

**REVISED SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE OF THE STATUS OF  
GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS  
(as at 27 June 2018)**

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The Speaker's schedule to the House of Representatives on the status of government responses to committee reports is presented at six monthly intervals, usually in the last sitting weeks of the winter and spring sittings. The schedule presents a list of committee reports that contain recommendations requiring a government response. The last schedule was presented in the House on 7 December 2017. After a government response is received by the committee it is tabled once on the schedule and then it is removed.

Government responses to House committee reports are required within a six month period from the presentation of the report in the House (*as per the resolution adopted by the House, 29 September 2010*). Government responses to Senate committee reports are required within three months of a report being tabled.<sup>A</sup> All Joint Committees adhere to Senate Standing Orders and therefore government responses are required within three months of tabling a report.

This schedule does not list reports that do not require a government response. In the past, the practice was to include all reports tabled in the House in the Speaker's schedule. However, the intent of this schedule is to provide an update to the House on the status of government responses to committee reports.

The schedule does not include advisory reports on bills introduced into the House of Representatives unless the reports make recommendations that are wider than the provision of the bill and would therefore be the subject of a government response. The Government's response to bill inquiry 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 usually reflected in motions for the approval of works after the relevant report has been presented and considered. The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' regular scrutiny reports on the human rights compatibility of bills and legislative instruments are not listed, as the timeframe for a response is specified in correspondence to the relevant minister.

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. Executive Minutes are included in this schedule.

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<sup>A</sup> This practice has arisen from a Senate resolution of 14 March 1973, in which the Senate declared its opinion that the government should provide a response to committee reports within three months of tabling. Successive governments have affirmed their commitment to providing such responses.

The table below provides a summary of received and outstanding government responses spanning the last four parliaments.

Table of responses received and outstanding (as of 27 June 2018):

<b>Parliament</b>	<b>Awaiting response</b>	<b>Awaiting response (time has not expired)</b>	<b>Response received (time has expired)</b>	<b>Response received (time not expired)</b>
<b>42nd</b>	1	-	-	-
<b>43rd</b>	8	-	2	-
<b>44th</b>	26	-	3	-
<b>45th</b>	72	16	26 plus 2 partial responses	7

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
<b>Agriculture and Industry (House, Standing)</b>			
Smart farming—Inquiry into agricultural innovation	04-05-16	No response to date	No
<b>Agriculture and Water Resources (House, Standing)</b>			
Making every drop count	20-12-17	No response to date	No
APVMA Regulatory Reforms	21-05-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Australia Fund Establishment (Joint, Select)</b>			
Joint Select Committee on the Australia Fund Establishment: Report 2015	25-06-15	No response to date	No
<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
Inquiry into the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	5-05-16	No response to date	No
<b>Broadcasting Legislation (Joint, Select)</b>			
Three broadcasting reform proposals	24-06-13	09-03-18	No

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<b>Communications and the Arts (House, Standing)</b>			
Inquiry into broadcasting, online content and live production to rural and regional Australia	05-05-16	26-03-18	No
Report on the inquiry into the Australian film and television industry	07-12-17	No response to date	No
<b>Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Joint, Select)</b>			
Progress report	27-10-14	No response to date	No
Final report	25-06-15	No response to date	No
<b>Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Inquiry into the impairment of customer loans	04-05-16	No response to date	No
Report on the 2015-16 Annual Reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	13-06-17	10-05-18	No
Whistleblower Protections: Report on the inquiry into Whistleblower protections in the corporate, public and not-for-profit sectors	13-09-17	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the life insurance industry report	27-03-18	No response to date	No
<b>Economics (House, Standing)</b>			
Report on the inquiry into tax deductibility	15-06-17	15-02-18	No
Review of the Four Major Banks (Third Report)	07-12-17	No response to date	No

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<b>Education and Employment (House, Standing)</b>			
TAFE: an Australian asset—Report of the inquiry into TAFE and its operation	24-11-14	7-02-18	No
Innovation and Creativity	19-06-17	No response to date	No
<b>Employment, Education and Training (House, Standing)</b>			
Unique Individuals, Broad Skills	30-05-18	No response to date	No
<b>Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)</b>			
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
Third interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2016 federal election: AEC modernisation	21-06-17	No response to date	No
Advisory report on the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017	09-05-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
Excluded: The impact of section 44 on Australian democracy	17-05-18	No response to date	Time has not expired

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<b>Environment (House, Standing)</b>			
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
<b>Environment and Energy (House, Standing)</b>			
Living with fruit bats: Inquiry into flying-fox management in the eastern states	27-02-17	No response to date	No
Powering our future: Inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid	05-02-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Australia's trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East	04-05-16	No response to date	No
Modern slavery and global supply chains – interim report	17-08-17	No response to date	No
Hidden in Plain Sight	07-12-17	No response to date	No
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2015-16	07-12-17	No response to date	No
<b>Health (House, Standing)</b>			
Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care	05-05-16	No response to date	No

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<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
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
<b>Health, Aged Care and Sport (House, Standing)</b>			
Still waiting to be heard... Inquiry into the Hearing Health and Wellbeing of Australia	13-09-17	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the Use and Marketing of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers in Australia	28-03-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Eleventh Report of 2013: Review of Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation – Interim report	26-06-13	No response to date	No
2016 Review of Stronger Futures measures (Final Report)	16-03-16	No response to date	No
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	No



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<b>Indigenous Affairs (House, Standing)</b>			
Interim report: First steps for improving educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	04-05-16	No response to date	No
The power of education from surviving to thriving: Educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	15-12-17	No response to date	No
<b>Infrastructure and Communications (House, Standing)</b>			
At what cost? IT pricing and the Australia tax	29-07-13	26-03-18	No
<b>Industry, Innovation, Science &amp; Resources (House, Standing)</b>			
Social issues relating to land-based automated vehicles in Australia	11-09-17	No response to date	No
Internet Competition Inquiry: Inquiry into impacts on local businesses in Australia from global internet-based competition	11-04-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Infrastructure, Transport and Cities (House, Standing)</b>			
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	26-03-18	No

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<b>Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Advisory Report on the Home Affairs and Integrity Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2017	26-02-18	28-02-18	Yes
Review of the 'declared area' provisions	01-03-18	24-05-18	Yes
Review of the police stop, search and seizure powers, the control order regime and the preventative detention order regime	01-03-18	24-05-18	Yes
Advisory Report on the Security of Critical Infrastructure Bill 2017	15-03-18	28-03-18	Yes
Review of proposed amendments to the Home Affairs and Integrity Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2017	28-03-18	17-05-18	Yes
ASIO's questioning and detention powers	10-05-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
ASIO's questioning and detention powers: Review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 of Part III of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979	17-05-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
Advisory report on the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2018	07-06-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
Advisory report on the National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Bill 2017	07-06-18	26-06-18	Yes
Review of the re-declaration of Mosul District, Ninewa Province, Iraq	20-06-18	No response to date	Time has not expired

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Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code	20-06-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
Advisory Report on the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Bill 2017	25-06-18	26-06-18	Yes
<b>Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Inquiry into financial related crime	07-09-15	No response to date	No
Inquiry into human trafficking	18-07-17	No response to date	No
Inquiry into crystal methamphetamine (ice): First Report	06-09-17	No response to date	No
Inquiry into crystal methamphetamine (ice): Final Report	27-03-18	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2015-16	28-03-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Migration (Joint, Standing)</b>			
No one teaches you to become an Australian: Report of the inquiry into migrant settlement outcomes	08-12-17	27-06-18	No
<b>National Broadband Network (Joint, Standing)</b>			
The rollout of the National Broadband Network – 1st Report of the 45 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	29-09-17 (tabled out of session)	5-02-18 (presented out of sitting in the Senate 16-01-18)	No

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<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
The strategic importance of Australia's Indian Ocean Territories	11-09-17	10-05-18	No
Maintaining Australia's national interests in Antarctica: Inquiry into Australia's Antarctic Territory	18-06-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Provision of hearing services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme – Interim report	14-09-17	02-03-18 (tabled out of session in Senate)	No
General issues around the implementation and performance of the NDIS	07-09-17	28-03-18	No
The provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition	15-08-17	02-03-18	No
Provision of services under the NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention Approach	07-12-17	03-05-18	No
Transitional arrangements for the NDIS	15-02-18	19-06-18	No
The provision of hearing services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme	21-06-18	No response to date <sup>4</sup>	Time has not expired
<b>Procedure (House, Standing)</b>			
Role of the Federation Chamber: Celebrating 20 years of operation	22-06-15	No response to date	No

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Consideration in detail of the main appropriation bill	29-02-16	06-09-17	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
<b>Publications (Joint)</b>			
Inquiry into the printing standards for documents presented to Parliament 2017 Report	5-12-17	No response to date	No
<b>Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Report 460: Public Sector Governance – Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s report 29 (2015-16)	16-02-17	No response to date	No
Report 461: Commonwealth Risk Management – Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s report 18 (2015-16)	10-05-17	26-03-2018	No
Report 462: Commonwealth Infrastructure Spending – Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s reports 14 (2015-16) and 38 (2016-17)	21-06-17	26-03-2018	No
Report 463: Commonwealth Financial Statements	05-09-17	Partial response received	Partial response received
Report 464: Commonwealth Grants Administration	05-09-17	26-03-2018	No
Report 465: Commonwealth Procurement	14-09-17	08-05-18	No

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Report 467: Cybersecurity Compliance	25-10-17	Partial response received 25-04-18	Partial response received
Report 468: Defence Major Projects Report (2015-16)	26-10-17	26-03-2018	No
Report 469: Commonwealth Performance Framework	06-12-17	06-06-18	No
Report 470: Defence Sustainment Expenditure	20-03-18	No response to date	No
Report 471: Security of Overseas Missions	08-05-18	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Public Works (Joint Standing)</b>			
Report 5/2017 (Seaward Village - Proposed upgrades to housing for Defence families at Seaward Village, Swanbourne, Western Australia)	29-05-17	13-09-17	No
Report 2-2017 (Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre hardening works)	27-03-17	20-03-18	No
Report 1-2017 (LAND 17 Phase 1B/1C - Construction and upgrade of indirect fire support facilities)	13-02-17	05-09-17	No
<b>Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)</b>			
A better family law system to support and protect those affected by family violence	07-12-17	No response to date	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
<b>Tax and Revenue (House, Standing)</b>			
External Scrutiny of the Australian Taxation Office	05-05-16	No response to date	Partial response received
<b>Trade and Investment Growth (Joint, Select)</b>			
Leveraging our advantages: The trade relationship between Australia and Indonesia	19-06-17	28-03-18	No
Inquiry into Australia's Future Research and Innovation	03-05-16	No response to date	No
Report on the Inquiry into Business Utilisation of Australia's Free Trade Agreements	15-10-15	No response to date	No
<b>Treaties (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Report 177: Extradition – Jordan; Mutual Legal Assistance - Jordan	15-02-18	No response to date	No
Report 179: Reprocessing Nuclear Fuel-France; PACER Plus Agreement	9-05-18	No response to date	Time has not expired

## Notes

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- 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament, the time specified is three months from the date of tabling. The Government has undertaken to respond to committee reports within a six month period—see House of Representatives Standing Orders, 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 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament was prorogued on 9 May 2016 to the commencement of the 45<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 30 August 2016 is not included in the response period.
- 4 The Committee tabled an interim report in July 2017 and received a Government Response.