

**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  
17 July 2014, the date of the last schedule, and 3 December 2014)

4 December 2014

## **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 17 July 2014. 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 existing legislation. Not listed are that committee's regular reports on the human rights compatibility of bills and legislative instruments that come before either House of Parliament.

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 six 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
Sport: More than just a game— Contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring	24-06-13	No response to date	No
<b>Agriculture and Industry (House, Standing)</b>			
A clearer message for consumers: Report on the inquiry into country of origin labelling for food	27-10-14	Time has not expired	
<b>Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)</b>			
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 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Annual Report 2011-12	28-05-13	No response to date	No
Report into the National Rural Advisory Council Annual Report 2011-12	03-06-13	No response to date	No

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<b>Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2012-13	03-09-14	No response required	
<b>Broadcasting Legislation (Joint, Select)</b>			
Three broadcasting reform proposals	24-06-13	No response to date	No
<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	No response to date	No
<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

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<b>Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Joint, Select)</b>			
Progress report	27-10-14	Time has not expired	
<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>4</sup>	No
Inquiry into aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes	07-09-09	No response to date <sup>5</sup>	No
Access for small and medium business to finance	28-04-11	No response to date <sup>6</sup>	No
Family businesses in Australia— Different and significant: Why they shouldn't be overlooked	20-03-13	20-10-14	No
Financial sector reform in China: The role of, opportunities for, the Australian financial services sector— Delegation to China	28-06-13	No response to date <sup>7</sup>	No
Report on the 2012-13 Annual Reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	19-03-14	No response to date	No
Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the corporations legislation— Report No. 1 of the 44th Parliament	26-11-14	Time has not expired	

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<b>Economics (House, Standing)</b>			
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 Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Annual Report 2013 (First report)	24-09-14	No response required	
Delegation to China	25-09-14	No response required	
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 2013 (Third report)	28-10-14	No response required	
Report on foreign investment in residential real estate	27-11-14	Time has not expired	
<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>			
International education support and collaboration: Review of the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	27-05-13	No response to date	No

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TAFE: an Australian asset—Report of the inquiry into TAFE and its operation	24-11-14	Time has not expired	
<b>Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Inquiry into the implications of the <i>Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment (Automatic Enrolment) Act 2009</i> (NSW) for the conduct of Commonwealth elections	25-02-10	No response to date <sup>8</sup>	No
The 2010 Federal Election: Report on the conduct of the election and related matters	07-07-11	Partial response 07-02-12 <sup>9</sup>	No
Report on the funding of political parties and election campaigns	09-12-11	No response to date <sup>10</sup>	No
Review of the AEC analysis of the FWA report on the HSU	20-09-12	No response to date <sup>10</sup>	No
Interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2013 Federal Election: Senate voting practices	13-05-14	No response to date	No
Second interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2013 federal election: An assessment of electronic voting options	24-11-14	Time has not expired	
<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>11</sup>	No

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<b>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea	03-06-13	No response to date	No
Trading Lives: Modern day human trafficking	24-06-13	27-10-14	No
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-2012	27-06-13	30-10-14	No
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2012-2013	28-10-14	Time has not expired	
<b>Gambling Reform (Joint, Select)</b>			
Fifth Report: The advertising and promotion of gambling services in sport: Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013	07-06-13	No response to date <sup>12</sup>	No
<b>Health and Ageing (House, Standing)</b>			
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	24-11-14	No
Diseases have no borders: Report on the inquiry into health issues across international borders	20-03-13	No response to date	No

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Bridging the dental gap: Report on the inquiry into adult dental services	17-06-13	No response to date	No
Thinking ahead: Report on the inquiry into dementia: early diagnosis and intervention	24-06-13	No response to date	No
<b>Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Fifth Report of 2013: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Act 2012—Final Report	20-03-13	Response no longer required <sup>13</sup>	
Ninth Report of 2013: Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing and Other Measures) Act 2012 and related legislation	19-06-13	No response to date	No
Eleventh Report of 2013: Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation	26-06-13	No response to date	No
<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
At what cost? IT pricing and the Australia tax	29-07-13	No response to date	No

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<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 <sup>14</sup>	No
<b>Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Report of the inquiry into potential reforms of Australia's national security legislation	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Review of the listing of Jabhat al-Nusra and the re-listing of six terrorist organisations; Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula	11-02-14	28-08-14	No
Review of the listing of Boko Haram; Review of the re-listing of the Islamic State	22-09-14	No response required	
Review of Administration and Expenditure: No. 11 and No. 12—Australian Intelligence Agencies	22-09-14	Time has not expired	
<b>Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Inquiry into the gathering and use of criminal intelligence	15-05-13	23-10-14	No
Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband	23-07-13	24-11-14	No
Examination of the Annual Report of the Australian Crime Commission 2012-13	03-09-14	No response required	

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Examination of the Annual Report of the Australian Federal Police 2012-13	03-09-14	No response required	
<b>Migration (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning: Criteria for release from immigration detention—First report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia	01-12-08	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Community-based alternatives to detention—Second report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia	25-05-09	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Facilities, services and transparency—Third report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia	18-08-09	No response to date	No
Inquiry into migration and multiculturalism in Australia	18-03-13	No response to date	No
<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 of the visit to Norfolk Island: 29-30 April 2013	05-06-13	No response to date	No

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Report on the visit to the Indian Ocean Territories, 21-25 October 2012; Review of the Department of Regional Development, Regional Australia and Local Government Annual Report 2010-11	28-06-13	No response to date	No
Same country: different world— The future of Norfolk Island	20-10-14	Time has not expired	
<b>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Progress report on the implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme	26-08-14	Time has not expired	
<b>Northern Australia (Joint Select)</b>			
Pivot North: Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia— Final Report	04-09-14	Time has not expired	
<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>			
Building a modern committee system: An inquiry into the effectiveness of the House Committee system	21-06-10	No response to date	No
Use of electronic devices in the Chamber and Federation Chamber	24-09-14	Time has not expired	

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<b>Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Report 417: Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between February 2009 and September 2009	22-06-10	22-09-14 <sup>15</sup>	No
Report 441: <i>Inquiry into Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> Rules Development	13-05-14	25-09-14	Yes
Report 442: Inquiry into the 2012-13 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report	26-05-14	Partial response 29-08-14 <sup>16</sup>	Yes
Report 443: Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 23 and 25 (2012-13) and 32 (2012-13) to 9 (2013-14)	16-06-14	Time has not expired	
Report 444: Annual Report 2013-14	22-09-14	No response required	
Report 445: Regional Cities Program, KPIs and Medicare	22-09-14	Time has not expired	
Report 446: Review of the operations of the Parliamentary Budget Office	01-12-14	Time has not expired	
<b>Public Works (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Public works on Christmas Island	13-10-11	28-08-14	No
Parliamentary delegation to Indonesia and Thailand by members of the Public Works Committee	01-12-14	No response required	

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<b>Regional Australia (House, Standing)</b>			
Cancer of the bush or salvation for our cities? Fly-in, fly-out and drive-in, drive-out workforce practices in Regional Australia	13-02-13	No response to date	No
<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 <sup>17</sup>	No
Troubled Waters: Inquiry into the arrangements surrounding crimes committed at sea	24-06-13	24-11-14 <sup>18</sup>	No
Eyes in the sky: Inquiry into drones and the regulation of air safety and privacy	14-07-14	Time has not expired	
<b>Tax and Revenue (House, Standing)</b>			
2013 Annual Report of the Australian Taxation Office—Second Report	24-11-14	No response required	
<b>Treaties (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Report 130: Treaty tabled on 14 August 2012	31-10-12	17-07-14	No
Report 137: Treaty referred on 15 January 2014	18-03-14	27-11-14	No
Report 142: Treaty tabled on 13 May 2014	04-09-14	No response required	

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Report 143: Treaties tabled on 17 June and 15 July 2014	24-09-14	No response required	
Report 144: Treaty tabled on 14 July 2014	29-10-14	No response required	
Report 145: Treaties tabled on 26 August and 2 September 2014	25-11-14	No response 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 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 September 2010 onwards) the period within which the House requires a response is six months—see resolution of the House of Representatives of 29 September 2010. This resolution also puts in place additional steps for reports not responded to within that six month period. The period from when the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament was prorogued on 5 August 2013 and the commencement of the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 12 November 2013 is not included in the response period.
4. Since July 2011 the Government has advised that it does 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. Since December 2013 the Government has advised that it does 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 December 2013 the Government advised that it did not intend to respond to the report as this matter is being considered as part of the Government's Financial System Inquiry. The committee has not agreed to the removal of this report from the schedule. In December 2014 the Government advised that it does not intend to respond to the report because of the time elapsed since the report was tabled.
7. In December 2014 the Government advised that it does not intend to respond to the report because of the time elapsed since the report was tabled.
8. In December 2014 the Government advised that the need for a response was overtaken by legislation introduced by the previous Government and passed by the previous Parliament.
9. In December 2014 the Government advised that given the passage of time and the change of government, the Government does not intend to respond to the report.

10. In December 2014 the Government advised that given the passage of time and the change of government, the Government does not intend to respond to the report.
11. 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 and December 2013 the Government indicated it was in discussion with the committee on this matter. In July 2014 the Government advised that the *Independent Contractors Act 2006* was assented to on 1 December 2006 and that the Government's response was covered during debate on the Bill.
12. In July 2014 the Government advised that the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013 lapsed when the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament was prorogued. As at 13 May 2014, this Private Senator's Bill has not been restored to the Notice Paper, or re-introduced. The Government noted that in the report the committee recommended the bill not be passed. The report will be removed from the next schedule.
13. In July 2014 the Government advised that the response was provided by the introduction, passage and Royal Assent of the Act on 24 October 2012, and indicated that no further response would be provided. The committee has agreed to accept the Second Reading speech and the Senate summing up statement as the formal response to the Committee's comments. This report will be removed from the next schedule.
14. In December 2014 the Government advised that it will not be tabling a response to this report and commented that the Committee's report was effectively responded to by the enactment of the *Coastal Shipping (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* under the previous government. The Government indicated that is considering options to improve regulation of Australian shipping.
15. The Government has now responded to the recommendations by Executive Minute, excluding recommendation 14. A partial response was provided on 5 February 2012 and the final part of the response was provided on 22 September 2014. The Committee has resolved that no further action is required regarding a response by the Australian National Audit Office to recommendation 14. The report will be removed from the next schedule.
16. The Australian National Audit Office has responded by Executive Minute.
17. On 14 July 2014 the Government advised the Committee that on 25 June 2014 it has announced funding for the National FASD Action Plan, and that the plan would form the basis of the formal response to the inquiry. The Committee still awaits a response to recommendations of the report.

18. On 2 October 2014 the Chair of the Committee wrote to the Speaker seeking assistance to resolve the matter of the outstanding government response, in accordance with paragraph (3) of the resolution on government responses to committee reports, adopted on 29 September 2010. The Speaker subsequently wrote to the Minister for Justice seeking his assistance in resolving this matter. The government response was tabled on 24 November 2014.