



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation
Committee report:

COAG Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

May 2024

Dissenting Report – Labor Senators – Recommendation 1
The bill be passed with the omission of Schedule 3.
Australian Government Response
The Government notes this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.
Dissenting Report – Labor Senators – Recommendation 2
If Schedule 3 is not omitted from the bill, the bill be opposed.
Australian Government Response
The Government notes this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.
Dissenting Report – Labor Senators – Recommendation 3
The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provide an explanation for its decision to ignore the deadline set by the committee for the return of answers to questions on notice
Australian Government Response
The Government notes this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.
Dissenting Report – Labor Senators – Recommendation 4
<p>The Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and other senior officials of the department reacquaint themselves with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the scrutiny functions of the Senate and its committees; and • the obligations of official witnesses who appear before Senate committees.
Australian Government Response
The Government notes this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.
Dissenting Report – Australian Greens – Recommendation 1
That Schedule 3 of this Bill not be passed.
Australian Government Response
The Government notes this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.

Dissenting Report – Australian Greens – Recommendation 2
That the new FOI Commissioner review all guidelines to ensure FOI officers adopt a pro-disclosure approach to assessing applications.
Australian Government Response
The Government notes this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.
Dissenting Report – Australian Greens – Recommendation 3
That the government finalise, publish and implement the Open Government Partnership third National Action Plan.
Australian Government Response
The Government notes this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.
Dissenting Report – Senator Rex Patrick – Recommendation 1
That Schedule 3 of the Bill be opposed.
Australian Government Response
The Government notes this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.