

Fuel and Energy

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1 July 2008 - 31 December 2008

	Matters current as at 1 July 2008	Matters referred during period	Reports tabled that discharge a reference	Current inquiries as at 31 December 2008
Select Committee	1	0	0	1

Number and Hours of Meeting										
	Public	Hrs	Public Estimates	Hrs	Private	Hrs	Insp/Other	Hrs	Total Meetings	Total Hours
Select Committee	3	21:30	0	0:00	6	1:50	0	0:00	9	24:20

Meetings By State								
	ACT	NSW	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Select Committee	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	0

	Witnesses				Hansard Pages			No of Submissions	No Of Pages	Government Responses
	Televised Hearings	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General	Estimates	Other (Bills)	General			
Select Committee	1	0	0	44	0	0	347	78	1433	0

Select Committee on Fuel and Energy

1 July 2008 to 31 December 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 Deputy Chair on 26.06.08)</i>	26.06.08
Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	12.11.08
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 Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
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 Carol Brown (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Alan Ferguson (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	11.11.08
Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08

Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS)	26.06.08
Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP)	26.06.08
Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP)	26.06.08
Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP)	26.06.08
Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS)	01.07.08
Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP)	01.07.08
Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND)	01.07.08

Former members

Term of appointment

Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP)	26.06.08–11.11.08
Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP)	26.06.08–12.11.08

Former participating members

Term of appointment

Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP)	26.06.08–12.11.08
Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP)	01.07.08–26.08.08

Inquiry

As at 1 July 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 31 December 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;
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- (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.

Public hearings

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- 17 November 2008, Perth; 19 November 2008, Canberra; 8 December 2008, Melbourne

Reports tabled

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Nil

Government responses

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Nil