

Little pork in this barrel
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Letters Section

Andrew Leigh has suggested the coalition used the Roads to Recovery program "as a means of paving the way back to the Lodge" ("Program paved the road to re-election", March 10).

He reports the government won an additional vote for every \$28,000 spent. While we believe governments might pork-barrel in order to get re-elected, we also suspect Leigh is overstating his argument. The average swing to the coalition at the last election was 1.8 per cent. In his regression analysis, published on his website, he reports a statistically significant constant of 1.53.

In other words, 85 per cent of the swing to the coalition is not due to the Roads to Recovery program.

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