stake / steɪk / noun&verb

something that you risk losing, especially money, when you try to predict the result of a race, game, etc., or when you are involved in an activity that can succeed or fail

stake sth (on sth)

to risk money or sth important on the result of sth

***Chris Bowen joins 7.30:* Now we've got to remember, Chris, this is very large archipelago. There are thousands, millions of dollars at stake for the people smugglers. They will go to great lengths to avoid detection, but we work very closely.**

***Emerson and Dutton discuss the week's events:***

**That's why**

**this government has gone into record levels of debt, and it's why people are nowdoubting that this government can deliver the surplus that they have staked their reputation on.**