

Fuel and Energy

Select Committee on Fuel and Energy

42nd Parliament (12 February 2008 to 30 June 2008)

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 25 June 2008.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) <i>(elected Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	26.06.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	26.06.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	26.06.08

Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	26.06.08

Current inquiry

As at 25 June 2008

- (a) The impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on:
 - (i) families
 - (ii) small business
 - (iii) rural and regional Australia
 - (iv) grocery prices, and
 - (v) key industries, including but not limited to tourism and transport;
- (b) the role and activities of the Petrol Commissioner, including whether the Petrol Commissioner reduces the price of petroleum;
- (c) the operation of the domestic petroleum, diesel and gas markets, including the fostering of maximum competition and provision of consumer information;
- (d) the impact of an emissions trading scheme on the fuel and energy industry, including but not limited to:
 - (i) prices,
 - (ii) employment in the fuel and energy industries, and any related adverse impacts on regional centres reliant on these industries,
 - (iii) domestic energy supply, and
 - (iv) future investment in fuel and energy infrastructure;
- (e) the existing set of state government regulatory powers as they relate to petroleum, diesel and gas products;
- (f) taxation arrangements on petroleum, diesel and gas products including:
 - (i) Commonwealth excise,
 - (ii) the goods and services tax, and
 - (iii) new state and federal taxes;
- (g) the role of alternative fuels to petroleum and diesel, including but not limited to: LPG, LNG, CNG, gas to liquids, coal to liquids, electricity and bio-fuels such as, but not limited to, ethanol;
- (h) the domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement industry, with particular reference to:
 - (i) the impact of Commonwealth, state and local government regulations on this industry,
 - (ii) increasing domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement activities, with a view to reducing Australia's reliance on imported oil, and
 - (iii) other tax incentives; and
- (i) the impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on public transport systems, including the adequacy of public transport infrastructure and record of public transport investment by state governments.

Current inquiry

As at 30 June 2008

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 - (i) families
 - (ii) small business
 - (iii) rural and regional Australia
 - (iv) grocery prices, and
 - (v) key industries, including but not limited to tourism and transport;
- (b) the role and activities of the Petrol Commissioner, including whether the Petrol Commissioner reduces the price of petroleum;
- (c) the operation of the domestic petroleum, diesel and gas markets, including the fostering of maximum competition and provision of consumer information;
- (d) the impact of an emissions trading scheme on the fuel and energy industry, including but not limited to:
 - (i) prices,
 - (ii) employment in the fuel and energy industries, and any related adverse impacts on regional centres reliant on these industries,
 - (iii) domestic energy supply, and
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 - (i) the impact of Commonwealth, state and local government regulations on this industry,
 - (ii) increasing domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement activities, with a view to reducing Australia's reliance on imported oil, and
 - (iii) other tax incentives; and
- (i) the impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on public transport systems, including the adequacy of public transport infrastructure and record of public transport investment by state governments.

Public hearings

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Reports tabled

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

Government responses

25 June 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil