

Mr CLAYTON BARR: Ms Sankovic, I wish I had a question for you, but I'm going to go back to Mr Waterford, I'm sorry. I'm really interested in the question of productivity. You have in here that one of the best productivity savings that can be gained by rental reforms is to do everything possible to keep people in the homes that they're already in. I think that statement is separate from what you just described in terms of a \$14 billion productivity loss in terms of housing problems overall. Do you have any work, data, statistics, facts or research that sits in behind this comment in your contribution about productivity savings by keeping people in their homes?

Answer:

Unfortunately there is not significant research on the specific question of productivity costs from high turnover in rental properties. There is, however, significant research on the broader productivity impacts from housing being insecure and unaffordable. Much of this is covered in Committee for Sydney report "Chronically Unaffordable Housing" – most notably pages 10-11 on Talent and pages 14-16 on Productivity.

Additional to this is other research, including by AHURI – available here.