

**SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE OF THE STATUS OF GOVERNMENT
RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS
(as at 9 December 2020)**

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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 18 June 2020. 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 18 June 2020) and outstanding (as at 9 December 2020):

Parliament	Awaiting response (time expired)	Awaiting response (time not expired)	Response received (time expired)	Response received (time not expired)
43rd	2	-	-	-
44th	16	-	1	-
45th	45	-	9	-
46th	10	30	1	3

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
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
Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2016-17	3/4/19	No response to date	No

Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2017-18	26/2/20	No response to date	No
Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2018-19	3/9/20	3/12/20	Yes
Integrity of Australia's border arrangements	8/12/20	No response to date	Time not expired

Australia Fund Establishment (Joint, Select)

Report	25/6/15	No response to date	No
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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
The Next Gen Future: Inquiry into the deployment, adoption and application of 5G in Australia	12/5/20	12/11/20	Yes

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)

Inquiry into the Impairment of Customer Loans	4/5/16	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the 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	20/8/20	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	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

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
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
Advisory report on the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020	25/8/20	No response to date	Time not expired
Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Ensuring Fair Representation of the Northern Territory) Bill 2020	16/10/20*	No response to date	Time not expired

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	No
Education in remote and complex environments	11/11/20	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
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

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)

Modern slavery and global supply chains – interim report	17/8/17	9/10/20	No
Hidden in Plain Sight: An inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia	7/12/17	9/10/20	No
Compassion, Not Commerce: An inquiry into human organ trafficking and organ transplant tourism.	3/12/18	No response to date	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	Time not expired
Criminality, corruption and impunity: Should Australia join the Global Magnitsky movement?	7/12/20	No response to date	Time not expired
Inquiry into the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for Australia's foreign affairs, defence and trade	8/12/20	No response to date	Time note expired

Health (House, Standing)

Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care	5/5/16	No response to date ⁴	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 ⁵	No
Bridging the dental gap: Report on the inquiry into adult dental services	17/6/13	No response to date ⁶	No

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	No response to date	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	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

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	No response to date	No
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Indigenous Affairs (House, Standing)

Interim report: First steps for improving educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	4/5/16	24/8/20	No
The power of education from surviving to thriving: Educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	15/12/17	24/8/20	No
Report on the impact of inauthentic art and craft in the style of First Nations peoples	19/12/18	2/9/20	No
Report on food pricing and food security in remote Indigenous communities	7/12/20	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	Time not expired

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
Innovating Transport across Australia	2/4/19	12/11/20	No
Fairer funding and financing of faster rail: Inquiry into options for financing faster rail	9/12/20	No response to date	Time not expired

Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)

Inquiry into the impact of the exercise of law enforcement and intelligence powers on the freedom of the press	26/8/20	No response to date	Time not expired
Review of the mandatory data retention regime	28/10/20	No response to date	Time not expired

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	9/10/20	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
Theft and export of motor vehicles and parts	4/4/19	23/07/20	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	Time not expired
Illicit Tobacco	12/11/20	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
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	Time not expired
Final Report of the Inquiry into the Working Holiday Maker Program	30/11/20	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)

Report into supported independent living	13/5/20	20/8/20	No
NDIS Planning Final Report	1/12/20	No response to date	No
NDIS Workforce Interim Report	9/12/20	No response to date	Time not expired
General Issues	9/12/20	No response to date	Time not expired

Northern Australia (Joint, Standing)

Northern Horizons – Unleashing Our Tourism Potential	28/6/18	17/9/20	No
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	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
Division required? Electronic voting in the House of Representatives	2/5/16	No response to date	No

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
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	Partial response received	No
Report 478: Issuing of a Certificate under section 37 of the Auditor-General's Act 1997	2/4/19	No response to date	No
Report 479: Australian Government Security Arrangements	2/4/19	Partial response received	No
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	Time not expired
Report 482: Review of the Operations of the Parliamentary Budget Office 2019-20	19/10/20	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 483: Inquiry into the 2018-19 Defence Major Projects Report and the Future Submarine Project - Transition to Design (Auditor-General's Reports 19 and 22 (2019-20))	7/12/20	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 484: The Administration of Government Grants: Inquiry into Auditor-General's Reports 5, 12 and 23 (2019-20)	7/12/20	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 485: Cyber Resilience: Inquiry into Auditor-General's Reports 1 and 13 (2019-20)	9/12/20	No response to date	Time not expired

Public Works (Joint, Standing)

Report 2/2019	9/9/19	No response to date	No
Report 3/2020	10/6/20	No response to date	No
Report 5/2020	28/9/20	No response to date	Time not expired

Road Safety (Joint, Select)

Improving Road Safety in Australia	30/10/20	No response to date	Time not expired
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Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)

Protecting the age of innocence: Report of the inquiry into age verification for online wagering and online pornography	5/3/20	No response to date	No
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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
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Trade and Investment Growth (Joint, Select)

Inquiry into Australia's Future Research and Innovation	3/5/16	No response to date	No
Trade transformation: Supporting Australia's export and investment opportunities	10/6/20	6/10/20	Yes

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	Time not expired
Report 192: Military Training-Singapore; Digital Economy Agreement-Singapore	8/12/20	No response to date	Time 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 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.
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