

**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  
28 November 2012, the date of the last schedule, and 26 June 2013)

27 June 2013

## **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 29 November 2012. 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 legislation. Not listed are that committee's regular reports on the human rights compatibility of bills introduced into the Parliament and legislative instruments registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments over a defined period.

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 6 months of the tabling of a report.

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Description of Report	Date Tabled or Published <sup>1</sup>	Date of Government Response <sup>2</sup>	Responded in Period Specified <sup>3</sup>
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (House, Standing)</b>			
Everybody's Business: Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Stores	16-11-09	No response to date	No
Our land, our languages: Language learning in Indigenous communities	17-09-12	06-06-13 <sup>4</sup>	No
Sport: More than just a game	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)</b>			
Seeing the forest through the trees: inquiry into the future of the Australian Forestry Industry	23-11-11	19-06-13	No
Netting the benefits: Inquiry into the role of science for the future of fisheries and aquaculture	27-11-12	No response to date	No
Report on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities annual reports 2011-12	15-05-13	Time has not expired	
Inquiry into the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Annual Report 2011-12	28-05-13	Time has not expired	
Report on the National Rural Advisory Council annual report 2011-12	03-06-13	Time has not expired	
Inquiry into the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research Annual Report 2011-12	24-06-13	Time has not expired	

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Inquiry into the Wine Australia Annual Report 2011-12	24-06-13	No response required	
<b>Australia's Immigration Detention Network (Joint, Select)</b>			
Final Report	30-03-12	29-11-12	No
<b>Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2011-2012	18-03-13	Time has not expired	
Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Broadcasting Legislation (Joint, Select)</b>			
Three broadcasting reform proposals	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
General principles and standing determinations	25-06-13	No response required	
<b>Climate Change, Environment and the Arts (House, Standing)</b>			
Managing Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate: the way forward – Final report	17-06-13	Time has not expired	

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<b>Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (House, Standing)</b>			
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
<b>Constitutional Recognition of Local Government (Joint, Select)</b>			
Preliminary report on the majority finding of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government	11-02-13	29-05-13	
Final report on the majority finding of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government	07-03-13	29-05-13	
<b>Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Better shareholders – Better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia	23-06-08	No response to date <sup>5</sup>	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
Report on the 2010-11 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	13-03-12	No response required	
Collapse of Trio Capital – Final Report	16-05-12	26-04-13	No

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Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	07-02-13	No response required	
Report on the 2011-12 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	14-02-13	No response required	
Family businesses in Australia - Different and significant: Why they shouldn't be overlooked	21-03-13	Time has not expired	
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	16-05-13	No response required	
<b>Cyber-Safety (Joint, Select)</b>			
Cybersafety for Seniors: A Worthwhile Journey	16-04-13	Time has not expired	
Issues Surrounding Cyber-Safety for Indigenous Australians	24-06-13	No response required	
<b>Economics (House, Standing)</b>			
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
Report on Australia's oil refinery industry	05-02-13	Time has not expired	
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 2012 (First Report)	18-03-13	No response required	

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<b>Education and Training (House, Standing)</b>			
Adolescent Overload? Report of the inquiry into combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions	16-11-09	No response to date	No
<b>Education and Employment (House, Standing)</b>			
Work wanted: Mental health and workforce participation	28-06-12	05-02-13	No
Workplace Bullying: We just want it to stop	26-11-12	12-02-13	Yes
International education support and collaboration: Review of the 2010-2011 annual report of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	27-05-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)</b>			
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	No response to date	No
Report on funding of political parties and election campaigns	09-12-11	No response to date	No
Review of the AEC analysis of the FWA report on the HSU	20-09-12	No response to date	No

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<b>Employment and Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation (House, Standing)</b>			
Making it work: Inquiry into independent contracting and labour hire arrangements	17-08-05	No response to date <sup>6</sup>	No
<b>Employment and Workplace Relations (House, Standing)</b>			
Making it Fair: Pay equity and associated issues related to increasing female participation in the workforce	23-11-09	03-06-13	No
<b>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America	22-08-11	05-02-13	No
More than just talk: Australia's human rights dialogues with China and Vietnam	20-08-12	20-06-13	No
Review of the Defence annual report 2010–2011	17-09-12	14-02-13	Yes
Australia's overseas representations – Punching below our weight?	29-10-12	03-06-13	No
Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea	03-06-13	Time has not expired	
Trading Lives: Modern day human trafficking	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
Care of ADF personnel wounded and injured on operations	24-06-13	Interim response 26-06-13 <sup>7</sup> Time has not expired	

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Visit to Timor-Leste and Indonesia, 7 to 11 November 2011	24-06-13	No response required	
<b>Gambling Reform (Joint, Select)</b>			
Third report: The prevention and treatment of problem gambling	12-10-12	14-05-13	No
Fourth report: National Gambling Reform Bill 2012 and related bills	23-11-12	22-05-13	Yes
Fifth report: The advertising and promotion of gambling services in sport; Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013	07-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Health and Ageing (House, Standing)</b>			
Weighing it up: Obesity in Australia	01-06-09	14-05-13	No
Regional health issues jointly affecting Australia and the South Pacific: Delegation Report	18-03-10	No response to date <sup>8</sup>	No
Before it's too late: Report on early intervention programs aimed at preventing youth suicide	04-07-11	No response to date	No
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
Discussion paper on the late effects of polio-post-polio syndrome	20-08-12	No response to date	No
Living with the pain of adhesive arachnoiditis	11-02-13	Time has not expired	

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Diseases have no borders: Report on the inquiry into health across international borders	20-03-13	Time has not expired	
Bridging the gap: Report on the inquiry into adult dental services	17-06-13	Time has not expired	
Thinking ahead: Report on the inquiry into dementia; early diagnosis and intervention	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Fourth Report of 2012: Interim Report - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012	20-09-12	No response to date	No
Fifth report of 2013: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Act 2012	20-03-13	Time has not expired	
Ninth report of 2013: Examination of legislation in accordance with the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011; Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing and Other Measures) Act 2012 and related legislation	19-06-13	Time has not expired	
Eleventh report of 2013: Examination of legislation in accordance with the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011: Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation	26-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Industry, Science and Innovation (House, Standing)</b>			
Seasonal forecasting in Australia	23-11-09	24-06-13	No

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<b>Infrastructure and Communications (House, Standing)</b>			
Finding the right balance: Cabin crew ratios on Australian aircraft	21-11-11	No response to date	No
<b>Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (House, Standing)</b>			
Rebuilding Australia's coastal shipping industry: Inquiry into coastal shipping policy and regulation	20-10-08	No response to date	No
<b>Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi	28-05-12	07-02-13	No
Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation	28-06-12	07-02-13	No
Review of the re-listing of five terrorist organisations	10-10-12	07-02-13	Yes
Annual report of committee activities 2011-2012	11-02-13	No response required	
Review of administration and expenditure: No. 10 - Australian Intelligence Agencies	27-05-13	Time has not expired	
Report of the inquiry into potential reforms of Australia's national security legislation	24-06-13	Time has not expired	

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<b>Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements – Report March 2012	19-03-12	12-03-13	No
Inquiry into the gathering and use of criminal intelligence	15-05-13	Time has not expired	
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2011-12	15-05-13	Time has not expired	
Examination of the Australian Federal Police annual report 2011-12	15-05-13	No response required	
<b>Migration (Joint, Standing)</b>			
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
Inquiry into migration and multiculturalism in Australia	18-03-13	Time has not expired	
<b>National Broadband Network (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network (Fourth Report)	28-02-13	05-06-13	Yes
Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network (Fifth Report)	17-06-13	Time has not expired	

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<b>National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Etched in stone? Inquiry into the administration of the <i>National Memorials Ordinance 1928</i>	23-11-11	No response to date	No
Report on the visit to Antarctica	20-03-13	No response required	
An Estate for the Future: The allocation of land to diplomatic missions in the ACT	28-03-13	Partial response 17-04-13 Time has not expired	
Report of the visit to Norfolk Island	05-06-13	No response required	
<b>Petitions (House, Standing)</b>			
Electronic Petitioning to the House of Representatives	16-11-09	No response to date	No
<b>Procedure (House, Standing)</b>			
Motion to suspend standing orders and condemn a Member: Report on events of 10 October 2006	07-12-06	04-06-13	No
Building a modern committee system: An inquiry into the effectiveness of the House Committee system	21-06-10	No response to date	No
Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Parliament: 4 <sup>th</sup> Report	26-11-12	No response to date	No

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Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
Electronic Voting in the House of Representatives	24-06-13	No response required	
<b>Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Report 423: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 39 (2009-10) to 15 (2010-11)	04-07-11	Partial response received	No
Report 430: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 47 (2010-11) to 9 (2011-12) and reports Nos 10 to 23 (2011-12)	21-05-12	05-02-13 <sup>9</sup>	No
Report 431: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 24 to 32 (2011-12)	23-08-12	22-02-13 <sup>9</sup>	Yes
Report 434: Annual public hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation 2012	26-11-12	27-05-13	Yes
Report 435: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 33 (2011-12) to No. 1 (2012-13)	29-11-12	29-05-13 <sup>9</sup>	Yes
Report 436: Review of the 2011-12 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report	29-05-13	Time has not expired	
Report 437: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 2 to 10 (2012-13)	29-05-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Public Works (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Public works on Christmas Island	13-10-11	No response to date	No

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<b>Regional Australia (House, Standing)</b>			
Report into certain matters relating to the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan	20-08-12	03-06-13	No
Cancer of the bush or salvation for our cities?	13-02-13	Time has not expired	
Unauthorised disclosure of confidential committee document	16-05-13	29-05-13 <sup>10</sup>	Yes
<b>Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)</b>			
FASD: The hidden harm – Inquiry into the prevention, diagnosis and management of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders	29-11-12	No response to date	No
Troubled Waters: Inquiry into the arrangements surrounding crimes committed at sea	24-06-13	Time has not expired	
<b>Treaties (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Treaty tabled on 14 August 2012 (130 <sup>th</sup> Report)	31-10-12	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 21 August, 11 and 18 September 2012 (131 <sup>st</sup> Report)	29-11-12	16-05-13	Yes
Treaties tabled on 18 September and 30 October 2012 (132 <sup>nd</sup> Report)	18-03-13	Time has not expired	
Treaties tabled on 1 November 2012 (133 <sup>rd</sup> Report)	27-05-13	Time has not expired	

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Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013 (134 <sup>th</sup> Report)	25-06-13	Time has not expired	

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## 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament (28/09/10 onwards) the period within which the House requires a response is 6 months - see resolution of the House of Representatives of 29/09/10. This resolution also puts in place additional steps for reports not responded to within that six month period.
4. On 18 March 2013 the Speaker's response to recommendation 3 was tabled. The government response was tabled on 6 June 2013.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. On 26 June 2013, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Defence Science and Personnel provided an interim response by way of statement to the Federation Chamber. See *House of Representatives Hansard*, 26 June 2013, pp. 103-104.
8. On 13 May 2010 the Presiding Officers' response to recommendation 1 was tabled.
9. Response given by Executive Minute. Date listed is the date on which the final part of the response was received by the committee's secretariat.
10. The Speaker responded to the committee's report by way of a statement to the House.