

**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
4 December 2008, the date of the last schedule, and 24 June 2009)

25 June 2009

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The attached schedule lists committee reports tabled and government responses to House and joint committee reports made since the last schedule was presented on 4 December 2008. It also lists reports for which the House has not received a government response. On 13 May 2009, following consultation with House Committees, the Speaker presented a list of seven reports no longer requiring a government response. Those reports have now been deleted from the schedule. 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). Government responses to reports of the Public Works Committee are normally 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. However, 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 tabling a report. The committee monitors the provision of such responses. Reports which do not contain policy recommendations are only included when first tabled.

June 2009

Description of Report	Date Tabled or Published ¹	Date of Government Response ²	Responded in Period Specified ³
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (House, Standing)			
Indigenous Australia at work: Successful initiative in Indigenous employment	13-08-07	No response to date	No
Open for business: Developing Indigenous enterprises in Australia	20-10-08	No response to date	No
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)			
Taking control: a national approach to pest animals	28-11-05	No response to date	No
Skills: Rural Australia's need	26-02-07	No response to date	No
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)			
Inquiry into Law Enforcement Integrity models	23-02-09	No response to date	No
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2007-08	01-06-09	Time has not expired	
Australian Crime Commission (Joint, Statutory)			
Review of the <i>Australian Crime Commission Act 2002</i>	10-11-05	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2004-2005	19-10-06	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD)	28-02-07	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian Society	19-09-07	No response to date	No

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Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2006-07	18-06-08	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the <i>Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007</i>	18-06-08	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2007 – 08	22-06-09	Time has not expired	
Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2008	20-02-09	28-05-09	No
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Digital Television: Who's Buying It?	13-02-06	No response to date	No
Community Television: Options for digital broadcasting	12-02-07	No response to date	No
{ HYPERLINK "http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/cita/community_broadcasting/index.htm" }	20-06-07	No response to date	No
Communications (House, Standing)			
Phoning home	19-03-09	No response to date	No
Corporations and Securities (Joint, Statutory)			
Report on aspects of the regulation of proprietary companies	08-03-01	No response to date	No

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Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)			
Report on the regulations and ASIC policy statements made under the <i>Financial Services Reform Act 2001</i>	23-10-02	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the review of the <i>Managed Investments Act 1998</i>	12-12-02	No response to date	No
Inquiry into Regulation 7.1.29 in Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (No.3), Statutory Rules 2003 No.85	26-06-03	No response to date	No
Money matters in the bush-Inquiry into the level of banking & financial services in rural, regional & remote areas of Australia	15-01-04	No response to date	No
Report on the ATM fee structure	15-01-04	No response to date	No
Corporations amendment regulations 2003	24-03-04	No response to date	No
Corporations Amendment Regulations 7.1.29A, 7.1.35A and 7.1.40(h)	02-06-04	No response to date	No
Property investment advice – Safe as houses?	23-06-05	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, December 2005	13-02-06	No response to date	No
Corporate responsibility: Managing risk and creating value	21-06-06	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, August 2006	16-08-06	No response to date	No
Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006 [Exposure Draft]	23-02-07	No response to date ⁴	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, March 2007	01-03-07	No response to date	No

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Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 [Exposure Draft]; Corporations and Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment Regulations 2007 [Exposure Draft]	29-03-07	No response to date ⁵	No
Structure and operation of the superannuation industry	07-08-07	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, August 2007	09-08-07	No response to date	No
Better shareholders – Better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia	23-06-08	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, August 2008	01-09-08	No response to date ⁶	No
Opportunity not opportunism: Improving conduct in Australian franchising	01-12-08	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	23-02-09	No response to date	No
Economics, Finance and Public Administration (House, Standing)			
Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 2003	21-06-04	No response to date	No
Improving the superannuation savings of people under 40	19-06-06	No response to date ⁷	No
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia & Payments System Board Annual Report 2005 (first report)	14-08-06	No response to date ⁸	No
Servicing our future – Inquiry into the current and future directions of Australia’s services export sector	18-06-07	04-12-08	No
Australian manufacturing: Today and tomorrow	13-08-07	No response to date	No

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Inquiry into home loan lending practices and processes used to deal with people in financial difficulty	17-09-07	No response to date	No
Economics (House, Standing)			
Competition in the banking and non-banking sectors	21-11-08	No response to date	No
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2007 (Second Report)	24-11-08	No response required	
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2008 (First Report)	24-03-09	No response required	
Education and Training (House, Standing)			
Review of the Department of Education, Science and Training annual report 2006-07	01-06-09	Time has not expired	
Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)			
Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008	23-10-08	No response to date ⁹	No
Report on the 2007 federal election electronic voting trials: Interim report of the inquiry into the conduct of the 2007 election and matters related thereto	16-03-09	No response to date	No
Report on the conduct of the 2007 federal election and matters related	22-06-09	Time has not expired	
Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008	22-06-09	Time has not expired	

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Employment and Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation (House, Standing)			
Making it work: Inquiry into independent contracting and labour hire arrangements	17-08-05	No response to date ¹⁰	No
Current vacancies: Workforce challenges facing the Australian tourism sector	18-06-07	05-02-09	No
Environment and Heritage (House, Standing)			
Sustainable cities	12-09-05	No response to date	No
Sustainability for survival - Creating a climate for change: Report on the inquiry into a sustainability charter	17-09-07	No response to date	No
Managing the flow – Regulating plumbing product quality	19-09-07	05-02-09	No
Family and Human Services (House, Standing)			
Balancing work and family	07-12-06	No response to date	No
The winnable war on drugs: The impact of illicit drug use on families	13-09-07	No response to date	No
Family, Community, Housing and Youth (House, Standing)			
Who Cares...?: Report on the inquiry into better support for carers	22-04-09	Time has not expired	
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Inquiry into Australia's Defence Force regional air superiority	12-09-07	No response required	

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Review of the Defence annual report 2006-2007	01-12-08	No response to date	No
Australia's relationship ASEAN	24-06-09	Time has not expired	
Health and Ageing (House, Standing)			
The Blame Game: Report on the inquiry into health funding	04-12-06	No response to date	No
The best start: Report on the inquiry into the health benefits of breastfeeding	09-08-07	04-12-08	No
Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 19 (2006 – 2007): Administration of State and Territory compliance with the Australian Health Care Agreements	15-08-07	No response to date ¹¹	No
Weighing it up: Obesity in Australia	01-06-09	Time has not expired	No
Industry, Science and Innovation (House, Standing)			
Research Training in Australian Universities: An Interim Report	24-10-08	No response to date	No
Building Australia's research capacity – Final Report	01-12-08	No response to date	No
Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (House, Standing)			
Rebuilding Australia's coastal shipping industry: Inquiry into coastal shipping policy and regulation	20-10-08	No response to date	No
Funding regional and local community infrastructure: Proposals for the new regional and local community infrastructure program – Interim Report	05-11-08	No response to date	No

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Funding regional and local community infrastructure: Principles for the development of a regional and local community infrastructure funding program – Final Report	01-06-09	Time has not expired	
Level crossing safely: An update to the 2004 Train Illumination Report	22-06-09	Time has not expired	
Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)			
Review of security and counter terrorism legislation	04-12-06	23-12-08	No
Inquiry into the proscription of terrorist organisations under the Australian Criminal Code	20-09-07	23-12-08	No
Review of the re-listing of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), Jamiat ul-Ansar (JuA) and Al-Qa'ida in Iraq (AQI) as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code Act 1995	11-02-09	28-05-09	No
Review of the re-listing of six terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code Act 1995	15-06-2009	Time has not expired	
Legal and Constitutional Affairs (House, Standing)			
The long road to statehood: Report of the inquiry into the federal implications of statehood for the Northern Territory	28-05-07	No response to date	No
Inquiry into older people and the law	20-09-07	No response to date	No
Reforming the Constitution: A roundtable discussion	23-06-08	No response to date	No
Whistleblower protection: a comprehensive scheme for the Commonwealth public sector	23-02-09	No response to date	No
Access All Areas: Report of the inquiry into Draft Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards	15-06-09	Time has not expired	

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Migration (Joint, Standing)			
Negotiating the maze: Review of arrangements for overseas skills recognition, upgrading and license	11-09-06	No response to date	No
Temporary visas...permanent benefits: Ensuring the effectiveness and integrity of the temporary business visa program	12-09-07	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning – Criteria for release from immigration detention	01-12-08	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Community-based alternatives to detention	25-05-09	Time has not expired	
National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)			
The Way Forward: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority	16-07-08	12-12-08	No
Inquiry into the Immigration Bridge Proposal	29-05-09	Time has not expired	
Primary Industries and Resources (House, Standing)			
More than honey: The future of the Australian honey bee and pollination industries	16-06-08	No response to date	No
Procedure (House, Standing)			
Motion to suspend standing orders and condemn a Member: Report on events of 10 October 2006	07-12-06	No response to date	No
Re-opening the debate: Inquiry into the arrangements for the opening day of Parliament	23-10-08	No response to date	No

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Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Progress on equipment acquisition and financial reporting in Defence (Report 411)	08-08-08	28-01-09	No
Audit Reports reviewed during the 41st Parliament (Report 412)	25-08-08	28-05-09	No
The efficiency dividend and small agencies: Size does matter (Report 413)	04-12-08	No response to date	No
Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between August 2007 and August 2008 (Report 414)	22-06-09	Time has not expired	
Publications (Joint, Standing)			
Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament	20-09-07	No response to date	No
Science and Innovation (House, Standing)			
Between a rock and a hard place: The science of geosequestration	13-08-07	No response to date	No
Transport and Regional Services (House, Standing)			
The great freight task: Is Australia's transport network up to the challenge?	13-08-07	No response to date	No
Treaties (Joint, Standing)			
The Australia – United States Free Trade Agreement (61 st Report)	23-06-04	No response to date ¹²	No

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Treaty tabled on 12 March 2008 (91 st Report)	26-06-08	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 12 March & 14 May 2008 (93 rd Report)	04-09-08	19-03-09	No
Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008 (94 th Report)	18-09-08	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 4 June, 17 June, 25 June and 26 August 2008 (95 th Report)	16-10-08	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (96 th Report)	24-11-08	No response required	
Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (97 th Report)	04-12-08	No response required	
Treaties tabled on 26 November and 4 December 2008 (98 th Report)	12-03-09	No response required	
Treaties tabled on 3 December 2008 and 3 February 2009 (99 th Report)	12-03-09	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 25 June 2008 (2) (100 th Report)	19-03-09	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 3 February 2009 (101 st Report)	15-06-2009	No response required	
Treaties tabled 12 and 16 March 2009 (102 nd Report)	24-06-09	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. The time specified is three months from the date of tabling.
4. In June 2009 the government indicated that the recommendations were dealt with in the context of parliamentary debate on the bill in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and therefore no further response was required.
5. In June 2009 the government indicated that the response to the report was included in the second reading speech to the Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007, and no further response was required.
6. The government has advised that as no recommendations were made, no government response was required.
7. In June 2009 the government indicated it did not propose to respond to the report. It noted the report's recommendations fall within the scope of the Review of Australia's Future Tax System and the proposed review of the Operation and Efficiency of the Superannuation System.
8. The government has indicated that no response is required.
9. In June 2009 the government advised that amendments were made to the bill following receipt of the committee's advisory report and a revised bill introduced on 23 March 2009. The government therefore indicated no further response was required.
10. In June 2009 the government advised that it did not intend to respond formally to this report.
11. The government advised in June 2009 that, as the framework on which the committee reported had changed, and the government had taken steps to address issues raised in the report, it did not intend to respond to the recommendations.
12. Legislation to give effect to the Free Trade Agreement has now been passed. The government in 2006 stated that no further response was required. The committee awaits a response to recommendations of the Free Trade Agreement report.