

Housing Affordability in Australia

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12 February 2008 - 30 June 2008

	Matters current as at 12 February 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 30 June 2008
Select Committee	0	1	1	0

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	14	112:00	0	0:00	8	3:05	0	0:00	22	115:05

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Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	9	3	3	2	1	2	0	2

Witnesses						Hansard Pages				
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
Select Committee	2	0	0	177	0	0	908	88	1456	0

Select Committee on Housing Affordability in Australia

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

Method of appointment

Pursuant to resolution agreed to by the Senate on 14 February 2008.

Current members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) <i>(elected Chair on 21.02.08)</i>	14.02.08
Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD)	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	14.02.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	14.02.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	14.02.08

Participating members	<i>Date of appointment</i>
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	14.05.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	14.02.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	17.03.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08

Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	17.03.08
Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG)	14.02.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	17.03.08
Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG)	14.02.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	12.03.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	17.03.08
Senator John Watson (TAS, LP)	17.03.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	12.03.08

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP)	12.03.08–05.05.08
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Current inquiry

As at 14 February 2008

- The barriers to home ownership in Australia, including:
 - (a) the taxes and levies imposed by state and territory governments;
 - (b) the rate of release of new land by state and territory governments;
 - (c) proposed assistance for first home owners by state, territory and the Commonwealth governments and their effectiveness in the absence of increased supply;
 - (d) the role of all levels of government in facilitating affordable home ownership;
 - (e) the effect on the market of government intervention in the housing sector including planning and industrial relations laws;

- (f) the role of financial institutions in home lending; and
- (g) the contribution of home ownership to retirement incomes.

Public hearings

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- 1 April 2008, Canberra; 2 April 2008, Sydney; 3 April 2008, Campbelltown; 7 April 2008, Karratha; 8 April, Perth; 14 April 2008, Brisbane; 15 April 2008, Gold Coast & Ballina; 23 April 2008, Geelong; 24 April 2008, Narre Warren & Melbourne; 28 April 2008, Adelaide; 5 May 2008, Launceston; 7 May 2008, Canberra

Reports tabled

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia (tabled 16 June 2008)

Government responses

14 February 2008–30 June 2008

- Nil

