

**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 2014, the date of the last schedule, and 24 June 2015)

25 June 2015

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 4 December 2014. 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 existing 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 six months of the tabling of a report.

25 June 2015

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)			
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—Contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Agriculture and Industry (House, Standing)			
A clearer message for consumers: Report on the inquiry into country of origin labelling for food	27-10-14	No response to date	No
Circumvention: closing the loopholes—Inquiry into Australia's anti-circumvention framework in relation to anti-dumping measures	01-06-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)			
Netting the benefits: Inquiry into the role of science for the future of fisheries and aquaculture	27-11-12	01-06-15	No
Report on the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Annual Report 2011-12	28-05-13	No response to date	No
Report into the National Rural Advisory Council Annual Report 2011-12	03-06-13	26-02-15	No

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Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)			
Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2013-14	01-06-15	No response required	
Broadcasting Legislation (Joint, Select)			
Three broadcasting reform proposals	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Climate Change, Environment and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Managing Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate: the way forward—Final report	17-06-13	No response to date	No
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Community television: Options for digital broadcasting	12-02-07	No response to date ⁴	No
Report: Tuning in to community broadcasting	20-06-07	No response to date ⁵	No

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Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Joint, Select)			
Progress report	27-10-14	No response to date	No
Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)			
Better shareholders – Better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia	23-06-08	No response to date ⁶	No
Inquiry into aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes	07-09-09	No response to date ⁷	No
Access for small and medium business to finance	28-04-11	No response to date ⁸	No
Financial sector reform in China: The role of, opportunities for, the Australian financial services sector— Delegation to China	28-06-13	No response to date ⁹	No
Report on the 2012-13 Annual Reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	19-03-14	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the corporations legislation— Report No. 1 of the 44th Parliament	26-11-14	No response to date	No
Inquiry into proposals to lift the professional, ethical and education standards in the financial services industry	19-12-14	No response to date	No

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Report on the 2013–14 annual reports of bodies established under ASIC Act	30-04-15	No response required	
Economics (House, Standing)			
Inquiry into Indigenous economic development in Queensland and review of the Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010	12-05-11	No response to date ¹⁰	No
Report on foreign investment in residential real estate	27-11-14	No response to date	No
Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Annual Report 2014 (First Report)	16-03-15	No response required	
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2014 (First report)	24-03-15	No response required	
Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Annual Report 2014 (Second Report)	01-06-15	No response required	
Education and Training (House, Standing)			
Adolescent Overload? Report of the inquiry into combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions	16-11-09	No response to date ¹¹	No

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Education and Employment (House, Standing)			
International education support and collaboration: Review of the 2010-2011 annual report of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	27-05-13	No response to date	No
TAFE: an Australian asset—Report of the inquiry into TAFE and its operation	24-11-14	No response to date	No
Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)			
Inquiry into the implications of the <i>Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment (Automatic Enrolment) Act 2009</i> (NSW) for the conduct of Commonwealth elections	25-02-10	No response to date ¹²	No
The 2010 Federal Election: Report on the conduct of the election and related matters	07-07-11	No response to date ¹³	No
Report on the funding of political parties and election campaigns	09-12-11	No response to date ¹⁴	No
Review of the AEC analysis of the FWA report on the HSU	20-09-12	No response to date ¹⁵	No
Interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2013 Federal Election: Senate voting practices	09-05-14	No response to date	No
Second interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2013 federal election: An assessment of electronic voting options	20-11-14	No response to date	No

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The 2013 Federal Election: Report on the conduct of the 2013 election and matters related thereto	15-04-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Employment, 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 ¹⁶	No
Environment (House, Standing)			
Streamlining environmental legislation: Inquiry into streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape', and one stop shops	23-02-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea	03-06-13	17-03-15	No
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2012-2013	28-10-14	16-06-15	No
Partnering for the greater good: The role of the private sector in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region	22-06-15	No response to date	Time has not expired

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Health (House, Standing)			
Skin Cancer in Australia: Our National Cancer	24-03-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Health and Ageing (House, Standing)			
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
Diseases have no borders: Report on the inquiry into health issues across international borders	20-03-13	No response to date	No
Bridging the dental gap: Report on the inquiry into adult dental services	17-06-13	No response to date	No
Thinking ahead: Report on the inquiry into dementia—early diagnosis and intervention	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)			
Ninth Report of 2013: Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing and Other Measures) Act 2012 and related legislation	19-06-13	No response to date	No
Eleventh Report of 2013: Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation	26-06-13	No response to date	No

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Infrastructure and Communications (House, Standing)			
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	No response to date ¹⁷	No
Planning, procurement and funding for Australia's future infrastructure: Report on the inquiry into infrastructure planning and procurement	04-12-14	No response to date	No
Balancing freedom and protection: Inquiry into the use of subsection 313(3) of the <i>Telecommunications Act 1997</i> by government agencies to disrupt the operation of illegal online services	01-06-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
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 ¹⁸	No
Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)			
Report of the inquiry into potential reforms of Australia's national security legislation	24-06-13	No response to date ¹⁹	No

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Review of the listing of Boko Haram; Review of the relisting of the Islamic State	22-09-14	12-05-15 ²⁰	
Review of Administration and Expenditure: No. 11 and No. 12— Australian Intelligence Agencies	22-09-14	No response to date	No
Review of the listing of Al-Murabitun	16-12-14	12-05-15 ²¹	
Annual Report of committee activities 2013-2014	16-12-14	No response required	
Annual Report of committee activities 2012-2013	16-12-14	No response required	
Review of the declaration of al-Raqqa province, Syria	18-03-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Inquiry into the authorisation of access to telecommunications data to identify a journalist's source	08-04-15	No response required	
Review of the declaration of Mosul district, Ninewa province, Iraq	25-05-15	No response required	
Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Lashkar-e Jhangvi and Jaish-e-Mohammad	25-05-15	No response required	
Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation	22-06-15	No response required	
Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)			
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2013-14	01-06-15	No response required	

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Migration (Joint, Standing)			
Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning: Criteria for release from immigration detention—First report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia	01-12-08	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Community-based alternatives to detention—Second report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia	25-05-09	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Facilities, services and transparency—Third report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia	18-08-09	No response to date	No
Inquiry into migration and multiculturalism in Australia	18-03-13	No response to date	No
Report on the inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme	24-03-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)			
Etched in stone? Inquiry into the administration of the <i>National Memorials Ordinance 1928</i>	23-11-11	No response to date	No
Report of the visit to Norfolk Island: 29-30 April 2013	05-06-13	No response to date ²²	No

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Report on the visit to the Indian Ocean Territories, 21-25 October 2012; Review of the Department of Regional Development, Regional Australia and Local Government Annual Report 2010-11	28-06-13	10-02-15	No
Same country: different world—The future of Norfolk Island	20-10-14	19-03-15	Yes
Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories: Interim report—Economic Development	23-06-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint, Standing)			
Progress report on the implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	29-07-14	03-03-15	No
Northern Australia (Joint Select)			
Pivot North: Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia—Final Report	04-09-14	Interim response 04-12-14 ²³	No
Petitions (House, Standing)			
Electronic petitioning to the House of Representatives	16-11-09	23-02-15	No

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Procedure (House, Standing)			
Building a modern committee system: An inquiry into the effectiveness of the House Committee system	21-06-10	22-06-15	No
Use of electronic devices in the Chamber and Federation Chamber	24-09-14	23-02-15	Yes
Role of the Federation Chamber: Celebrating 20 years of operation	22-06-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Report 442: Inquiry into the 2012-13 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report	26-05-14	29-08-14 and 26-11-14 ²⁴	Yes
Report 443: Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 23 and 25 (2012-13) and 32 (2012-13) to 9 (2013-14)	16-06-14	02-03-15	No
Report 445: Regional Cities Program, KPIs and Medicare	22-09-14	26-03-15	No
Report 446: Review of the operations of the Parliamentary Budget Office	01-12-14	23-06-15	No
Report 447: EPBC Act, Cyber Security, Mail Screening, ABR and Helicopter Program	02-03-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Report 448: Review of the 2013-14 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report	25-05-15	No response to date	Time has not expired

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Regional Australia (House, Standing)			
Cancer of the bush or salvation for our cities? Fly-in, fly-out and drive-in, drive-out workforce practices in Regional Australia	13-02-13	04-06-15	No
Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)			
FASD: The Hidden Harm—Inquiry into the prevention, diagnosis and management of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders	29-11-12	No response to date ²⁵	No
Eyes in the sky: Inquiry into drones and the regulation of air safety and privacy	14-07-14	No response to date	No
Revisiting recognition: Report on the roundtable with Australian South Sea Islanders	24-03-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Roundtable on surrogacy	24-03-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Reviewing <i>Troubled Waters</i> : Consideration of the Government response to the 2012 inquiry into arrangements surrounding crimes at sea	22-06-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
Tax and Revenue (House, Standing)			
Tax disputes	26-03-15	No response to date	Time has not expired
2014 Annual Report of the Australian Taxation Office (First Report)	01-06-15	No response required	

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Treaties (Joint, Standing)			
Report 146: Treaty tabled on 30 September 2014	10-02-15	No response required	
Report 147: Treaties tabled on 18 June, 24 November, 2 December 2014 and 25 February 2015	26-03-15	No response required	
Report 148: Treaties tabled on 10 February 2015	12-05-15	No response required	
Report 149: Treaty tabled on 10 February 2015	16-06-15	No response required	
Report 150: Treaties tabled on 3 March, 5 March and 12 May 2015	16-06-15	No response required	

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 or to the President or Speaker (if presented earlier out of session). Reports published when the House (or Houses) are not sitting are tabled at a later date.
- 2 If the source for the government response 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 42nd 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 43rd Parliament (28 September 2010 onwards) the period within which the House requires a response is six months—see resolution of the House of Representatives of 29 September 2010. This resolution also puts in place additional steps for reports not responded to within that six month period. The period from when the 43rd Parliament was prorogued on 5 August 2013 and the commencement of the 44th Parliament on 12 November 2013 is not included in the response period.
- 4 In correspondence dated 22 December 2014, the Minister for Communications wrote to the committee in relation to the report, advising that since the report was first tabled many of the issues raised and the recommendations contained in the report have been addressed, implemented or superseded by the advent of new technologies and government policies. Accordingly, the committee no longer expects a response to this report. A copy of the correspondence has been made available on the committee's website. This listing will be removed from the next schedule.
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- 6 Since July 2011 the Government has advised that it does not intend to respond to the report because of the time elapsed since the report was tabled. The committee no longer expects a response to this report. This listing will be removed from the next schedule.
- 7 Since December 2013 the Government has advised that it does not intend to respond to the report because of the time elapsed since the report was tabled. The committee no longer expects a response to this report. This listing will be removed from the next schedule.
- 8 In December 2013 the Government advised that it did not intend to respond to the report as this matter is being considered as part of the Government's Financial System Inquiry. Since December 2014 the Government has advised that it does not intend to respond to the report because of the time elapsed since the report was tabled. The committee no longer expects a response to this report. This listing will be removed from the next schedule.

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- 9 Since December 2014 the Government has advised that it does not intend to respond to the report because of the time elapsed since the report was tabled. The committee no longer expects a response to this report. This listing will be removed from the next schedule.
- 10 A response to this report is no longer expected, as the issues covered in the report have been superseded by Queensland State policy. This listing will be removed from the next schedule.
- 11 The committee still awaits a response to this report.
- 12 Since December 2014 the Government has advised that the need for a response was overtaken by legislation introduced by the previous Government and passed by the previous Parliament.
- 13 On 7 February 2012 the Government provided a statement regarding the reasons for the delay in presenting the response, in accordance with the House resolution of 29 September 2010 on government responses to committee reports. The Government advised that the 37 recommendations required detailed consideration and analysis, and that as an interim response to the report, and to progress the priority measures, the Government intended to introduce legislation in the 2012 Autumn sittings. Since December 2014 the Government has advised that given the passage of time and the change of government, the Government does not intend to respond to the report.
- 14 Since December 2014 the Government has advised that given the passage of time and the change of government, the Government does not intend to respond to the report.
- 15 Since December 2014 the Government has advised that given the passage of time and the change of government, the Government does not intend to respond to the report.
- 16 In June 2009 the Government advised that it did not intend to respond formally to this report. In November 2009 the Government indicated a response was being considered and would be tabled in due course. In November 2011 and December 2013 the Government indicated it was in discussion with the committee on this matter. In July 2014 the Government advised that the *Independent Contractors Act 2006* was assented to on 1 December 2006 and that the Government's response was covered during debate on the Bill. The committee has not agreed to the removal of this report from the schedule.
- 17 On 22 June 2015, during debate on the Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015, the Senate noted that the Government has not responded to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications report on its inquiry into information technology pricing.
- 18 In December 2014 the Government advised that it will not be tabling a response to this report and commented that the committee's report was effectively responded to by the enactment of the *Coastal Shipping (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* under the previous Government. The Government indicated that it is considering options to improve regulation of Australian shipping.

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- 19 In the *Advisory report on the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Data Retention) Bill 2014*, presented on 27 February 2015, in addition to recommendations relating to the bill, the committee recommended that the Government provide a response to the outstanding recommendations from the committee's 2013 *Report of the Inquiry into Potential Reforms of Australia's National Security Legislation* by 1 July 2015. On 24 June 2015, in the Government's response to the previous schedule dated 4 December 2014, the Government indicated that it intended to respond to the outstanding recommendations to this report by 1 July 2015.
- 20 Reviews of this nature containing a standard recommendation in relation to the listing do not typically require a response. However, the Government tabled a response to this report on 12 May 2015.
- 21 Reviews of this nature containing a standard recommendation in relation to the listing do not typically require a response. However, the Government tabled a response to this report on 12 May 2015.
- 22 The Committee has resolved that a government response to this report is no longer required. The listing will be removed from the next schedule.
- 23 On 4 December 2014 the Government provided an interim response to the report, advising that the committee's report is informing the Government's White Paper, which is being prepared. The White Paper will set out a clear and well defined policy platform for unlocking the full potential of the north, including actions through to 2030. The Government indicated that it will respond to the committee's specific recommendations through the White Paper. On 18 June 2015 the Government released the *White Paper on Developing Northern Australia: Our North, Our Future*.
- 24 The Australian National Audit Office has responded by Executive Minute.
- 25 On 14 July 2014 the Government advised the committee that on 25 June 2014 it announced funding for the National FASD Action Plan, and that the plan would form the basis of the formal response to the inquiry. The committee still awaits a response to recommendations of the report.