

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: **SBT 61**

Topic: **Abolition of the National Housing Supply Council**

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Senator LUDLAM asked:

61. You are aware that this decision was condemned by groups as diverse as the Property Council, Housing Industry Association and Master Builders, Real Estate Institute of Australia, UDIA, Residential Development Council Urban Task Force Planning Institute, Shelter Australia, and the Australian Greens. It is rare that you would get all of those groups on the same page. Are you aware of a single stakeholder in the field who thinks that it is a good idea to knock over this advisory council? ...

Senator Sinodinos, maybe it is a bit unfair to levy these questions to those who have to carry out these decisions. Are you aware from a government level of any stakeholders anywhere in the country who support that decision?

...

Could I ask you to take that on notice, Minister?

Answer:

61. The Housing Industry Association (HIA) stated "The decision today by the federal government to abolish the National Housing Supply Council (NHSC) provides an opportunity to take a fresh look at Australia's housing supply challenge and the importance of accurate and reliable information to inform decision makers. (HIA Media Release *Opportunity to Realign Housing Supply Data* - 8 November 2013)