



**Speaker's Schedule
of the
Status of Government Responses
to Committee Reports**

As at 24 November 2023

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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 22 June 2023. 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.¹

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 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.²

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 and are listed as (Partial response).

¹ 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.

² The Liaison Committee of Chairs and Deputy Chairs agreed at its meeting of June 2023 to recommend removal of all outstanding government responses for House or Joint committee reports presented prior to the commencement of the 46th Parliament (2 July 2019), unless the relevant committee's successor resolved to retain those reports on the schedule. This schedule is reflective of those removals or resolutions to retain the relevant reports.

The table below provides a summary of government responses received and outstanding to committee reports of the 44th to 47th Parliaments inclusive:

Parliament	Awaiting response (time expired)	Awaiting response (time not expired)	Response received (time expired)	Response received (time not expired)
44th	1	-	1	-
45th	13	-	1	-
46th	55	-	7	-
47th	9	17	-	7

The following table lists responses received (since tabling of the last schedule on 22 June 2023) and outstanding (as at 24 November 2023):

Report title	Date tabled or published ⁱ	Date of government response ⁱⁱ	Responded in period specified ⁱⁱⁱ
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (Joint, Standing)			
Inquiry into community safety support services and job opportunities in the Northern Territory	1/3/23*	6/7/23	Yes
Agriculture and Water Resources (House, Standing)			
Making every drop count	20/12/17	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
Supporting a strong future for Australian aquaculture	9/2/22	No response to date	No
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)^{iv}			
Integrity of Australia's border arrangements	8/12/20	No response to date	No
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2020-21	31/3/22	No response to date	No
Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (House, Standing)			
Inquiry into the 2009 and 2013 amendments to the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (London Protocol)	13/6/23	No response to date	Time not expired

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Communications and the Arts (House, Standing)			
The Future of Regional Newspapers in a Digital World: Inquiry into Australia's regional newspapers	23/3/22	No response to date	No
Connecting the country: Mission critical - Inquiry into co-investment in multi-carrier regional mobile infrastructure	15/11/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)			
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation	14/2/19	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	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
Report on the 2019–2020 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act	25/8/21	No response to date	No
Statutory inquiry into ASIC, the Takeovers Panel, and the corporations legislation: ASIC licence transfers	10/7/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Corporate insolvency in Australia	12/7/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Economics (House, Standing)			
Report on the implications of common ownership and capital concentration in Australia	17/3/22	No response to date	No
Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)			
Report on the Candidate Qualification Checklist	31/3/22	No response to date	No
Conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters: interim report	19/6/23	9/11/23	Yes
Employment, Education and Training (House, Standing)			
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
Don't take it as read - Inquiry into adult literacy and its importance	22/3/22	No response to date	No

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Environment (House, Standing)			
Inquiry into the Register of Environmental Organisations	4/5/16	16/11/23	No
Environment and Energy (House, Standing)			
Not without your approval: a way forward for nuclear technology in Australia	13/12/19*	No response to date	No
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Second Interim Report: freedom of religion and belief, the Australian experience	3/4/19	No response to date	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
One Region, One Family, One Future: Deepening relations with the Pacific nations through trade	1/9/21	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2019-20	25/11/21	1/8/23	No
Expanding the membership of the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership	10/2/22	No response to date	No
Inquiry into PFAS remediation in and around Defence bases: Final report	30/3/22	No response to date	No
Strengthening Australia's relationships with countries in the Pacific	30/3/22	No response to date	No
Inquiry into international armed conflict decision making	31/3/23*	8/8/23	Yes
The Defence Industry Security Program: Review of Auditor-General Report 4 of 2021-22	19/6/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2021–22	14/9/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Inquiry into Australia's tourism and international education sectors: 'Quality and Integrity - the Quest for Sustainable Growth': Interim Report into International Education	18/10/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Health, Aged Care and Sport (House, Standing)			
Bedtime Reading: Inquiry into Sleep Health Awareness in Australia	4/4/19	4/7/23	No
Walking the allergy tightrope: Addressing the rise of allergies and anaphylaxis in Australia	15/6/20	18/10/23	No

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The New Frontier - Delivering better health for all Australians	25/11/21	No response to date	No
Inquiry into childhood rheumatic diseases: Interim Report	31/3/22	No response to date	No
Sick and tired: Casting a long shadow: Inquiry into Long COVID and Repeated COVID Infections	19/4/23*	No response to date	No
Human Rights (Joint, Statutory)			
ParentsNext: examination of Social Security (Parenting payment participation requirements—class of persons) Instrument 2021	4/8/21	No response to date	No
Religious Discrimination Bill 2021 and related bills	4/2/22	No response to date	No
Implementation of the National Redress Scheme (Joint, Select)			
Second Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme, November 2021	23/11/21	31/7/23	No
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
Infrastructure, Transport and Cities (House, Standing)			
Government Procurement: A sovereign security imperative	31/3/22	22/6/23	No
Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)			
Annual Report of Committee Activities 2020-2021	14/9/21*	No response to date	No
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	No
Review of police powers in relation to terrorism, the control order regime, the preventative detention order regime and the continuing detention order regime	14/10/21*	14/9/23	No
Review of the amendments made by the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Act 2018	22/12/21	No response to date	No
Advisory Report on the Intelligence Oversight and Other Legislation Amendment (Integrity Measures) Bill 2020	7/2/22	No response to date	No

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Review of Part 14 of the Telecommunications Act 1997 – Telecommunications Sector Security Reform	7/2/22	No response to date	No
Advisory Report on the Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure Protection) Bill 2022	25/3/22	No response to date	No
Review of the listing and re-listing of eight organisations as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code	26/9/22	No response to date	No
Advisory Report on the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Modernisation) Bill 2022	20/3/23	27/7/23	Yes
Advisory Report on Item 250 of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2022	29/3/23	13/7/23	Yes
Review of the Counter-Terrorism (Temporary Exclusion Orders) Act 2019	10/5/23	No response to date	No
Advisory report on the National Security Legislation Amendment (Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 2) Bill 2023	12/5/23*	2/8/23	Yes
Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 20 (2020-2021) - Australian Intelligence Agencies	31/7/23	30/10/23	Yes
Advisory Report on the Counter-Terrorism Amendment (Prohibited Hate Symbols and Other Measures) Bill 2023	15/11/23	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 rhino 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

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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
Public communications campaigns targeting drug and substance abuse	12/5/21	14/11/23	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	01/11/21	No response to date	No
Migration (Joint, Standing)			
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	18/3/21	No response to date	No
Final Report of the Inquiry into Australia's Skilled Migration Program	9/8/21	No response to date	No
National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)			
Interim Report – Inquiry into economic, social and environmental sustainability in the Indian Ocean Territories	28/2/22	No response to date	No
Interim Report – Inquiry into availability and access to enabling communications infrastructure in Australia's external territories	28/2/22	No response to date	No
National Disability Insurance Scheme (Joint, Standing)			
NDIS Workforce Final Report	15/2/22	No response to date	No
Capability and culture of the NDIA interim report	30/3/23	No response to date	No
Northern Australia (Joint, Standing)			
Final report into the engagement of traditional owners in the economic development of Northern Australia	8/2/22	No response to date	No
Northern Australia (Joint, Select)			
Inquiry into the Cyclone Reinsurance Pool: First report on the Cyclone Reinsurance Pool	27/3/23	No response to date	No
Procedure (House, Standing)			
Maintenance of the standing orders	31/1/22	No response to date	No
Raising the Standard: Inquiry into recommendations 10 and 27 of <i>Set the Standard: Report on the Independent Review into Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplaces</i>	7/08/23	No response to date	Time not expired

Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Report 475: Defence First Principles Review, Naval Construction and Mental Health in the AFP	14/2/19	Partial response received	No
Report 479: Australian Government Security Arrangements	2/4/19	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	Partial response received	No
Report 488 Commonwealth Financial Statements 2019-20	31/3/22	Partial response received	No
Report 490 Alternative Financing Mechanisms	31/3/22	Partial response received	No
Report 491 Review of the Auditor-General Act 1997	31/3/22	Partial response received	No
Report 492 Governance in the Stewardship of Public Resources	12/4/22	Partial response received	No
Report 494: Inquiry into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's crisis management arrangements	30/3/23	Partial response received	No
Report 495 Inquiry into Commonwealth grants administration	29/6/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 496 Inquiry into the Defence Major Projects Report 2020-21 and 2021-22 and Procurement of Hunter Class Frigates - Interim Report	29/6/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 497 Inquiry into Commonwealth Financial Statements 2021-22	29/6/23	Partial response received	Time not expired
Report 498: 'Commitment issues' - An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement	9/8/23	Partial response received	Time not expired
Report 500: Inquiry into procurement at Services Australia and the NDIA - Interim Report	13/9/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Report 499 Inquiry into the Annual Performance Statements 2021-22	17/10/23	No response to date	Time not expired

Regional Australia (House, Select)			
Pride of Place: Inquiry into the future of Regional Australia	31/3/22	No response to date	No
Road Safety (Joint, Select)			
Driving Reform: final report for the Inquiry into Road Safety	25/3/22	9/10/23*	No
Social Policy and Legal Affairs (House, Standing)			
Inquiry into constitutional reform and referendums	22/12/21	No response to date	No
You win some, you lose more: Online gambling and its impacts on those experiencing gambling harm	26/6/23	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	No
The Development of the Australian Corporate Bond Market: A Way Forward	25/10/21	No response to date	No
2018-19 Commissioner of Taxation Annual Report	26/10/21	No response to date	No
The Australian Dream: Inquiry into housing affordability and supply in Australia	17/3/22	No response to date	No
Trade and Investment Growth (Joint, Standing)			
The Prudential Regulation of Investment in Australia's Export Industries	17/12/21	No response to date	No
Australia's trade and investment opportunities in a global green economy	11/10/23	No response to date	Time not expired
Treaties (Joint, Standing)			
Report 201: Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	16/11/22*	No response to date	No
Report 202: Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement	18/11/22*	No response to date	No
Workforce Australia Employment Services (House, Select)			
Your Future Planning – Interim report on ParentsNext	1/3/23*	No response to date	No

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Notes

- ⁱ 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.
- ⁱⁱ 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.
- ⁱⁱⁱ 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. The period from when the 46th Parliament was prorogued on 11 April 2022 to the commencement of the 47th Parliament on 26 July 2022 is not included in the response period.
- ^{iv} On 1 July 2023, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) transitioned into the new National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC). Accordingly, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity ceased to exist. The oversight of the NACC is undertaken as of that date by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Anti-Corruption Commission.