

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

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 26 June 2008. It also lists reports for which the House has not received a government response. A schedule 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 Members' Interests, the Committee of Privileges, the Publications Committee (other than reports on inquiries) and the Selection Committee. 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.

4 December 2008

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)			
Unlocking the future: The report of the Inquiry into the Reeves Review of the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976</i>	30-08-99	No response to date ⁴	No
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	Time has not expired	
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)			
Inquiry into future water supplies for Australia's rural industries and communities – Interim Report	05-05-04	No response to date	No
Getting water right(s) – The future of rural Australia	21-06-04	No response to date	No
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)			
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2006-07	18-06-08	No response required	
Australian Crime Commission (Joint, Statutory)			
Review of the <i>Australian Crime Commission Act 2002</i>	10-11-05	No response to date	No

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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
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
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (House, Standing)			
From reel to unreal: future opportunities for Australia's film, animation, special effects and electronic games industries	21-06-04	No response to date	No
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
Report: Tuning in to community broadcasting	20-06-07	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
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

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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	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, March 2007	01-03-07	No response to date	No
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	No

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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	Time has not expired	
Opportunity not opportunism: Improving conduct in Australian franchising	01-12-08	Time has not expired	
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	No
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia & Payments System Board Annual Report 2005 (first report)	14-08-06	No response to date	No
Servicing our future – Inquiry into the current and future directions of Australia's services export sector	18-06-07	No response to date	No
Australia manufacturing: Today and tomorrow	13-08-07	No response to date	No
Inquiry into home loan lending practices and processes used to deal with people in financial difficulty	17-09-07	No response to date	No

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Economics (House, Standing)			
Competition in the banking and non-banking sectors	21-11-08	Time has not expired	
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2007 (Second Report)	24-11-08	Time has not expired	
Education and Vocational Training (House, Standing)			
Top of the class: Report of the inquiry into teacher education	26-02-07	27-08-08	No
Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)			
Civics and electoral education	18-06-07	13-11-08	No
Review of certain aspects of the administration of the Australian Electoral Commission	17-09-07	23-09-08	No
Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008	23-10-08		
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	No
Current vacancies: Workforce challenges facing the Australian tourism sector	18-06-07	No response to date	No

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Environment and Heritage (House, Standing)			
Sustainable cities	12-09-05	No response to date	No
Inquiry into a Sustainability Charter, Review of Green Office Procurement Audit	04-09-06	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	No response to date	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)			
The value of volunteering: A discussion paper on volunteering in the community and welfare sector	13-10-08	No response required	
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Inquiry into Australia's Defence Force regional air superiority	12-09-07	No response to date	No
Australia's trade with Mexico and the Region	12-09-07	18-09-08	No
Australia's aid program in the Pacific	20-09-07	27-11-08	No
Review of the Defence annual report 2005-2006	02-06-08	13-11-08	No

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Review of the Defence annual report 2006-2007	01-12-08	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	No response to date	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	No
Industry, Science and Innovation (House, Standing)			
Research Training in Australian Universities: An Interim Report	24-10-08	Time has not expired	
Building Australia's research capacity – Final Report	01-12-08	Time has not expired	
Industry and Resources (House, Standing)			
Renewable power: A case study into selected renewable energy sectors in Australia for the inquiry into developing Australia's non-fossil fuel energy industry – Background information – Interim report	21-09-07	No response required	
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	Time has not expired	

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Funding regional and local community infrastructure: Proposals for the new Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Interim Report	05-11-08	Time has not expired	
Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)			
Review of security and counter terrorism legislation	04-12-06	No response to date	No
Review of the re-listing of Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (TQJBR) as a terrorist organisation under the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i>	09-05-07	26-06-08	No
Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation	15-08-07	26-06-08	No
Inquiry into the proscription of terrorist organisations under the Australian Criminal Code	20-09-07	No response to date	No
Review of the re-listing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), Lashkar-e-Tavibba (LeT) and the Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Oassam Brigades as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code Act 1995	27-09-07	26-06-08	No
Review of the re-listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)	25-06-08	No response required	
Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida, Jemaah Islamiyah and Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of Islamic Maghreb as terrorist organisations under the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i>	13-10-08	No response required	
Annual report of committee activities 2007-2008	13-10-08	27-11-08 ⁵	Yes
Legal and Constitutional Affairs (House, Standing)			
The third paragraph of section 53 of the Constitution	30-11-95	No response to date	No

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Harmonisation of Legal Systems within Australia and between Australia and New Zealand	04-12-06	27-08-08	No
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
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 business visas...permanent benefits: Ensuring the effectiveness and integrity of the temporary business visa program	12-09-08	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning – Criteria for release from immigration detention	01-12-08	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	No response to date	No
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
Down Under: Greenhouse Gas Storage – Review of the draft Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill	15-08-08	17-09-08	Yes

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Procedure (House, Standing)			
Encouraging an interactive Chamber	07-12-06	No response to date	No
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	Time has not expired	
Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Developments in aviation security since the committee's June 2004 <i>Report 400: Review of aviation security in Australia – An interim report</i> (Report 406)	07-12-05	21-10-08	No
Developments in Aviation Security since the Committee's June 2004 Report 400: Review of Aviation Security in Australia (Report 409)	04-12-06	21-10-08	No
Tax administration (Report 410)	26-06-08	13-11-08	No
Progress on equipment acquisition and financial reporting in Defence (Report 411)	08-08-08	No response to date	No
Audit Reports reviewed during the 41st Parliament (Report 412)	25-08-08	No response to date	No
Publications (Joint, Standing)			
Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament	20-09-07	No response to date	No

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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 ⁶	No
Treaty tabled on 12 March 2008 (91 st Report)	26-06-08	No response to date	No
Treaty tabled on 4 June 2008 (92 nd Report)	19-06-08	No response required	
Treaties tabled on 12 March & 14 May 2008 (93 rd Report)	04-09-08	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008 (94 th Report)	18-09-08	Time has not expired	
Treaties tabled on 4 June, 17 June, 25 June and 26 August 2008 (95 th Report)	16-10-08	Time has not expired	
Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (96 th Report)	24-11-08	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. Amendments to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* reflecting the government's reforms were introduced to Parliament on 31 May 2006 and passed 17 August 2006. The *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Act 2006* received Royal Assent on 5 September 2006. The government in 2006 indicated that no further response was required. No formal response has been provided to the committee.
5. Response from Presiding Officers.
6. 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.