

**THE SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE OF  
OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT RESPONSES  
TO REPORTS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
JOINT COMMITTEES**

(also incorporating reports tabled and details of Government responses  
made in the period between  
26 June 2013, the date of the last schedule, and 11 December 2013)

12 December 2013

## **THE SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The attached schedule lists committee reports tabled and government responses to House and joint committee reports made since the last schedule was presented on 27 June 2013. It also lists reports for which the House has not received a government response. Schedules of outstanding responses will continue to be presented at approximately six monthly intervals, generally in the last sitting weeks of the winter and spring sittings.

The schedule does not include advisory reports on bills introduced into the House of Representatives unless the reports make recommendations which are wider than the provisions of the bills and which could be the subject of a government response. The Government's response to these reports is apparent in the resumption of consideration of the relevant legislation by the House. Also not included are reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, the House of Representatives Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests, and the Publications Committee (other than reports on inquiries). Reports from the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights are only listed where the committee has examined and reported on a specific item(s) of legislation. Not listed are that committee's regular reports on the human rights compatibility of bills and legislative instruments that come before either House of Parliament.

Government responses to reports of the Public Works Committee are usually reflected in motions for the approval of works after the relevant report has been presented and considered. Reports from other committees which do not include recommendations are only included when first tabled.

Reports of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit primarily make administrative recommendations but may make policy recommendations. A government response is required in respect of such policy recommendations made by the committee. Responses to administrative recommendations are made in the form of an Executive Minute provided to, and subsequently tabled by, the committee. Agencies responding to administrative recommendations are required to provide an Executive Minute within 6 months of the tabling of a report.

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Description of Report	Date Tabled or Published <sup>1</sup>	Date of Government Response <sup>2</sup>	Responded in Period Specified <sup>3</sup>
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (House, Standing)</b>			
Everybody's Business: Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Stores	16-11-09	No response to date	No
Sport: More than just a game	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)</b>			
Netting the benefits: Inquiry into the role of science for the future of fisheries and aquaculture	27-11-12	No response to date	No
Report on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities annual reports 2011-12	15-05-13	Time has not expired	
Inquiry into the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Annual Report 2011-12	28-05-13	Time has not expired	
Report on the National Rural Advisory Council annual report 2011-12	03-06-13	Time has not expired	
Inquiry into the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research Annual Report 2011-12	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)</b>			

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Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2011-2012	18-03-13	Time has not expired	
Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Broadcasting Legislation (Joint, Select)</b>			
Three broadcasting reform proposals	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Climate Change, Environment and the Arts (House, Standing)</b>			
Managing Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate: the way forward – Final report	17-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (House, Standing)</b>			
Community Television: Options for digital broadcasting	12-02-07	No response to date	No
Report: Tuning in to community broadcasting	20-06-07	No response to date	No
<b>Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Better shareholders – Better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia	23-06-08	No response to date <sup>4</sup>	No
Aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes	07-09-09	No response to date	No

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Access for small and medium business to finance	28-04-11	No response to date	No
Family businesses in Australia - Different and significant: Why they shouldn't be overlooked	21-03-13	No response to date	No
Financial sector reform in China: The role of, opportunities for, the Australian financial services sector	28-06-13	Time has not expired	
Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission: the role of gatekeepers in Australia's financial services system	29-07-13	No response required	
<b>Cyber-Safety (Joint, Select)</b>			
Cybersafety for Seniors: A Worthwhile Journey	16-04-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Economics (House, Standing)</b>			
Inquiry into raising the productivity growth rate in the Australian economy	24-05-10	No response to date	No
Inquiry into Indigenous economic development in Queensland and review of the Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010	12-05-11	No response to date	No
Report on Australia's oil refinery industry	5-02-13	No response to date	No
<b>Education and Training (House, Standing)</b>			
Adolescent Overload? Report of the inquiry into combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions	16-11-09	No response to date	No

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<b>Education and Employment (House, Standing)</b>			
International education support and collaboration: Review of the 2010-2011 annual report of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	27-05-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Inquiry into the implications of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment (Automatic Enrolment) Act 2009 (NSW) for the conduct of Commonwealth elections	25-02-10	No response to date	No
Report on the conduct of the 2010 Federal Election and matters related thereto	07-07-11	No response to date	No
Report on funding of political parties and election campaigns	09-12-11	No response to date	No
Review of the AEC analysis of the FWA report on the HSU	20-09-12	No response to date	No
<b>Employment and Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation (House, Standing)</b>			
Making it work: Inquiry into independent contracting and labour hire arrangements	17-08-05	No response to date <sup>5</sup>	No

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<b>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea	03-06-13	Time has not expired	
Trading Lives: Modern day human trafficking	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
Care of ADF personnel wounded and injured on operations	24-06-13	Interim response 26-06-13 <sup>6</sup> Time has not expired	
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-2012	27-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Gambling Reform (Joint, Select)</b>			
Fifth Report: The advertising and promotion of gambling services in sport; Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013	07-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Health and Ageing (House, Standing)</b>			
Lost in the labyrinth: Report on the inquiry into registration processes and support for overseas trained doctors	19-03-12	No response to date	No
Discussion paper on the late effects of polio/post-polio syndrome	20-08-12	No response to date	No
Diseases have no borders: Report on the inquiry into health across international borders	20-03-13	Time has not expired	

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Bridging the gap: Report on the inquiry into adult dental services	17-06-13	Time has not expired	
Living with the pain of adhesive arachnoiditis	11-02-13	No response to date	No
Thinking ahead: Report on the inquiry into dementia; early diagnosis and intervention	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Fourth Report of 2012: Interim Report - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012	20-09-12	No response to date	No
Fifth Report of 2013: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Act 2012	20-03-13	No response to date	No
Ninth Report of 2013: Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing and Other Measures) Act 2012 and related legislation	19-06-13	Time has not expired	
Eleventh Report of 2013: Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation	26-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Infrastructure and Communications (House, Standing)</b>			
Finding the right balance: Cabin crew ratios on Australian aircraft	21-11-11	No response to date	No
At what cost? IT pricing and the Australia tax	29-07-13	Time has not expired	



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<b>Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (House, Standing)</b>			
Rebuilding Australia's coastal shipping industry: Inquiry into coastal shipping policy and regulation	20-10-08	No response to date	No
<b>Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Review of administration and expenditure: No. 10 - Australian Intelligence Agencies	27-05-13	No response required	
Report of the inquiry into potential reforms of Australia's national security legislation	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Inquiry into the gathering and use of criminal intelligence	15-05-13	Time has not expired	
Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband	23-07-13	Time has not expired	
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2011-12	15-05-13	No response required	
<b>Migration (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning – Criteria for release from immigration detention	01-12-08	No response to date	No

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Immigration detention in Australia: Community-based alternatives to detention	25-05-09	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Facilities, services and transparency	18-08-09	No response to date	No
Inquiry into migration and multiculturalism in Australia	18-03-13	No response to date	No
<b>National Broadband Network (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network (Fifth Report)	17-06-13	13-11-13	Yes
<b>National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)</b>			
An Estate for the Future: The allocation of land to diplomatic missions in the ACT	28-03-11	Partial response 17-04-13 Time has not expired	
Etched in stone? Inquiry into the administration of the <i>National Memorials Ordinance 1928</i>	23-11-11	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the provisions of amenity within the Parliamentary Triangle	28-06-13	Time has not expired	
Review of the Department of Regional Development, Regional Australia and local Government Annual Report 2010-11	28-06-13	Time has not expired	
Visit to the Indian Ocean Territories 21 to 25 October 2012	28-06-13	Time has not expired	

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<b>Petitions (House, Standing)</b>			
Electronic Petitioning to the House of Representatives	16-11-09	No response to date	No
<b>Procedure (House, Standing)</b>			
Building a modern committee system: An inquiry into the effectiveness of the House Committee system	21-06-10	No response to date	No
Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Parliament: 4 <sup>th</sup> Report	26-11-12	No response to date	No
Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders	24-06-13	Time has not expired <sup>7</sup>	
<b>Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Report 417: Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between February 2009 and September 2009	22-06-10	Partial response received	No
Report 423: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 39 (2009-10) to 15 (2010-11)	04-07-11	Partial response received	No
Report 436: Review of the 2011-12 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report	29-05-13	Time has not expired	
Report 437: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 2 to 10 (2012-13)	29-05-13	Time has not expired	
Report 439: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 11 to 31 (2012-13)	27-06-13	Time has not expired	

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Report 440: Annual Report 2012-13	27-07-13	No response required	
<b>Public Works (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Public works on Christmas Island	13-10-11	No response to date	No
<b>Regional Australia (House, Standing)</b>			
Cancer of the bush or salvation for our cities?	13-02-13	No response to date	No
<b>Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)</b>			
FASD: The hidden harm – Inquiry into the prevention, diagnosis and management of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders	29-11-12	No response to date	No
Troubled Waters: Inquiry into the arrangements surrounding crimes committed at sea	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Treaties (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Treaty tabled on 14 August 2012 (130 <sup>th</sup> Report)	31-10-12	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 18 September and 30 October 2012 (132 <sup>nd</sup> Report)	18-03-13	No response required	
Treaties tabled on 1 November 2012 (133 <sup>rd</sup> Report)	27-05-13	No response required	

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Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013 (134 <sup>th</sup> Report)	25-06-13	No response required	
Review of Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013 (135 <sup>th</sup> Report)	23-07-13	No response required	
Treaty tabled on 14 May 2013 (136 <sup>th</sup> Report)	05-08-13	Time has not expired	

## Notes

1. The date of tabling is the date the report was presented to the House of Representatives or to the Speaker, whichever is earlier. In the case of joint committees, the date shown is the date of first presentation to either the House or the Senate. Reports published when the House (or Houses) are not sitting are tabled at a later date.
2. If the source for the date is not the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives or the Journals of the Senate, the source is shown in an endnote.
3. For reports up to the end of 42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament, the time specified is three months from the date of tabling. While the government has undertaken to continue to respond to reports within three months, from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament (28/09/10 onwards) the period within which the House requires a response is 6 months - see resolution of the House of Representatives of 29/09/10. This resolution also puts in place additional steps for reports not responded to within that six month period. The period from when the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament was prorogued on 5 August 2013 and the commencement of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 12 November 2013 is not included in the response period.
4. In July 2011 the government advised that it did not intend to respond to the report because of the time elapsed since the report was tabled. The committee has not agreed to the removal of this report from the schedule.
5. In June 2009 the government advised that it did not intend to respond formally to this report. The committee awaits a response to recommendations of the report. In November 2009 the government indicated a response is being considered and will be tabled in due course. In November 2011 the government indicated it was in discussion with the committee on this matter.
6. On 26 June 2013, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Defence Science and Personnel provided an interim response by way of statement to the Federation Chamber. See *House of Representatives Hansard*, 26 June 2013, pp 103-104.
7. Recommendations made in the report have been implemented in amendments made to the standing orders on 13 November 2013.