



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON ECONOMICS**

*Chair: Mr John Alexander OAM MP  
Deputy Chair: Hon Ed Husic MP*

# **Home ownership hearings kick-off in Canberra**

The House of Representatives Economics Committee will conduct its first public hearing for the inquiry on home ownership in Canberra on Friday 26 June 2015. In this inquiry, the committee will examine:

- current rates of home ownership;
- demand and supply drivers in the housing market;
- the proportion of investment housing relative to owner-occupied housing;
- the impact of current tax policy at all levels; and
- opportunities for reform.

The Chair of the Committee, John Alexander said that 'home ownership is an issue that affects us all and there are many Australians who are now struggling to buy a first home, particularly in our major cities. The committee wishes to examine whether the current policy settings are optimal to ensure that all Australians have a fair chance to own their own home.'

At this first public hearing, the committee will hear evidence from four key Commonwealth agencies.

The public hearing program is:

### **Friday 26 June 2015, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra**

9.00am Department of the Treasury  
10.45am Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
1.00pm Department of Social Services  
2.00pm Australian Bureau of Statistics

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The proceedings will be audio webcast live on: [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live)

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