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THINKING NOW ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY, AND IN PARTICULAR THE RECENT FINANCIAL CRISIS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INJECT ADDITIONAL SPENDING INTO THE ECONOMY NEXT MONTH TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHILE STILL MAINTAINING A SMALL BUDGET SURPLUS. WOULD YOU BE CONCERNED OR NOT CONCERNED IF THE FEDERAL BUDGET WERE TO GO INTO DEFICIT AS A RESULT OF ANY FURTHER GOVERNMENT SPENDING IN THE NEW YEAR?

	<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>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
VERY CONCERNED	22	20	24	16	23	25	13	35
SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	34	27	40	41	36	27	32	37
<b>TOTAL CONCERNED</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>72</b>
NOT CONCERNED	39	50	29	37	38	42	51	24
UNCOMMITTED	5	3	7	6	3	6	4	4

These surveys were conducted on 21-23 November 2008 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 1,202 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](http://www.newspoll.com.au)