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## Businessmen don't believe in Coalition

A SURVEY commissioned by the Institute of Directors of Ireland revealed that more than 60 per cent of top businessmen do not believe the Government has "the resolve or ability" to turn around the recession. The survey, carried out by the Behaviour and Attitudes Company, also discovered that 68 per cent of the top multinational CEOs and directors said they did not believe the Government had the capacity to restore growth.

More than half of all business CEOs did not believe Mr Cowen and his Government had a sufficient understanding of the current economic situation to resolve it and 70 per cent still believed the crisis was not being responded to quickly enough. More than 96 per cent thought the Government needed to free up credit to businesses whilst a massive 99 per cent believed steps to boost public confidence were central to any recovery. Business leaders are also not impressed by the opposition either – only 45 per cent believe a change of government will resolve the economy's problems.