

**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
24 November 2011, the date of the last schedule, and 27 June 2012)

28 June 2012

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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 24 November 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.

June 2012



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 ⁴	No
Open for business: Developing Indigenous enterprises in Australia	20-10-08	No response to date ⁵	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	24-11-11	Yes
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	No response to date	No
Australia's Immigration Detention Network (Joint, Select)			
Final Report	30-03-12	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	09-02-12	No
Report on the inquiry into integrity testing	21-11-11	30-03-12	Yes
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2010-2011	27-02-12	No response required	



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Climate Change, Environment and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Case studies on biodiversity conservation – Volume 1	28-05-12	No response required	
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (House, Standing)			
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)			
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	24-11-11	No response required	
Inquiry into the collapse of Trio Capital – Interim Report	24-11-11	No response required	
Report on the 2010-11 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	13-03-12	Time has not expired	
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	13-03-12	21-06-12	Yes
Collapse of Trio Capital – Final Report	16-05-12	Time has not expired	



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Cyber-Safety (Joint, Select)			
High-wire act: Cyber-safety and the young – Interim report	20-06-11	20-12-11	Yes
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 (First Report)	22-03-12	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	No
Education and Employment (House, Standing)			
School libraries and teacher librarians in 21 st century Australia	23-05-11	24-11-11	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



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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
Report of the Australian Parliamentary delegation to Indonesia and Tonga	18-06-12	No response required	
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 ⁹	No
Family, Community, Housing and Youth (House, Standing)			
Housing the Homeless: Report on the inquiry into homelessness legislation	26-11-09	20-06-12	No

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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific: Challenges and opportunities	19-04-10	09-02-12	No
Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the Countries of Africa	23-06-11	22-03-12	No
Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America	22-08-11	No response to date	No
Review of the Defence annual report 2009-2010	27-02-12	24-05-12	Yes
Defence Sub-Committee visit to the Middle East area of operations: Report of the delegation to the MEAO, 14 to 18 May 2011	19-03-12	No response required	
Gambling Reform (Joint, Select)			
First Report: The design and implementation of a mandatory pre-commitment system for electronic gaming machines	06-05-11	04-05-12	No
Interactive and online gambling and gambling advertising; Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011 (Second Report)	08-12-11	21-06-12	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 ¹⁰	No
Roundtable forum on burns prevention in Australia	16-07-10	28-02-12	No

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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	Time has not expired	
Industry, Science and Innovation (House, Standing)			
Seasonal forecasting in Australia	23-11-09	No response to date	No
Infrastructure and Communications (House, Standing)			
Broadening the debate: Inquiry into the role and potential of the National Broadband Network	25-08-11	27-02-12	No
Find the right balance: Cabin crew ratios on Australian aircraft	21-11-11	No response to date	No
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 the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi	28-05-12	No response required	
Review of administration and expenditure: No. 9 – Australian Intelligence Agencies	18-06-12	No response required	



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Law Enforcement (Joint)			
Examination of the annual report of the Australian Crime Commission 2009-10	22-08-11	10-05-12	No
Inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements – Report March 2012	19-03-12	Time has not expired	
Examination of the 2010-11 annual reports of the Australian Crime Commission and the Australian Federal Police	10-05-12	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	01-03-12	No

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Rollout of the National Broadband Network – Second Report	24-11-11	16-04-12	Yes
Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network – Third Report	25-06-12	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
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 ¹¹	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



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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	No response to date	No
Interim Report No. 3: Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43 rd Parliament	01-03-12	No response required	
Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Report 417: Review of Auditor-General's reports tabled between February 2009 and September 2009	22-06-10	15-02-12	No
Report 418: Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 04 to 38 (2009/10)	22-12-10	15-02-12	No
Report 423: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 39 (2009-10) to 15 (2010-11)	04-07-11	No response to date ¹²	No
Report 424: Eighth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation	04-07-11	02-11-11 ¹³	Yes
Report 426: Ninth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation	23-11-11	No response to date ¹⁴	No
Report 427: Inquiry into national funding agreements	24-11-11	No response to date	No
Report 428: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 16 to 46 (2010-11)	24-11-11	24-05-12 ¹⁵	Yes
Report 429: Review of the 2010-11 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects report	21-05-12	Time has not expired	
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	Time has not expired	

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Public Works (Parliamentary Standing)			
Public works on Christmas Island	12-10-11	No response to date	No
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	24-11-11	Yes
Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)			
Reclaiming public space: Inquiry into the regulation of billboard and outdoor advertising	04-07-11	No response to date ¹⁶	No
In the wake of disaster: The operation of the insurance industry during disaster events (volume 1)	27-02-12	Time has not expired	
In the wake of disaster: The affordability of residential strata title insurance (volume 2)	21-03-12	Time has not expired	
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	09-02-12	No
Treaties tabled on 13 October, 2, 22 and 24 November 2011 (123 rd Report)	14-03-12	No response required	

Treaties tabled on 22 November 2011 and 7 February 2012
(124th Report)

10-05-12

No response
required

Treaties tabled on 7 and 28 February 2012
(125th Report)

21-06-12

No response
required

Treaty tabled on 21 November 2011

27-06-12

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. 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 advised the government that no response is required for this inquiry. This report will be removed from further schedules.
5. The Committee has advised the government that no response is required for this inquiry. This report will be removed from further schedules.
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. After receiving correspondence from the government, the Committee has agreed that a response to this report is no longer required. This report will be removed from future schedules.
9. After receiving correspondence from the government, the Committee has agreed that a response to this report is no longer required. This report will be removed from future schedules.
10. On 13 May 2010 the Presiding Officers' response to recommendation 1 was tabled.
11. Recommendation 1 of the report was implemented on 20/10/10 when Standing Orders 207 and 209 were adopted permanently.
12. Partial response received.
13. Executive Minute received by the Committee on this date.

14. Partial response received.
15. Executive Minute received by the Committee on this date.
16. 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. In view of this the Committee requested a response by 28 March 2012.