

**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
12 December 2013, the date of the last schedule, and 16 July 2014)

17 July 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 12 December 2013. 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 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
Sport: More than just a game— Contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)			
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: Caring for Our Country and Landcare	15-05-13	Response no longer required ⁴	
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
Inquiry into the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research Annual Report 2011-12	24-06-13	19-03-14	No

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Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)			
Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2011-2012	18-03-13	No response required	
Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Broadcasting Legislation (Joint, Select)			
Three broadcasting reform proposals	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Climate Change, Environment and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Managing Australia's biodiversity in a changing climate: the way forward – Final report	17-06-13	No response to date	No
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

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Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Joint, Select)			
Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples: Interim report	15-07-14	No response required	
Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)			
Better shareholders – Better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia	23-06-08	No response to date ⁵	No
Inquiry into aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes	07-09-09	No response to date ⁶	No
Access for small and medium business to finance	28-04-11	No response to date ⁷	No
Family businesses in Australia— Different and significant: Why they shouldn't be overlooked	20-03-13	No response to date	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	No
Report on the 2012-13 Annual Reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	19-03-14	Time has not expired	
Cyber-Safety (Joint, Select)			
Cybersafety for seniors: A worthwhile journey	16-04-13	13-02-14	No

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Economics (House, Standing)			
Inquiry into raising the productivity growth rate in the Australian economy	28-04-10	No response to date ⁸	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	No response required	
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2013 (First Report)	03-03-14	No response required	
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2013 (Second Report)	16-02-14	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)			
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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Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)			
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	No
The 2010 Federal Election: Report on the conduct of the election and related matters	07-07-11	Partial response 07-02-12	No
Report on the 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
Interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2013 Federal Election: Senate voting practices	13-05-14	Time has not expired	
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 ⁹	No
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
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	No response to date	No

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Care of ADF personnel wounded and injured on operations	24-06-13	06-03-14 ¹⁰	Yes
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011-2012	27-06-13	No response to date	No
Gambling Reform (Joint, Select)			
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 ¹¹	No
Health and Ageing (House, Standing)			
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
Diseases have no borders: Report on the inquiry into health issues across international borders	20-03-13	No response to date	No
Bridging the dental gap: Report on the inquiry into adult dental services	17-06-13	No response to date	No
Living with the pain of adhesive arachnoiditis: Report on the roundtable into adhesive arachnoiditis	11-02-13	03-06-14	No
Thinking ahead: Report on the inquiry into dementia: early diagnosis and intervention	24-06-13	No response to date	No

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Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)			
Fourth Report of 2012: Interim Report —Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012	20-09-12	No response to date ¹²	No
Fifth Report of 2013: Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Act 2012—Final Report:	20-03-13	No response to date ¹³	No
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
Infrastructure and Communications (House, Standing)			
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
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

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Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)			
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	No response required	
Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)			
Inquiry into the gathering and use of criminal intelligence	15-05-13	No response to date	No
Spectrum for public safety mobile broadband	23-07-13	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2011-12	15-05-13	20-03-14	No
Migration (Joint, Standing)			
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

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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
National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)			
An estate for the future: The allocation of land to diplomatic missions in the ACT	28-03-11	10-07-14 ¹⁴	No
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
Report of the inquiry into the provisions of amenity within the Parliamentary Triangle	28-06-13	10-07-14	No
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

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Northern Australia (Joint Select)			
Inquiry into the development of Northern Australia: Interim Report	16-06-14	No response required	
Petitions (House, Standing)			
Electronic petitioning to the House of Representatives	16-11-09	No response to date	No
Procedure (House, Standing)			
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 rd Parliament: 4 th Report	26-11-12	02-06-14	No
Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders	24-06-13	02-06-14 ¹⁵	No
Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Report 417: Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between February 2009 and September 2009	22-06-10	Partial response received	No
Report 423: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 39 (2009-10) to 15 (2010-11)	04-07-11	28-02-14	No

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Report 436: Review of the 2011-12 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report	29-05-13	29-11-13 ¹⁶	Yes
Report 437: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 2 to 10 (2012-13)	29-05-13	26-06-14	No
Report 439: Review of Auditor-General's reports Nos 11 to 31 (2012-13)	27-06-13	09-04-14 ¹⁶	No
Report 441: Inquiry into Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 Rules Development	13-05-14	Time has not expired	
Report 442: Inquiry into the 2012-13 Defence Materiel Organisation Major Projects Report	26-05-14	Time has not expired	
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	
Public Works (Joint, Standing)			
Public works on Christmas Island	13-10-11	No response to date	No
Regional Australia (House, Standing)			
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

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Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)			
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	No response to date	No
Eyes in the sky: Inquiry into drones and the regulation of air safety and privacy	14-07-14	Time has not expired	
Tax and Revenue (House, Standing)			
2013 Annual Report of the Australian Taxation Office: First Report	27-03-14	No response required	
Treaties (Joint, Standing)			
Report 130: Treaty tabled on 14 August 2012	31-10-12	No response to date	No
Report 136: Treaty tabled on 14 May 2013	12-11-13	13-02-14	Yes
Report 137: Treaty referred on 15 January 2014	18-03-14	Time has not expired	
Report 138: Treaties tabled on 11 and 12 December 2013, 20 January 2014 and referred on 15 January 2014 tabled on 26 March 2014	26-03-14	No response required	

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Report 139: Treaties tabled on 11 December 2013, referred on 15 January and tabled on 11 February 2014	13-05-14	No response required	
Report 140: Treaty tabled on 13 May 2014—Interim Report	23-06-14	No response required	
Report 141: Treaties tabled on 19 March and 13 May 2014	15-07-14	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 42nd 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 43rd 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 43rd Parliament was prorogued on 5 August 2013 and the commencement of the 44th Parliament on 12 November 2013 is not included in the response period.
4. In correspondence to the committee, dated 3 December 2013, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry advised the committee of the publication of the *Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) Strategy: Caring for our Country and the Biodiversity Fund*. On 6 March 2014 the committee resolved that a response to the report was no longer required. The report will be removed from the next schedule.
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 December 2013 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 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.
8. In December 2013 the Government advised that it did not intend to respond to the report because of the time elapsed since the report was tabled. The report will be removed from the next schedule.
9. 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.

10. 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. The final government response was provided on 6 March 2014.
11. In July 2014 the Government advised that the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Advertising for Sports Betting) Bill 2013 lapsed when the 43rd 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.
12. In July 2014 the Government noted that the bill had passed both houses in 2012 and indicated that no further response would be provided.
13. In July 2014 the Government advised that the response was provided by the introduction, passage and Royal Assent of the Act on October 2012, and indicated that no further response would be provided.
14. The National Capital Authority responded to the report on 17 April 2013. The government response was tabled on 10 July 2014.
15. Recommendations made in the report have been implemented in amendments made to the standing orders on 13 November 2013.
16. The Government responded by Executive Minute.