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Embarrassing business lunch belly-flop for Shorten

Reports* that Opposition Leader Bill Shorten's Devonport business lunch has had to be downgraded to a "working lunch" due to a lack of numbers are telling about what business think of Mr Shorten, Senator Richard Colbeck said today.

"Businesses are voting with their feet on Mr Shorten's higher taxing agenda", Senator Colbeck said.

"After boasting about the lunch in Federal Parliament last week, Mr Shorten has now been embarrassed.

"To be able to get less than 20 people to attend - including himself, Labor staff and journalists - says it all.

"The Prime Minister sold out the same venue in less than 24 hours earlier in the campaign.

"Businesses are seeing through Mr Shorten's partial backflip last week that will still see Labor increasing taxes on 2,088 local businesses.

"As the Prime Minister said last week, this is not so much as back-flip as a confirmed belly-flop by Mr Shorten", Senator Colbeck said.

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