

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

29 November 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)			
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	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	No response to date	No
Netting the benefits: Inquiry into the role of science for the future of fisheries and aquaculture	27-11-12	Time has not expired	
Australia's Immigration Detention Network (Joint, Select)			
Final Report	30-03-12	No response to date	No
Climate Change, Environment and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Second interim report of the inquiry into Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate	26-11-12	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

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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 ⁴	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 to date	No
Collapse of Trio Capital – Final Report	16-05-12	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	21-08-12	No response required	
Fifth Report of 2012: Bills and Legislative Instruments introduced 17–20 September 2012	09-10-12	Time has not expired	
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	31-10-12	Time has not expired	
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

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Report on the Exposure draft of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill	15-08-12	Time has not expired	
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)			
Work wanted: Mental health and workforce participation	28-06-12	Time has not expired	
Workplace Bullying: We just want it to stop	26-11-12	Time has not expired	
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	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	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 ⁵	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
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America	22-08-11	No response to date	No
More than just talk: Australia's human rights dialogues with China and Vietnam	20-08-12	Time has not expired	
Review of the Defence annual report 2010–2011	17-09-12	Time has not expired	
Australia's overseas representations – Punching below our weight?	29-10-12	Time has not expired	
Gambling Reform (Joint, Select)			
The prevention and treatment of problem gambling	12-10-12	Time has not expired	
Health and Ageing (House, Standing)			
Weighing it up: Obesity in Australia	01-06-09	No response to date	No

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Regional health issues jointly affecting Australia and the South Pacific: Delegation Report	18-03-10	No response to date ⁶	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	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)			
Finding 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 Hizballah's External Security Organisation	28-06-12	No response required	

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Review of the re-listing of five terrorist organisations	10-10-12	No response required	
Law Enforcement (Joint)			
Inquiry into Commonwealth unexplained wealth legislation and arrangements – Report March 2012	19-03-12	No response to date	No
Examination of the 2010–11 annual reports of the Australian Crime Commission and the Australian Federal Police	10-05-12	01-11-12	Yes
Legal and Constitutional Affairs (House, Standing)			
A Time for Change: Yes/No? Inquiry into the Machinery of Referendums	08-02-10	01-11-12	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	01-11-12	No
National Broadband Network (Joint, Standing)			
Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network – Third Report	25-06-12	09-10-12	Yes

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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	01-11-12	No
Primary Industries and Resources (House, Standing)			
Farming the future: The role of Government in assisting Australian farmers to adapt to the impacts of climate change	15-03-10	30-10-12	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	01-11-12	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	01-11-12	No

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Monitoring and review of procedural changes implemented in the 43 rd Parliament: 4 th Report	26-11-12	Time has not expired	
Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Report 423: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 39 (2009-10) to 15 (2010-11)	04-07-11	Partial response received	No
Report 426: Ninth biannual hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation	23-11-11	24-07-12 ⁷	No
Report 427: Inquiry into national funding agreements	24-11-11	15-08-12	No
Report 429: Review of the 2010-11 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects report	21-05-12	10-07-12 ⁷	Yes
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	Partial response received	No
Report 431: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 24 to 32 (2011-12)	23-08-12	Time has not expired	
Report 432: APS-Fit for service: Australian Public Service annual update	23-08-12	No response required	
Report 433: Annual report 2011-12	26-11-12	No response required	
Report 434: Annual public hearing with the Commission of Taxation 2012	26-11-12	Time has not expired	
Public Works (Parliamentary Standing)			
Public works on Christmas Island	13-10-11	No response to date	No
Referrals made May to September 2012	26-11-12	Time has not expired	

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Regional Australia (House, Standing)			
Report into certain matters relating to the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan	20-08-12	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	16-08-12	No
In the wake of disaster: The operation of the insurance industry during disaster events (volume 1)	27-02-12	28-06-12	28-06-12
In the wake of disaster: The affordability of residential strata title insurance (volume 2)	21-03-12	28-06-12	28-06-12
Treaties (Joint, Standing)			
Treaties tabled on 25 June 2008 (2) (100 th Report)	19-03-09	09-08-12	No
Treaty tabled on 21 November 2011 (126 th Report)	27-06-12	27-11-12	Yes
Treaties tabled on 20 March and 8 May 2012 (127 th Report)	15-08-12	No response required	
Treaties tabled on 19 and 26 June 2012 (129 th Report)	10-09-12	No response required	
Treaty tabled on 14 August 2012 (130 th Report)	31-10-12	Time has not expired	
Treaties tabled on 21 August, 11 and 18 September 2012 (131 st Report)	28-11-12	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. 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.
5. 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.
6. On 13 May 2010 the Presiding Officers' response to recommendation 1 was tabled.
7. Final part of response received on this date.