

**SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE OF THE STATUS OF GOVERNMENT  
RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS  
(as at 4 December 2019)**

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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 4 July 2019. 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.<sup>A</sup>

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 (since tabling of the last schedule on 4 July 2019) and outstanding government responses spanning the last four parliaments.

Table of responses received (since tabling of the last schedule on 4 July 2019) and outstanding (as at 4 December 2019):

<b>Parliament</b>	<b>Awaiting response (time expired)</b>	<b>Awaiting response (time not expired)</b>	<b>Response received (time expired)</b>	<b>Response received (time not expired)</b>
<b>42nd</b>	1	-	-	-
<b>43rd</b>	4	-	-	-
<b>44th</b>	19	-	-	-
<b>45th</b>	49	20	6	4
<b>46th</b>	-	6	-	-

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	4/5/16	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
Super-charging Australian Agriculture	11/12/18*	No response to date	No
<b>Australia Fund Establishment (Joint, Select)</b>			
Report	25/6/15	No response to date	No
<b>Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)</b>			
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
Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2016-17	3/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired
<b>Communications and the Arts (House, Standing)</b>			
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	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
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### Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)

Impairment of Customer Loans	4/5/16	No response to date	No
Life Insurance Industry	27/3/18	No response to date	No
Options for greater involvement by private sector life insurers in worker rehabilitation	24/10/18	No response to date	No
Statutory Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation: Report No. 1	14/2/19	No response to date	No
Fairness in franchising	14/3/19*	No response to date	No
Report on the 2017-2018 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	2/4/19	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	Time not expired
Report on the inquiry into impediments to business investment	4/4/19	No response to date	Time 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	15/4/15	No response to date	No
Third interim report on the inquiry into the conduct of the 2016 federal election: AEC modernisation	21/6/17	No response to date	No
Excluded: The impact of section 44 on Australian democracy	17/5/18	No response to date	No
Report on the conduct of the 2016 federal election and matters related thereto	5/12/18	No response to date	No

### **Employment, Education and Training (House, Standing)**

Innovation and Creativity	19/6/17	No response to date	No
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	Time not expired

### **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
Report on the inquiry into the management and use of Commonwealth environmental water	7/12/18	No response to date	No
Cane toads on the march: Inquiry into controlling the spread of cane toads	26/3/19*	No response to date	Time not expired

### Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)

Modern slavery and global supply chains – interim report	17/8/17	No response to date	No
Hidden in Plain Sight: An inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia	7/12/17	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the management of PFAS contamination in and around Defence bases	3/12/18	No response to date	No
Compassion, Not Commerce: An inquiry into human organ trafficking and organ transplant tourism.	3/12/18	No response to date	No
From little things big things grow: Supporting Australian SMEs go global	14/2/19	No response to date	No
Inquiry into transition from the Australian Defence Force (ADF)	3/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired
Second Interim Report: freedom of religion and belief, the Australian experience	3/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired
First report: Inquiry into Australia's aid program in the Indo-Pacific	3/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired

### Health (House, Standing)

Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care	5/5/16	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	19/3/12	No response to date	No
Bridging the dental gap: Report on the inquiry into adult dental services	17/6/13	No response to date	No

### Health, Aged Care and Sport (House, Standing)

Report on the Inquiry into the Use and Marketing of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers in Australia	28/3/18	No response to date	No
Report on the inquiry into Biotoxin-related Illnesses in Australia	17/10/18	No response to date	No
Report on the inquiry into the quality of care in residential aged care facilities in Australia	22/10/18	24/10/19	No
Report on the Inquiry into the 2017-18 Annual Reports of the Department of Health and Australian Hearing	4/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired
Bedtime Reading: Inquiry into Sleep Health Awareness in Australia	4/4/19	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 ( <i>Cth</i> ) and related procedures under the Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986 ( <i>Cth</i> )	28/2/17	Partial response	No
Quality of Care Amendment (Minimising the Use of Restraints) Principles 2019	13/11/19	No response to date	Time not expired



### Indigenous Affairs (House, Standing)

Interim report: First steps for improving educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	4/5/16	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
Report on the impact of inauthentic art and craft in the style of First Nations peoples	19/12/18*	No response to date	No

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

Internet Competition Inquiry: Inquiry into impacts on local businesses in Australia from global internet-based competition	11/4/18	23/10/19	No
Keep it in the regions: Mining and resources industry support for businesses in regional economies	3/12/18	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
Building up & Moving Out	17/9/18	No response to date	No
Innovating Transport across Australia	2/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired

### Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)

Review of the re-listing of five organisations and the listing of two organisations as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code: <i>Al-Shabaab, Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Jemaah Anshorut Daulah and Jama'at Mujahideen Bangladesh</i>	20/9/18	No response to date	No
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Advisory Report on the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Police Powers at Airports) Bill 2018	13/2/19	4/7/19	Yes
Review of the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Act 2018	3/4/19	17/10/19	Yes
Advisory report on the Counter-Terrorism (Temporary Exclusion Orders) Bill 2019	3/4/19	4/7/19	Yes

### Intergenerational Welfare Dependence (House, Select)

Living on the Edge: Inquiry into Intergenerational Welfare Dependence	22/3/19*	No response to date	Time not expired
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### Law Enforcement (Joint, Statutory)

Inquiry into financial related crime	7/9/15	No response to date	No
An inquiry into human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices	18/7/17	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	Time not expired
Theft and export of motor vehicles and parts	4/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired

### Migration (Joint, Standing)

Inquiry into efficacy of current regulation of Australian migration and education agents	21/2/19	No response to date	No
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The report of the inquiry into review processes associated with visa cancellations made on criminal grounds	21/2/19	No response to date	No
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#### **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	Time not expired
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#### **National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint, Standing)**

Market readiness for provision of services under the NDIS	20/9/18	No response to date	No
Progress report	29/3/19*	No response to date	Time not expired
NDIS Planning Interim Report	3/12/19	No response to date	Time not expired

#### **Northern Australia (Joint, Standing)**

Northern Horizons – Unleashing Our Tourism Potential	28/6/18	No response to date	No
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#### **Oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Joint, Select)**

Getting the National Redress Scheme right: An overdue step towards justice	21/2/19	No response to date	No
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#### **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
Division required? Electronic voting in the House of Representatives	2/5/16	No response to date	No
Maintenance of the standing orders - Interim Report	21/5/18	27/11/19	No

Maintenance of the standing orders – Final Report	4/12/18	27/11/19	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
Report 463: Commonwealth Financial Statements	5/9/17	Partial response received	No
Report 472: Commonwealth Procurement — Second Report	17/10/18	Partial response received	No
Report 475: Defence First Principles Review, Naval Construction and Mental Health in the AFP	14/2/19	Partial response received	No
Report 477: Commonwealth Financial Statements - Second Report, and Foreign Investment in Real Estate	2/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 478: Issuing of a Certificate under section 37 of the Auditor-General's Act 1997	2/4/19	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 479: Australian Government Security Arrangements	2/4/19	Partial response received	Time not expired
Report 480: Annual Report 2018-19	4/12/19	No response to date	Time not expired

**Public Works (Joint, Standing)**

Report 2/2019	9/9/19	No response to date	Time not expired
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**Social Policy and Legal Affairs(House, Standing)**

Breaking barriers: A national adoption framework for Australian children	26/11/18	12/9/19	No
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<b>Tax and Revenue (House, Standing)</b>			
Taxpayer Engagement with the Tax System	10/9/18	No response to date	No
2017 annual report of the Australian Taxation Office: Fairness, functions and frameworks—Performance review	21/2/19	No response to date	No
<b>Trade and Investment Growth (Joint, Select)</b>			
Inquiry into Australia's Future Research and Innovation	3/5/16	No response to date	No
<b>Trade and Investment Growth (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Inquiry into Australia's Future in Research and Innovation	3/5/16	No response to date	No
Trade and the digital economy	20/9/18	28/11/19	No
Austrade's role in attracting investment in Australia	18/2/19	6/9/19*	Yes
<b>Treaties (Joint, Standing)</b>			
Report 186: IA-CEPA and A-HKFTA	9/10/19*	No response to date	Time 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. The period from when the 45<sup>th</sup> Parliament was prorogued on 11 April 2019 to the commencement of the 46<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 2 July 2019 is not included in the response period.