

**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  
5 May 2016, the date of the last schedule, and 30 November 2016)

1 December 2016

## **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 5 May 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 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.

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

1 December 2016

Table of responses received and outstanding (current as of 30 November 2016):

<b>Parliament</b>	<b>Awaiting response (six month period expired)</b>	<b>Awaiting response (six month period not expired)</b>	<b>Response received (six month period expired)</b>	<b>Response received (six month period not expired)</b>	<b>No response required</b>
<b>41st</b>	1	-	-	-	
<b>42nd</b>	6	-	-	-	
<b>43rd</b>	12	-	-	-	
<b>44th</b>	19	23	7	3	2
<b>45th</b>	-	7	-	-	9

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>			
Smart farming—Inquiry into agricultural innovation	04-05-16	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	Time has not expired
<b>Broadcasting Legislation (Joint, Select)</b>			
Three broadcasting reform proposals	24-06-13	No response to date	No
<b>Communications and the Arts (House, Standing)</b>			

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Inquiry into broadcasting, online content and live production to rural and regional Australia	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
<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>			
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	26-11-14	No response to date	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	No response to date	No
<b>Economics (House, Standing)</b>			
Economics—Standing Committee—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 2015 (Second report)	07-11-16	No response required	

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Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority annual report 2015 (Second report)	21-11-16	No response required	
Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 2015 (Second report)	21-11-16	No response required	
Review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission annual report 2015	21-11-16	No response required	
Review of the Four Major Banks (First Report)	24-11-16	No response to date	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 <sup>4</sup>	No
<b>Education and Employment (House, Standing)</b>			
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	No response to date	Time has not expired
<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

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<b>Employment, 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>5</sup>	No
<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	Time has not expired
<b>Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Principles and practice: Australian Defence Industry and exports	01-12-15	01-09-16	No
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2013-14	01-12-15	21-11-16	No
Empowering women and girls	03-12-15	No response to date	No
Australia's trade and investment relationships with countries of the Middle East	04-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
Food for thought: improving health and nutrition in the Indo-Pacific region	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
A world without the death penalty	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Health (House, Standing)</b>			
Skin Cancer in Australia: our national cancer	24-03-15	No response to date	No

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The silent disease: Inquiry into Hepatitis C in Australia	25-06-15	09-11-16	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
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
<b>Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
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
Review of Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation	16-03-16	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	Time has not expired
<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 <sup>6</sup>	No
Planning, procurement and funding for Australia's future infrastructure: Report on the inquiry into infrastructure planning and procurement	04-12-14	No response to date	No
<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	Time has not expired
<b>Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Advisory report on the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2015	15-02-16	25-07-16	Yes
Review of the declaration of Islamic State as a declared terrorist organisation under the Australian Citizenship Act 2007	07-11-16	No response required	

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

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Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories: Interim report—Economic Development	23-06-15	No response to date	No
Governance in the Indian Ocean Territories: Final report—Economic development and governance	15-03-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Accommodation for people with disabilities and the NDIS	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Northern Australia (Joint, Select)</b>			
Pivot North: Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia—Final Report	04-09-14	04-12-14 <sup>7</sup>	No
Scaling Up: Inquiry into Opportunities for Expanding Aquaculture in Northern Australia	22-02-16	No response to date	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
Consideration in detail of the main appropriation bill	29-02-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
Maintenance of the standing orders	02-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
Division required? Electronic voting in the House of Representatives	02-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
Report 451: Community Pharmacy Arrangements, Review of Auditor-General Report No. 25 (2014-15)	23-11-15	Partial response received <sup>8</sup>	No

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Report 452: Natural disaster recovery; Centrelink telephone services; and Safer Streets program	07-12-15	10-11-16	No
Report 453: Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework	18-12-15	22-09-16	Yes
Report 454: Early Years Quality Fund Review of Auditor-General Report No. 23 (2014-15)	22-02-16	Partial response received <sup>8</sup>	Time has not expired
Report 455: Parliamentary delegation to New Zealand and Fiji by members of the JCPAA	22-02-16	11-11-16	Yes
Report 456: Defence Major Equipment Procurement and Evaluation, Great Barrier Reef Regulation	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
Report 457: Development of the CPF —2 <sup>nd</sup> Report	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
Report 458: Defence Major Projects Report (2014-15)	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
Report 459: Annual report 2015-16	10-11-16	No response required	
<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>9</sup>	No
Eyes in the sky: Inquiry into drones and the regulation of air safety and privacy	14-07-14	No response to date	No

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Revisiting recognition: Report on the roundtable with Australian South Sea Islanders	24-03-15	No response to date	No
Reviewing Troubled Waters: Consideration of the Government response to the 2012 inquiry into arrangements surrounding crimes at sea	22-06-15	15-09-16	No
From conflict to cooperation: Inquiry into the Child Support Program	20-07-15	31-08-16	No
Surrogacy Matters: Inquiry into the regulatory and legislative aspects of international and domestic surrogacy	04-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Tax and Revenue (House, Standing)</b>			
The Tax expenditures statement	03-12-15	29-11-16	No
External scrutiny of the Australian Taxation Office	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
2015 Annual Report of the ATO — First Report	05-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Trade and Investment Growth (Joint, Select)</b>			
Inquiry into Australia's Future Research and Innovation	03-05-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
<b>Treaties (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Report 163: Paris Agreement and Kyoto Protocol—Doha Amendment	07-11-16	No response required	
Report 164: Air Services—Kuwait and Air Services—Bahrain	23-11-16	No response required	

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Report 165: Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement	30-11-16	No response to date	Time has not expired
Report 166: Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness—USA; Convention on Choice of Courts—accession; GATT Schedule of Concessions—amendment and Radio Regulations—partial revision	23-11-16	No response required	

## 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. 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 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 still awaits a response to this report.
- 5 In June 2009 the Government advised that it did not intend to respond formally to this report. In November 2009 the Government indicated a response was being considered and would 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. The committee has not agreed to the removal of this report from the schedule.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 Responses to all recommendations have not yet been received. Responses to recommendations in reports of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit can be submitted from different entities on different dates.
- 9 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.