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Speaker Dutton, Peter, MP

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Mr DUTTON (Dickson) (5.25 pm)—I have a question in relation to the price of petrol and the influence that has on consumer confidence. Do you think, as a result of the expectation that was ramped up in the election period of last November and where prices have tracked since then and the fact that the government has not been able to address that expectation, that it has played into consumer confidence falling by 28 percentage points over the first quarter of this year, or would you suggest that Australian motorists' concerns and views about petrol prices—part of which I am sure is reflected in this particular survey finding—be dismissed?