



THE SENATE

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE OPERATION OF THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX DISCOUNT**

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**PUBLIC HEARING  
Tuesday 24 February 2026**

**Main Committee Room  
Parliament House, Canberra**

| <b>Time</b>     | <b>Witness</b>   |
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| 9.00 am         | <b>Tax and Transfer Policy Institute</b>   |
| 9.45 am         | <b>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (VC)<br/>Mr Cathal Leslie (VC)</b> |
| <i>10.45 am</i> | <i>MORNING TEA</i>   |
| 11.00 am        | <b>Mr Bernie Fraser</b>  |
| 11.45 am        | <b>Department of the Treasury<br/>Australian Taxation Office</b>                             |
| 12.30 pm        | <b>Master Builders Australia<br/>Housing Industry Association</b>                            |
| <i>1.15 pm</i>  | <i>LUNCH</i>   |
| 2.15 pm         | <b>Mr David Montani, Chartered Accountant and author of Tax Wars</b>                         |
| 2.45 pm         | <b>Associate Professor Sonali Walpola, Australian National University</b>                    |
| <i>3.30 pm</i>  | <i>AFTERNOON TEA</i>   |
| 3.45 pm         | <b>The Australia Institute</b>   |
| <i>4.30 pm</i>  | <i>Adjournment</i>   |