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At least they tried a guess. When the question was put to Barak Obama during the U.S. presidential elections, he looked distinctly uncomfortable and after a long wait, responded that the question was: "above my pay grade".

As 98% of abortions in NZ are performed at between 10 and 12 weeks, that is before quickening, the two politicians might be under the misapprehension that abortion isn't such a big deal.

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