

THINKING OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET HANDED DOWN BY THE TREASURER, MR WAYNE SWAN, RECENTLY. OVERALL DO YOU BELIEVE THE BUDGET WILL BE GOOD OR BAD FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY? IF GOOD DO YOU BELIEVE IT WILL BE EXTREMELY GOOD OR JUST QUITE GOOD? IF BAD DO YOU BELIEVE IT WILL BE EXTREMELY BAD OR ONLY QUITE BAD?

	AUG <u>93</u> %	MAY <u>94</u> %	MAY <u>95</u> %	AUG <u>96</u> %	MAY <u>97</u> %	MAY <u>98</u> %	MAY <u>99</u> %	MAY <u>00</u> %	MAY <u>01</u> %	MAY <u>02</u> %	MAY <u>03</u> %	MAY <u>04</u> %	MAY <u>05</u> %	MAY <u>06</u> %	MAY <u>07</u> %	MAY <u>08</u> %	MAY <u>09</u> %
EXTREMELY GOOD	1	3	3	10	2	6	6	2	4	3	4	4	6	6	9	3	3
QUITE GOOD	<u>19</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>42</u>
TOTAL GOOD	20	38	29	59	33	51	46	35	39	36	43	50	50	51	60	49	45
NEITHER	7	16	14	6	16	10	9	7	11	8	11	9	6	8	11	8	7
QUITE BAD	33	13	24	15	20	12	15	22	21	22	17	17	19	17	10	18	23
EXTREMELY BAD	<u>29</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL BAD	62	19	33	22	30	16	20	31	27	34	21	22	26	20	12	23	33
UNCOMMITTED	11	27	24	13	21	23	25	27	23	22	25	19	18	21	17	20	15

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-POLITICAL SUPPORT-

-----SEX-----

-----AGE-----

-CHILDREN-

-----HOUSEHOLD INCOME-----

	TOTAL %	COALITION %	LABOR %	MALE %	FEMALE %	18-34 %	35-49 %	50+ %	YES %	NO %	LESS THAN \$40,000 %	\$40,000- \$79,999 %	\$80,000 AND OVER %
EXTREMELY GOOD	3	1	6	2	4	3	1	5	3	4	5	3	2
QUITE GOOD	<u>42</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>43</u>
TOTAL GOOD	45	20	69	46	44	43	47	45	49	43	45	49	45
NEITHER	7	9	5	6	8	6	7	8	6	8	9	6	6
QUITE BAD	23	42	10	25	21	24	23	22	21	24	20	20	29
EXTREMELY BAD	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL BAD	33	62	12	36	30	28	34	36	29	35	29	29	40
UNCOMMITTED	15	9	14	12	18	23	12	11	16	14	17	16	9

HOW DO YOU THINK THE BUDGET WILL AFFECT YOUR OWN FINANCIAL POSITION IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS? DO YOU BELIEVE YOU PERSONALLY WILL BE BETTER OR WORSE OFF? IF BETTER DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL BE A LOT OR ONLY A LITTLE BIT BETTER OFF? IF WORSE DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL BE A LOT OR ONLY A LITTLE WORSE OFF?

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LOT BETTER OFF	*	1	*	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	*	3	5	4	4	2	2
LITTLE BETTER OFF	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL BETTER OFF	4	17	11	17	11	17	15	17	17	7	15	29	34	35	36	29	22
NEITHER	17	42	36	35	40	43	34	21	39	34	38	39	33	30	38	28	34
LITTLE WORSE OFF	42	17	29	25	23	16	20	25	17	31	22	14	14	15	9	21	24
LOT WORSE OFF	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
TOTAL WORSE OFF	74	22	41	38	35	24	29	43	29	44	32	22	21	24	14	32	33
UNCOMMITTED	5	19	12	10	14	16	22	19	15	15	15	10	12	11	12	11	11

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	TOTAL	COALITION	LABOR	MALE	FEMALE	18-34	35-49	50+	YES	NO	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000-\$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
LOT BETTER OFF	2	*	5	2	3	2	1	3	2	3	5	2	1
LITTLE BETTER OFF	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL BETTER OFF	22	12	31	23	21	22	18	25	20	23	36	19	14
NEITHER	34	32	37	35	32	35	36	31	37	32	26	36	38
LITTLE WORSE OFF	24	34	17	25	22	21	27	23	21	25	20	22	31
LOT WORSE OFF	9	<u>14</u>	5	8	<u>12</u>	5	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	9	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	8	9
TOTAL WORSE OFF	33	48	22	33	34	26	38	35	30	35	30	30	40
UNCOMMITTED	11	8	10	9	13	17	8	9	13	10	8	15	8

* Less than 0.5 percent

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

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YES	47	31	34	24	26	25	26	28	28	29	27	29	31	26	31	29	33
NO	31	42	38	60	51	52	50	49	51	46	51	46	49	51	44	52	51
UNCOMMITTED	22	27	28	16	23	23	24	23	21	25	22	25	20	23	25	19	16

* Coalition Government delivered budget and question asked of Labor

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	<u>TOTAL</u> %	<u>COALITION</u> %	<u>LABOR</u> %	<u>MALE</u> %	<u>FEMALE</u> %	<u>18-34</u> %	<u>35-49</u> %	<u>50+</u> %	<u>YES</u> %	<u>NO</u> %	<u>LESS THAN \$40,000</u> %	<u>\$40,000-\$79,999</u> %	<u>\$80,000 AND OVER</u> %
YES	33	71	8	34	32	29	32	37	33	33	33	28	37
NO	51	16	79	49	52	51	52	49	50	51	48	56	52
UNCOMMITTED	16	13	13	17	16	20	16	14	17	16	19	16	11

THINKING NOW ABOUT THE BUDGET DEFICIT, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO REACH \$57.6 BILLION IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR. DO YOU BELIEVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL, OR WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BRING AUSTRALIA'S BUDGET BACK INTO SURPLUS WITHIN SIX YEARS?

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	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COALITION</u>	<u>LABOR</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>LESS THAN \$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000-\$79,999</u>	<u>\$80,000 AND OVER</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
YES \ WILL	30	9	49	32	29	33	30	29	27	32	30	34	29
NO \ WILL NOT	58	86	36	58	57	52	58	61	59	57	54	57	62
UNCOMMITTED	12	5	15	10	14	15	12	10	14	11	16	9	9

These surveys were conducted 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. The latest survey was conducted on 15-17 May 2009. Questions are based on 1,201 interviews among adults aged 18 years and over. The maximum margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL. More poll information is available at www.newspoll.com.au