

**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
1 December 2016, the date of the last schedule, and 21 June 2017 at
5pm)

22 June 2017

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 1 December 2016. 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 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.

The attached schedule includes a table which provides a summary of responses received and responses outstanding for the last four parliaments.

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Table of responses received and outstanding (current as of 21 June 2017 at 5pm):

Parliament	Awaiting response (six month period expired)	Awaiting response (six month period not expired)	Response received (six month period expired)	Response received (six month period not expired)
42nd	6	-	-	-
43rd	12	-	-	-
44th	19	23	7	3
45th	3	13	17	5

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 and Industry (House, Standing)			
Smart farming—Inquiry into agricultural innovation	04-05-16	No response to date	No
Agriculture and Water Resources (House, Standing)			
Safe keeping: Inquiry into the biosecurity of Australian honey bees	27-03-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Australia Fund Establishment (Joint, Select)			
Joint Select Committee on the Australia Fund Establishment: Report 2015	25-06-15	No response to date	No
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)			
Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	5-05-16	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2014-15	25-05-17	No response to date	Time has not expired

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Broadcasting Legislation (Joint, Select)			
Three broadcasting reform proposals	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Communications and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Inquiry into broadcasting, online content and live production to rural and regional Australia	05-05-16	No response to date	No
Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Joint, Select)			
Progress report	27-10-14	No response to date	No
Final report	25-06-15	No response to date	No
Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)			
Report on the 2012-13 Annual Reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	19-03-14	21-06-17	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation	26-11-14	21-06-17	No
Inquiry into proposals to lift the professional, ethical and education standards in the financial services industry	19-12-14	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the impairment of customer loans	04-05-16	No response to date	No
Report on the 2014-15 Annual Reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	04-05-16	07-02-17	No

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Report on the 2015-16 Annual Reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	13-06-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Economics (House, Standing)			
Review of the Four Major Banks (First Report)	24-11-16	31-05-17	Yes
Review of the Four Major Banks (Second Report)	21-04-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Education and Employment (House, Standing)			
TAFE: an Australian asset—Report of the inquiry into TAFE and its operation	24-11-14	No response to date	No
Getting business booming: Report on the inquiry into barriers for small business employment	15-03-16	13-06-17	No
Innovation and Creativity	19-06-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)			
Second interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2013 federal election: An assessment of electronic voting options	20-11-14	No response to date	No
The 2013 Federal Election: Report on the conduct of the 2013 election and matters related thereto	15-04-15	No response to date	No
The 2016 Federal Election: interim report on the authorisation of voter communication	09-12-16	No response to date	No
Second interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2016 federal election: Foreign donations	10-03-17	No response to date	No

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Third interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2016 federal election: AEC modernisation	21-06-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Environment (House, Standing)			
Streamlining environmental legislation: Inquiry into streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape', and one stop shops	23-02-15	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the Register of Environmental Organisations	04-05-16	No response to date	No
Environment and Energy (House, Standing)			
Living with fruit bats: Inquiry into flying-fox management in the eastern states	27-02-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Empowering women and girls	03-12-15	10-04-17	No
Australia's trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East	04-05-16	No response to date	No
Food for thought: improving health and nutrition in the Indo-Pacific region	05-05-16	25-01-17	No
A world without the death penalty	05-05-16	01-03-17	No
Health (House, Standing)			
Skin Cancer in Australia: our national cancer	24-03-15	31-05-17	No
Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care	05-05-16	No response to date	No

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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
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
Thinking ahead: Report on the inquiry into dementia—early diagnosis and intervention	24-06-13	No response to date	No
Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)			
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: Review of Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation	26-06-13	No response to date	No
2016 Review of Stronger Futures measures (Final Report)	16-03-16	No response to date	No
Human rights scrutiny report Report 2 of 17	22-03-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Freedom of speech in Australia: Inquiry into the operation of Part IIA of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (<i>Cth</i>) and related procedures under the Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986 (<i>Cth</i>)	28-02-17	No response to date	Time has not expired

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Human rights scrutiny report Report 3 of 2017	29-03-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Indigenous Affairs (House, Standing)			
Interim report: First steps for improving educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	04-05-16	No response to date	No
Infrastructure and Communications (House, Standing)			
Finding the right balance: Cabin crew ratios on Australian aircraft	21-11-11	28-03-17	No
At what cost? IT pricing and the Australia tax	29-07-13	No response to date ⁴	No
Planning, procurement and funding for Australia's future infrastructure: Report on the inquiry into infrastructure planning and procurement	04-12-14	10-05-17	No
Infrastructure, Transport and Cities (House, Standing)			
Smart ICT: Report on the inquiry into the role of smart ICT in the design and planning of infrastructure	15-03-16	No response to date	No
Harnessing Value, Delivering Infrastructure	06-12-16	No response to date	No
Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)			
Review of Administration and Expenditure: No. 14 (2014-2015) – Australian Intelligence Agencies	01-03-17	No response to date	Time has not expired

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Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)			
Inquiry into financial related crime	07-09-15	No response to date	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
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
Report of the inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme	24-03-15	23-03-17	No
Seasonal change: Inquiry into the Seasonal Worker Programme	5-05-16	16-02-17	Yes
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

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Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories: Interim report—Economic Development	23-06-15	06-03-17	No
Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories: Final report—Economic development and governance	15-03-16	06-03-17	No
National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint, Standing)			
Accommodation for people with disabilities and the NDIS	05-05-16	No response to date	No
Northern Australia (Joint, Select)			
Pivot North: Inquiry into the development of Northern Australia, Final report	04-09-14	Interim response 04-12-14 ⁵	No
Scaling Up: Inquiry into Opportunities for Expanding Aquaculture in Northern Australia	22-02-16	13-06-17	No
Procedure (House, Standing)			
Role of the Federation Chamber: Celebrating 20 years of operation	22-06-15	No response to date	No
Consideration in detail of the main appropriation bill	29-02-16	No response to date	No
Maintenance of the standing orders	02-05-16	No response to date	No
Division required? Electronic voting in the House of Representatives	02-05-16	No response to date	No
Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Report 451: Community Pharmacy Arrangements, Review of Auditor-General Report No. 25 (2014-15)	23-11-15	21-10-16	No

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Report 454: Early Years Quality Fund Review of Auditor-General Report No. 23 (2014-15)	22-02-16	13-02-17	No
Report 456: Defence Major Equipment Procurement and Evaluation, Great Barrier Reef Regulation	05-05-16	28-02-17	Yes
Report 457: Development of the CPF —2 nd Report	05-05-16	30-03-17	No
Report 458: Defence Major Projects Report (2014-15)	05-05-16	06-12-16	Yes
Report 460: Public Sector Governance – Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s report 29 (2015-16)	16-02-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Report 461: Commonwealth Risk Management – Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s report 18 (2015-16)	10-05-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Report 462: Commonwealth Infrastructure Spending – Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s reports 14 (2015-16) and 38 (2016-17)	21-06-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
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 ⁶	No
Revisiting recognition: Report on the roundtable with Australian South Sea Islanders	24-03-15	22-03-17	No

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Surrogacy Matters: Inquiry into the regulatory and legislative aspects of international and domestic surrogacy	04-05-16	No response to date	No
Tax and Revenue (House, Standing)			
External scrutiny of the Australian Taxation Office	05-05-16	28-03-17	No
2015 Annual Report of the ATO (First Report)	05-05-16	No response to date	No
2015-16 Annual Report of the Australian Taxation Office	30-03-17	No response to date	Time has not expired
Trade and Investment Growth (Joint, Select)			
Inquiry into Australia's Future Research and Innovation	03-05-16	No response to date	No
Treaties (Joint, Standing)			
Report 165: Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement	30-11-16	No response to date	No
Report 167: Nuclear Cooperation – Ukraine; Extradition - China	19-12-16	01-03-17 (China) 01-06-2017 (Ukraine)	Yes
Report 171: International Trade in Endangered Species - Amendments; Women in Combat Duties - Reservation Withdrawal; Generation IV Nuclear Energy - Accession	19-06-17	No response to date	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 or to the President or Speaker (if presented earlier out of session). Reports published when the House (or Houses) are not sitting are tabled at a later date.
- 2 If the source for the government response 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 44th Parliament was prorogued on 9 May 2016 to the commencement of the 45th Parliament on 30 August 2016 is not included in the response period.
- 4 On 22 June 2015, during debate on the Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015, the Senate noted that the Government has not responded to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications report on its inquiry into information technology pricing. The committee still awaits a response to this report.
- 5 On 4 December 2014 the Government provided an interim response to the report, advising that the committee's report is informing the Government's White Paper, which is being prepared. The White Paper will set out a clear and well defined policy platform for unlocking the full potential of the north, including actions through to 2030. The Government indicated that it will respond to the committee's specific recommendations through the White Paper. On 18 June 2015 the Government released the *White Paper on Developing Northern Australia: Our North, Our Future*. The committee still awaits a response to this report.
- 6 On 14 July 2014 the Government advised the committee that on 25 June 2014 it 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.