

**SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE OF THE STATUS OF GOVERNMENT
RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS
(as at 1 December 2021)**

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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 last schedule was presented in the House on 24 June 2021. The schedule presents a list of committee reports that contain recommendations requiring a government response. Government responses received during the period are included in the schedule and the report it relates to is then removed from subsequent schedules.

The timeframe for government responses to committee reports in this schedule is determined by the resolution adopted by the House on 29 September 2010, in which government responses to House and Joint committee reports are required within a six month period from the presentation of the report in the House. The Senate has resolved to require government responses to Senate and Joint committee reports within three months of a report being tabled.^A

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.

^A 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 government responses received and outstanding to committee reports of the 43rd to 46th Parliaments inclusive.

Listed below (see table below) are responses received (since tabling of the last schedule on 24 June 2021) and outstanding (as at 1 December 2021):

Parliament	Awaiting response (time expired)	Awaiting response (time not expired)	Response received (time expired)	Response received (time not expired)
43rd	2	-	-	-
44th	15	-	1	-
45th	40	-	5	-
46th	34	32	9	5

Description of Report	Date Tabled or Published ¹	Date of Government Response ²	Responded in Period Specified ³
Agriculture and Industry (House, Standing)			
Smart farming—Inquiry into agricultural innovation	4/5/16	No response to date	No
Agriculture and Water Resources (House, Standing)			
Making every drop count	20/12/17	No response to date	No
Super-charging Australian Agriculture	11/12/18	No response to date	No
Growing Australia: Inquiry into growing Australian agriculture to \$100 billion by 2030	11/12/20	No response to date	No
Aussie logs for Aussie jobs: Inquiry into timber supply chain constraints in the Australian plantation sector	23/3/21	No response to date	No
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)			
Integrity of overseas Commonwealth law enforcement operations	24/6/13	No response to date	No

Inquiry into the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	5/5/16	No response to date	No
Integrity of Australia's border arrangements	8/12/20	No response to date	No
Australia's Family Law System (Joint, Select)			
Improvements in family law proceedings: Second interim report	15/3/21	No response to date	No
Australia's Child Support Scheme: Third Interim Report	22/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Final report	22/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Australia Fund Establishment (Joint, Select)			
Report	25/6/15	No response to date	No
Communications and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Report on the inquiry into the Australian film and television industry	7/12/17	No response to date	No
Report on the inquiry into the Australian music industry	2/4/19	No response to date	No
Sculpting a National Cultural Plan: Igniting a post-COVID economy for the arts	27/10/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Joint, Select)			
Progress report	27/10/14	No response to date	No
Final report	25/6/15	No response to date	No
Constitutional Recognition Relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Joint, Select)			
Final report	29/11/18	No response to date	No
Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)			

Inquiry into the Impairment of Customer Loans	4/5/16	6/8/21	No
Inquiry into the Life Insurance Industry	27/3/18	6/8/21	No
Options for greater involvement by private sector life insurers in worker rehabilitation	24/10/18	6/8/21	No
Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation: Report No. 1	13/2/19	22/9/21	No
Report on the 2017-2018 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	2/4/19	No response to date	No
Regulation of auditing in Australia: Interim Report	27/2/20	No response to date	No
Regulation of auditing in Australia: Final Report	11/11/20	No response to date	No
Litigation funding and the regulation of the class action industry	21/12/20	20/10/21	No
Mobile Payment and Digital Wallet Financial Services	28/10/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Report on the 2019–2020 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	25/8/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Regulation of the use of financial services such as credit cards and digital wallets for online gambling in Australia	19/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Economics (House, Standing)			
Review of the Four Major Banks (Third Report)	7/12/17	No response to date	No
Report on the inquiry into the implications of removing refundable franking credits	4/4/19	No response to date	No

Report on the inquiry into impediments to business investment	4/4/19	No response to date	No
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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
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The 2013 Federal Election: Report on the conduct of the 2013 election and matters related thereto	15/4/15	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	21/6/17	No response to date	No
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Excluded: The impact of section 44 on Australian democracy	17/5/18	No response to date	No
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Report on the conduct of the 2016 federal election and matters related thereto	5/12/18	No response to date	No
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Interim report on all aspects of the conduct of the 2019 Federal Election and matters related thereto: Delegation to the International Grand Committee, Dublin, Ireland	15/5/20*	No response to date	No
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Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Ensuring Fair Representation of the Northern Territory) Bill 2020	16/10/20*	No response to date	No
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Report on the conduct of the 2019 federal election and matters related thereto	10/12/20	No response to date	No
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Report of the inquiry on the future conduct of elections operating during times of emergency situations	24/6/21	No response to date	Time not expired
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Employment, Education and Training (House, Standing)

Innovation and Creativity	19/6/17	No response to date	No
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Unique Individuals, Broad Skills	30/5/18	No response to date	No
Australian Government funding arrangements for non-NHMRC research	26/11/18	No response to date	No
Status of the teaching profession	28/11/19	No response to date	No
Education in remote and complex environments	11/11/20	No response to date	No

Environment (House, Standing)

Streamlining environmental legislation: Inquiry into streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape', and one stop shops	23/2/15	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the Register of Environmental Organisations	4/5/16	No response to date	No

Environment and Energy (House, Standing)

Living with fruit bats: Inquiry into flying-fox management in the eastern states	27/2/17	No response to date	No
Powering our future: Inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid	5/2/18	No response to date	No
Not without your approval: a way forward for nuclear technology in Australia: Report of the inquiry into the prerequisites for nuclear energy in Australia	13/12/19*	No response to date	No
Tackling the feral cat pandemic: a plan to save Australian wildlife— Report of the inquiry into the problem of feral and domestic cats in Australia	4/2/21	No response to date	No

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)

Compassion, Not Commerce: An inquiry into human organ trafficking and organ transplant tourism	3/12/18	19/10/21	No
Inquiry into transition from the Australian Defence Force (ADF)	3/4/19	No response to date	No

Second Interim Report: freedom of religion and belief, the Australian experience	3/4/19	No response to date	No
First report: Inquiry into Australia's aid program in the Indo-Pacific	3/4/19	No response to date	No
Inquiry into PFAS remediation in and around Defence bases - Second progress report	31/8/20	No response to date	No
Criminality, corruption and impunity: Should Australia join the Global Magnitsky movement? An inquiry into targeted sanctions to address human rights abuses	7/12/20	5/8/21	No
Inquiry into the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for Australia's foreign affairs, defence and trade	8/12/20	No response to date	No
Inquiry into Australia's defence relationships with Pacific Island nations	1/4/21	21/10/21	No
Australias response to the coup in Myanmar: Interim report for the inquiry into certain aspects of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Annual Report 2019-20 – Interim report	24/6/21	No response to date	Time not expired
One Region, One Family, One Future: Deepening relations with the Pacific nations through trade	1/9/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2019-20	25/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Inquiry into the human rights of women and girls in the Pacific	29/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired

Health, Aged Care and Sport (House, Standing)

Report on the Inquiry into the 2017-18 Annual Reports of the Department of Health and Australian Hearing	4/4/19	29/11/21	No
Bedtime Reading: Inquiry into Sleep Health Awareness in Australia	4/4/19	No response to date	No

Walking the allergy tightrope: Addressing the rise of allergies and anaphylaxis in Australia	15/6/20	No response to date	No
The New Frontier - Delivering better health for all Australians	25/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired

Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)

Eleventh Report of 2013: Review of Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 and related legislation – Interim report	26/6/13	No response to date	No
2016 Review of Stronger Futures measures: Final Report	16/3/16	No response to date	No
Freedom of speech in Australia: Inquiry into the operation of Part IIA of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) and related procedures under the Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986 (Cth)	28/2/17	Partial response	No
ParentsNext: examination of Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements—class of persons) Instrument 2021	4/8/21	No response to date	No

Implementation of the National Redress Scheme (Joint, Select)

First Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme April 2020	1/5/20	30/9/21	No
Second Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme, November 2021	23/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired

Indigenous Affairs (House, Standing)

Report on food pricing and food security in remote Indigenous communities	7/12/20	No response to date	No
Report on Indigenous participation in employment and business	30/8/21	No response to date	Time not expired

Industry, Innovation, Science & Resources (House, Standing)

Keep it in the regions: Mining and resources industry support for businesses in regional economies	3/12/18	No response to date	No
From Rubbish to Resources: Building a Circular Economy	7/12/20	No response to date	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	15/3/16	No response to date	No
Fairer funding and financing of faster rail: Inquiry into options for financing faster rail	9/12/20	22/6/21	No

Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)

Review of the mandatory data retention regime	28/10/20	No response to date	No
Review of 'Declared Areas' Provisions: Sections 119.2 and 119.3 of the Criminal Code	24/2/21	3/8/21	Yes
Report on the review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code	22/6/21	24/11/21	Yes
Annual Report of Committee Activities 2020-2021	14/9/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Advisory Report on the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (High Risk Terrorist Offenders) Bill 2020	16/9/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Advisory report on the Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure) Bill 2020 and Statutory Review of the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018	29/9/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 19 (2019–20) – Australian Intelligence Agencies	24/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired

Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)

Inquiry into financial related crime	7/9/15	No response to date	No
Inquiry into crystal methamphetamine (ice): First Report	6/9/17	No response to date	No
Inquiry into crystal methamphetamine (ice): Final Report	27/3/18	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2015-16	28/3/18	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the trade in elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn	19/9/18	No response to date	No
Impact of new and emerging information and communications technology	4/4/19	No response to date	No
Summary report of the 24 June 2020 public hearing on the Australian Institute of Criminology's National Deaths in Custody Program	8/10/20	No response to date	No
Illicit Tobacco	12/11/20	24/11/21	No
Public communications campaigns targeting drug and substance abuse	12/5/21	No response to date	No
COVID-19, criminal activity and law enforcement	21/6/21	No response to date	No

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (House, Select)

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention - Final Report	1/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired
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Migration (Joint, Standing)

Inquiry into efficacy of current regulation of Australian migration and education agents	21/2/19	No response to date	No
The report of the inquiry into review processes associated with visa cancellations made on criminal grounds	21/2/19	No response to date	No
Interim Report of the Inquiry into the Working Holiday Maker Program	15/9/20	No response to date	No

Final Report of the Inquiry into the Working Holiday Maker Program	30/11/20	No response to date	No
Interim Report of the Inquiry into Australia's Skilled Migration Program	18/03/21	No response to date	No
Final Report of the Inquiry into Australia's Skilled Migration Program	9/8/21	No response to date	Time not expired

National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)

Telling Australia's story - and why it's important: Report on the inquiry into Canberra's national institutions	3/4/19*	No response to date	No
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National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint, Standing)

NDIS Workforce Interim Report	9/12/20	7/10/21	No
Independent Assessments	19/10/21	No response to date	Time not expired
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	30/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired
General Issues	30/11/21	No response to date	Time not expired

Northern Australia (Joint, Standing)

Never Again: Inquiry into the destruction of 46,000 year old caves at the Juukan Gorge in the Pilbara region of Western Australia: Interim report	9/12/20	No response to date	No
A Way Forward: Inquiry into the destruction of 46,000 year old caves at the Juukan Gorge in the Pilbara region of Western Australia	18/10/21	No response to date	Time not expired

Petitions (House, Standing)

Your voice can change our future: The inquiry into the future of petitioning in the House	21/2/19	No response to date	No
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Procedure (House, Standing)

Role of the Federation Chamber: Celebrating 20 years of operation	22/6/15	No response to date	No
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Division required? Electronic voting in the House of Representatives	2/5/16	No response to date	No
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A window on the House: Inquiry into the practices and procedures relating to question time	13/5/21	No response to date	No
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Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)

Report 460: Public Sector Governance – Inquiry based on Auditor-General’s report 29 (2015-16)	16/2/17	No response to date	No
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Report 463: Commonwealth Financial Statements	5/9/17	Partial response received	No
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Report 472: Commonwealth Procurement — Second Report	17/10/18	Partial response received	No
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Report 475: Defence First Principles Review, Naval Construction and Mental Health in the AFP	14/2/19	Partial response received	No
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Report 477: Commonwealth Financial Statements - Second Report, and Foreign Investment in Real Estate	2/4/19	Partial response received	No
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Report 478: Issuing of a Certificate under section 37 of the Auditor-General's Act 1997	2/4/19	No response to date	No
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Report 479: Australian Government Security Arrangements	2/4/19	Partial response received	No
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Report 481: Efficiency and Effectiveness: Inquiry into Auditor-General's Reports 25, 29, 38, 42, 44, 45 and 51 (2018-19)	15/6/20	Partial response received	No
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Report 482: Review of the Operations of the Parliamentary Budget Office 2019-20	19/10/20	24/8/21	No
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Report 483: Inquiry into the 2018-19 Defence Major Projects Report and the Future Submarine Project - Transition to Design (Auditor-	7/12/20	24/8/21	No
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General's Reports 19 and 22 (2019-20)

Report 484: The Administration of Government Grants: Inquiry into Auditor-General's Reports 5, 12 and 23 (2019-20)

7/12/20

Partial response received

No

Report 485: Cyber Resilience: Inquiry into Auditor-General's Reports 1 and 13 (2019-20)

9/12/20

Partial response received

No

Report 486: Regulatory Activities - Inquiry into Auditor-Generals Reports 33, 47, 48 (2019-20) and 5 and 8 (2020-21)

24/8/21

No response to date

Time not expired

Road Safety (Joint, Select)

Improving Road Safety in Australia

30/10/20

No response to date

No

Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)

Inquiry into family, domestic and sexual violence

31/3/21

No response to date

Time not expired

Final report: Inquiry into homelessness in Australia

4/8/21

No response to date

Time not expired

Tax and Revenue (House, Standing)

2017 annual report of the Australian Taxation Office: Fairness, functions and frameworks—Performance review

21/2/19

No response to date

No

Owning a Share of Your Work: Tax Treatment of Employee Share Schemes

23/8/21

No response to date

Time not expired

The Development of the Australian Corporate Bond Market: A Way Forward

25/10/21

No response to date

Time not expired

2018-19 Commissioner of Taxation Annual Report

26/10/21

No response to date

Time not expired

Trade and Investment Growth (Joint, Standing)

Inquiry into Australia's Future Research and Innovation

3/5/16

No response to date

No

Pivot: Inquiry into Diversifying Australia's Trade and Investment Profile	17/3/21	5/8/21	Yes
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Treaties (Joint, Standing)

Report 189: Capital Increase WBG IBRD; Capital Increase WBG IFC; Amendments CMS; Termination IPPA-Indonesia	6/8/20	No response to date	No
Report 192: Military Training-Singapore; Digital Economy Agreement-Singapore	8/12/20	29/4/21	Yes
Report 194: Certifications - Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway; Amendments 2020 - CITES	16/3/21	No response to date	No
Report 193: Strengthening the Trade Agreement and Treaty-Making Process in Australia	26/8/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 196: Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement	31/8/21	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 197: OCCAR Managed Programmes Participation Agreement; Minamata Convention on Mercury	1/9/21	22/11/21	Yes

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 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 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. The period from when the 45th Parliament was prorogued on 11 April 2019 to the commencement of the 46th Parliament on 2 July 2019 is not included in the response period.