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Mr DUTTON (Dickson) (5.20 pm)—I wanted to ask some questions in relation to consumer sentiment. Minister, I refer you to the June 2008 Australian Retailers Index, which is published by the ARA, which states:

Support among Australian retailers for the federal government recorded a dramatic fall during the quarter, falling 28 percentage points over the past quarter.

I just draw your attention to that quote. The relevant point of course is in relation to the federal government. Minister, why has business confidence in the Rudd Labor government fallen so far following this budget?