

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: BET 266**

**Topic:                   Housing affordability**

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**Senator Eggleston asked:** How much has the measure of housing affordability changed on a month by month, city by city basis, over the last 3 years?

**Answer:** The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) does not compile monthly housing affordability measures. The ABS does report annually, commencing with data for 2007-08, two outcome performance indicator measures of housing affordability for: the proportion of homes sold or built that are affordable by low and moderate income households; and the proportion of low income households in rental stress. The data were released on 4 June 2010 in "COAG Reform Council (2010) *National Affordable Housing Agreement: Baseline Performance Report for 2008-09*, COAG Reform Council, Sydney." See <http://www.coag.gov.au/crc/reports.cfm#housing>