



The ComRes Darling Index

Q. How confident or otherwise are you in the ability of each of the following?

	Confident																				
	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sept 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09
Alistair Darling	15%	17%	13%	17%	11%	14%	9%	12%	9%	12%	13%	11%	25%	27%	16%	15%	17%	11%	22%	16%	14%
George Osborne	49%	44%	49%	48%	56%	55%	52%	55%	44%	41%	44%	40%	36%	34%	29%	34%	33%	36%	41%	39%	39%
Vince Cable											43%	31%	45%	46%	41%	58%	49%	51%	62%	59%	61%
Gordon Brown	30%	31%	22%	26%	20%	20%	18%	17%	12%	17%	20%	13%	42%	39%	28%	30%	20%	15%	30%	20%	16%
David Cameron	55%	49%	55%	59%	62%	62%	67%	67%	60%	60%	62%	55%	47%	54%	46%	56%	51%	53%	61%	64%	62%
Nick Clegg											19%	9%	13%	18%	11%	21%	13%	13%	19%	27%	27%
Peter Mandelson																		23%	35%	29%	31%
Ken Clarke																		62%	69%	63%	65%



	Not Confident																					
	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sept 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	
Alistair Darling	76%	77%	83%	76%	86%	83%	90%	87%	89%	85%	85%	87%	73%	72%	81%	82%	79%	83%	78%	84%	86%	
George Osborne	37%	47%	39%	43%	38%	41%	42%	36%	46%	47%	44%	47%	57%	66%	66%	58%	60%	56%	59%	62%	61%	
Vince Cable											41%	49%	41%	54%	46%	34%	40%	39%	38%	41%	38%	
Gordon Brown	64%	67%	73%	69%	80%	79%	82%	82%	83%	81%	80%	87%	56%	61%	70%	68%	78%	81%	70%	81%	84%	
David Cameron	38%	49%	39%	35%	37%	37%	31%	32%	38%	36%	36%	43%	49%	46%	53%	41%	47%	41%	39%	36%	39%	
Nick Clegg												68%	76%	72%	82%	79%	68%	76%	76%	81%	73%	73%
Peter Mandelson																		70%	65%	71%	69%	
Ken Clarke																		30%	32%	37%	35%	



Q. Would you agree or disagree with each of these statements about Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling?

	Agree																				
	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sept 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09
Understands business	19%	22%	20%	23%	17%	14%	15%	23%	18%	21%	19%	21%	31%	39%	18%	23%	23%	20%	33%	22%	24%
Out of his depth	57%	62%	59%	59%	67%	66%	73%	72%	69%	70%	70%	68%	62%	61%	70%	71%	70%	67%	68%	75%	77%
Promotes entrepreneurial culture	14%	17%	16%	18%	11%	11%	13%	14%	10%	14%	14%	14%	17%	29%	17%	20%	17%	15%	27%	15%	20%
Is handling the economy responsibly in the midst of a global economic downturn	-	-	-	-	-	-	16%	20%	18%	17%	13%	17%	31%	38%	20%	19%	19%	16%	31%	24%	26%

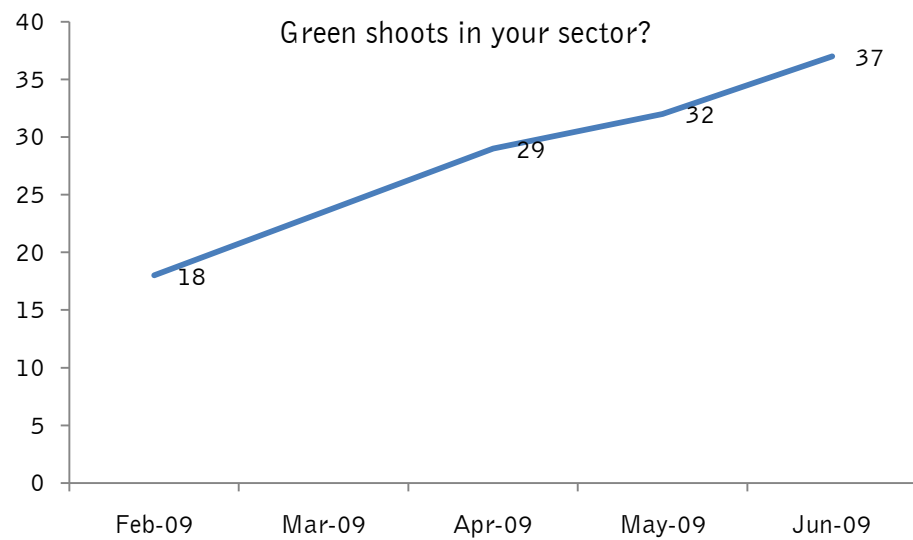


	Disagree																				
	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sept 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09
Understands business	42%	71%	66%	63%	76%	78%	79%	72%	74%	71%	77%	71%	63%	61%	76%	69%	66%	72%	67%	78%	76%
Out of his depth	25%	25%	33%	27%	23%	23%	21%	25%	24%	21%	23%	25%	30%	39%	23%	20%	23%	23%	32%	25%	24%
Promotes entrepreneurial culture	63%	67%	65%	63%	80%	81%	78%	74%	79%	71%	78%	72%	67%	71%	69%	66%	69%	70%	73%	85%	81%
Is handling the economy responsibly in the midst of a global economic downturn	-	-	-	-	-	-	80%	76%	76%	72%	80%	76%	59%	62%	71%	71%	72%	74%	68%	75%	74%



Q. Can you detect any signs of economic recovery in your firm's sector, or not?

	Feb-09	Apr-09	May 09	Jun 09
Yes	18%	29%	32%	37%
No	71%	62%	55%	53%
Don't know	11%	9%	13%	10%





Methodology: ComRes surveyed 255 business leaders on 12-13th October, 100 business leaders on 13-19th November, 105 business leaders on 3rd-7th December 2007, 188 business leaders on 14th – 21st January 2008, 100 business leaders on 11th – 20th February, 106 business leaders on 12th – 13th March, 222 business leaders on the 14th – 15th April, 251 business leaders on 13th – 15th May, 143 business leaders on 16th – 19th June, 275 business leaders on 15th – 23rd July, 231 business leaders on 9th – 15th September, 287 business leaders on 13th – 21st October, 233 on the 11th – 13th November, 201 business leaders on 9th – 10th December, 220 business leaders on 13th – 15th January 2009, 161 business leaders on February 16th 2009, 204 business leaders on 11th – 13th March 2009, 231 business leaders between 15th – 17th April 2009, 205 business leaders between 12th – 14th May 2009 and 203 business leaders between 10th – 12th June 2009.

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