

**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
7 July 2011, the date of the last schedule, and 23 November 2011)

24 November 2011

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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 7 July 2011. 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). 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. 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.

November 2011

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
Everybody's Business: Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Stores	16-11-09	No response to date	No
Doing time – Time for doing: Indigenous youth in the criminal justice system	20-06-11	Time has not expired	
Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)			
Seeing the forest through the trees: inquiry into the future of the Australian Forestry Industry	23-11-11	Time has not expired	
Australian Commission for the Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Parliamentary)			
Inquiry into the operation of the <i>Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006</i> (Final Report)	07-07-11	Time has not expired	
Report on the inquiry into integrity testing	21-11-11	Time has not expired	
Christmas Island Tragedy (Joint, Select)			
Joint Select Committee on the Christmas Island tragedy of 15 December 2010	29-06-11	12-10-11	

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Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Digital Television: Who's Buying It?	13-02-06	21-11-11	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 Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)			
Inquiry into the review of the <i>Managed Investments Act 1998</i>	12-12-02	No response to date ⁴	No
Structure and operation of the superannuation industry	07-08-07	No response to date ⁵	No
Better shareholders – Better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia	23-06-08	No response to date ⁶	No
Aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes	07-09-09	No response to date	No
Access for small and medium business to finance	28-04-11	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	25-08-11	Response not required	
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	23-11-11	Response not required	
Cyber-Safety (Joint, Select)			
High-wire act: Cyber-safety and the young – Interim report	20-06-11	Time has not expired	

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Economics (House, Standing)			
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
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2010 (Third Report)	21-11-11	Response not 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	No
Education and Employment (House, Standing)			
School libraries and teacher librarians in 21 st century Australia	23-05-11	No response to date	No
Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)			
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	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 ⁷	No
Employment and Workplace Relations (House, Standing)			
Making it Fair: Pay equity and associated issues related to increasing female participation in the workforce	23-11-09	No response to date	No
Environment and Heritage (House, Standing)			
Sustainable cities	12-09-05	No response to date ⁸	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
Family, Community, Housing and Youth (House, Standing)			
Housing the Homeless: Report on the inquiry into homelessness legislation	26-11-09	No response to date	No
Avoid the Harm – Stay Calm: Report on the inquiry into the impact of violence on young Australians	07-07-10	23-11-11	No
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific: Challenges and opportunities	19-04-10	No response to date	No

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Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the Countries of Africa	23-06-11	Time has not expired	
Review of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Annual Report 2009-10	21-07-11	Response not required	
Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America	22-08-11	Time has not expired	
Gambling Reform (Joint, Select)			
First Report: The design and implementation of a mandatory pre-commitment system for electronic gaming machines	06-05-11	No response to date	No
Health and Ageing (House, Standing)			
Weighing it up: Obesity in Australia	01-06-09	No response to date	No
Regional health issues jointly affecting Australia and the South Pacific: Delegation Report	18-03-10	No response to date ⁹	No
Roundtable forum on burns prevention in Australia	16-07-10	No response to date	No
Before it's too late: Report on early intervention programs aimed at preventing youth suicide	04-07-11	Time has not expired	
Industry, Science and Innovation (House, Standing)			
Seasonal forecasting in Australia	23-11-09	No response to date	No

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Infrastructure and Communications (House, Standing)			
Broadening the debate: Inquiry into the role and potential of the National Broadband Network	25-08-11	Time has not expired	
Find the right balance: Cabin crew ratios on Australian aircraft	21-11-11	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	No
Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)			
Review of Administration and Expenditure: No 8 – Australian Intelligence Agencies	21-06-10	22-09-11	No
Annual Report of Committee Activities 2009-2010	20-06-11	Response not required	
Review of the listing of AQAP and the re-listing of six terrorist organisations	22-08-11	Response not required	
Annual Report of Committee Activities 2010-2011	21-11-11	Response not required	
Law Enforcement (Joint)			
Inquiry into the adequacy of aviation and maritime security measures to combat serious and organised crime	16-06-11	03-11-11	
Examination of the annual report of the Australian Federal Police 2009-10	22-08-11	Response not required	

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Examination of the annual report of the Australian Crime Commission 2009-10	22-08-11	Time has not expired	
Legal and Constitutional Affairs (House, Standing)			
A Time for Change: Yes/No? Inquiry into the Machinery of Referendums	08-02-10	No response to date	No
Migration (Joint, Standing)			
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	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Facilities, services and transparency	18-08-09	No response to date	No
Enabling Australia: Inquiry into Migration Treatment of Disability	21-06-10	No response to date	No
National Broadband Network (Joint, Standing)			
Rollout of the National Broadband Network – First Report	31-08-11	Time has not expired	
National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)			
Inquiry into the changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories	11-05-10	03-11-11	No
Etched in stone? Inquiry into the administration of the <i>National Memorials Ordinance 1928</i>	23-11-11	Time has not expired	

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Parliamentary Budget Office (Joint, Select)			
Inquiry into the proposed Parliamentary Budget Office	23-03-11	01-08-11	Yes
Petitions (House, Standing)			
Electronic Petitioning to the House of Representatives	16-11-09	No response to date	No
The work of the First Petitions Committee 2008-2010	21-06-10	No response to date ¹⁰	No
Primary Industries and Resources (House, Standing)			
Farming the future: The role of Government in assisting Australian farmers to adapt to the impact of climate change	15-03-10	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
Building a modern committee system: An inquiry into the effectiveness of the House Committee system	21-06-10	No response to date	No
Interim report No. 1: Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43 rd Parliament	23-05-11	No response to date	No
Interim Report No. 2: Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43 rd Parliament – Referral of bills to committees by the House Selection Committee	04-07-11	Time has not expired	

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Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Report 417: Review of Auditor-General's reports tabled between February 2009 and September 2009	22-06-10	No response to date ¹¹	No
Report 418: Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 04 to 38 (2009/10)	22-12-10	No response to date ¹²	No
Report 419: Inquiry into the Auditor-General Act 1997	22-12-10	13-09-11	No
Report 421: The role of the Auditor-General in scrutinising government advertising	03-03-11	09-09-11	No
Report 422: Review of the 2009-10 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report	11-05-11	23-11-11 ¹³	No
Report 423: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 39 (2009-10) to 15 (2010-11)	04-07-11	Time has not expired	
Report 424: Eighth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation	04-07-11	Time has not expired	
Report 425: Annual Report 2010-11	12-10-11	No response required	
Report 426: Ninth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation	23-11-11	Time has not expired	
Public Works (Parliamentary Standing)			
Public works on Christmas Island	12-10-11	Time has not expired	
Publications (Joint)			
Inquiry into the development of a digital repository and electronic distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series	24-06-10	25-11-10 ¹⁴ 15-09-11	No

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Regional Australia (House, Standing)			
Of drought and flooding rains: Inquiry into the impact of the Guide to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	02-06-11	Time has not expired	
Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)			
Reclaiming public space: Inquiry into the regulation of billboard and outdoor advertising	04-07-11	Time has not expired ¹⁵	
Advisory report on the Extradition and Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment Bill 2011	12-09-11	19-09-11 ¹⁶	
Treaties (Joint, Standing)			
Treaties tabled on 25 June 2008 (2) (100 th Report)	19-03-09	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 18, 25 (2) and 26 November 2009 and 2 (2) February 2010 (110 th Report)	15-03-10	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 24 and 25 November 2010, 9 February and 1 March 2011 and Treaties referred on 16 November 2010 (part 3) (116 th Report)	11-05-11	22-09-11	
Treaties tabled on 23 March and 11 May 2011 (118 th Report)	17-08-11	Response not required	
Treaty tabled on 5 July 2011 (119 th Report)	15-09-11	Response not required	
Treaties tabled on 5 July and 16 August 2011 (120 th Report)	12-10-11	Response not required	

Treaty tabled on 16 August 2011
(121st Report)

01-11-11

Response not
required

Treaties tabled on 23 August, 13 and 20
September and 13 October 2011

22-11-11

Response not
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. 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 42nd Parliament, the time specified is three months from the date of tabling. For reports from the 43rd Parliament (28/09/10 onwards) the period is 6 months - see resolution of the House of Representatives of 29/09/10.
4. The Committee has agreed that this report be deleted from future schedules.
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6. 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.
7. 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.
8. In November 2011 the government indicated that it considered its response to this report, and the 'Sustainability for survival' report, had been provided by government initiatives developed since the report was tabled.
9. On 13 May 2010 the Presiding Officers' response to recommendation 1 was tabled.
10. Recommendation 1 of the report was implemented on 20/10/10 when Standing Orders 207 and 209 were adopted permanently.
11. Partial response received – awaiting full response.
12. Partial response received, but the Committee has given until the end of the current calendar year for the full response.
13. Response provided directly to the Committee in correspondence.
14. Response by Presiding Officers tabled 25 November 2010.

15. The Minister for Home Affairs advised on 7 October 2011 that he intended to refer the Committee's recommendations to the Australia Law Reform Commission for advice by the end of February 2012. The Committee has requested a response, therefore, by 28 March 2012.
16. Response provided in speech by Minister for Justice summing up the second reading debate.