	7	3	6

DO YOU BELIEVE THE LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION WOULD DO A BETTER JOB, OR A WORSE JOB, THAN THE LABOR PARTY OF MANAGING THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY DURING THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34 YEARS</u>	<u>35-49 YEARS</u>	<u>50+ YEARS</u>	<u>LABOR SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
A LOT BETTER	16	19	15	14	13	22	1	48
A LITTLE BETTER	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>32</u>
TOTAL BETTER	33	36	31	32	28	38	9	80
NEITHER	14	14	14	14	15	13	15	7
A LITTLE WORSE	25	26	22	26	27	21	40	4
A LOT WORSE	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL WORSE	39	41	36	38	43	36	66	5
UNCOMMITTED	14	9	19	16	14	13	10	8

NOW THINKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE ANNOUNCED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON TUESDAY. OVERALL DO YOU BELIEVE THIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE WILL BE GOOD OR BAD FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34 YEARS</u>	<u>35-49 YEARS</u>	<u>50+ YEARS</u>	<u>LABOR SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
VERY GOOD	22	20	23	25	20	20	35	7
SOMEWHAT GOOD	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>24</u>
TOTAL GOOD	57	57	56	63	57	51	77	31
NEITHER	4	4	5	3	5	5	4	5
SOMEWHAT BAD	16	17	15	19	12	18	8	29
VERY BAD	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>28</u>
TOTAL BAD	28	31	25	27	24	33	11	57
UNCOMMITTED	11	8	14	7	14	11	8	7

HOW DO YOU THINK THIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE WOULD AFFECT YOUR OWN FINANCIAL POSITION IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS? DO YOU BELIEVE YOU PERSONALLY WOULD BE BETTER OFF OR WORSE OFF?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34 YEARS</u>	<u>35-49 YEARS</u>	<u>50+ YEARS</u>	<u>LABOR SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
LOT BETTER OFF	12	12	10	15	16	5	16	6
LITTLE BETTER OFF	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL BETTER OFF	48	49	46	61	57	31	62	31
NEITHER	27	26	27	17	24	36	23	32
LITTLE WORSE OFF	10	11	10	8	8	15	9	17
LOT WORSE OFF	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL WORSE OFF	17	19	16	13	11	25	10	30
UNCOMMITTED	8	6	11	9	8	8	5	7

DO YOU BELIEVE THE LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION WOULD HAVE DELIVERED A BETTER ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR AUSTRALIA'S CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>35-49</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>50+</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>LABOR</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>COALITION</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
YES	28	31	25	26	21	34	7	64
NO	52	53	51	49	58	50	77	19
UNCOMMITTED	20	16	24	25	21	16	16	17

THINKING NOW ABOUT THE ONCE-OFF CASH PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED AS PART OF THIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE. DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ONE OF THESE ONCE-OFF CASH PAYMENTS?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>35-49</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>50+</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>LABOR</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>COALITION</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
YES	46	47	44	58	57	28	52	39
NO	40	40	41	30	28	57	36	50
UNCOMMITTED	14	13	15	12	15	15	12	11

AND HOW MUCH OF THIS PAYMENT WILL YOU SPEND ON GOODS AND SERVICES, AS OPPOSED TO SAVING IT OR PAYING OFF DEBT? DO YOU THINK YOU WILL SPEND...? *

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>35-49</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>50+</u> <u>YEARS</u>	<u>LABOR</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>COALITION</u> <u>SUPPORTERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ALL OF IT ON GOODS AND SERVICES	29	31	26	22	32	33	35	18
NOT ALL BUT AT LEAST HALF OF IT ON GOODS AND SERVICES	34	33	35	39	32	29	38	26
LESS THAN HALF OF IT ON GOODS AND SERVICES	15	13	18	20	14	11	14	17
OR, NONE OF IT ON GOODS AND SERVICES	20	21	20	18	20	25	11	37
UNCOMMITTED	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2

*Only asked of those who think they will be eligible to receive one of the cash payments

These surveys were conducted on February 6-8 2009 on the telephone by trained interviewers in all states of Australia and in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution. Questions are based on 1,200 interviews among adults aged 18 years and over. The maximum margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points on the total sample. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL. More poll information available at www.newspoll.com.au.