



## Appendix C—Reports and responses

Table 1 contains details for each of the 44 reports which the committee has presented within the period covered by this report:

<b><i>Column</i></b>	<b><i>Notes</i></b>
<b><i>No.</i></b>	Serial number of the report.  <i>Note:</i> The committee does not formally number its reports and the numbers in this table are used merely for internal reference.
<b><i>Title</i></b>	The formal title of the report as presented to the House.  <i>Note:</i> Shorthand titles have been used in the text of the report and these are listed in the Reference Guide at pages xviii–xix.
<b><i>Origin</i></b>	The date the committee resolved to undertake the inquiry unless stated otherwise.  <i>Note:</i> No inquiries have been referred to the committee by resolution of the House but the committee has resolved to undertake inquiries following requests.
<b><i>Presented</i></b>	Date on which the report was presented to the House.  <i>Note:</i> Only one report, No. 43 (an interim report), has been presented ‘out of session’.
<b><i>Response</i></b>	Date on which a response was presented to the House.  <i>Note:</i> This refers only to a formal response and does not include comments in periodic government responses to the Speaker’s schedule (GRSS).
<b><i>Action</i></b>	Date on which action was taken.  <i>Note:</i> It is not unusual for action to be taken in lieu of a formal response.
<b><i>Comments</i></b>	Remarks about responses and outcomes.
<b><i>Text ref</i></b>	Location in text (paragraph) of references to response and outcome.

Table 1—Responses to Procedure Committee reports

No	Title	Origin	Presented	Response*	Action	Comments	Text ref
1	Alternative opportunities for private Members to concisely address the House <b>Alternative opportunities</b>	28 Mar 1985 Committee	23 May 1985	29 Nov 1985 Min. paper	None	Government believed matter should be dealt with in the broader context of the second inquiry (which was then under way)	6.10
2	Days and hours of sitting and the effective use of the time of the House <b>Days and hours</b>	18 Apr 1985 Committee (based on responses to questionnaire)	29 May 1986	15 Sep 1987 Min. paper (incorporated in Hansard)	Indirect	Government supported most recommendations which the committee then framed as proposed sessional orders—see No. 4  Government did not support changes to sitting pattern, establishment of business committee or reintroduction of legislation committees	6.22–3
3	The standing orders and practices which govern the conduct of question time <b>Conduct of Question Time</b>	20 Feb 1986 Committee (based on responses to questionnaire)	27 Nov 1986	None	None	Referred to in GRSS 5 Jun 1991 (bipartisan support had not been obtained); GRSS 19 Dec 1991 (would respond in due course); GRSS 31 Jun 1995 (would not respond because report had been superseded by later report)	6.20, 6.27
4	Improved opportunities for private Members: Proposed sessional orders <b>Improved opportunities</b>	8 Oct 1987 Committee (at suggestion of Leader of the House)	5 Nov 1987	Not needed (follow-up to No. 2)	9 Dec 1987	House adopted sessional orders which committee proposed to implement those recommendations in No. 2 which the Government supported	6.26
5	The ringing of the bells and the Chamber precincts in the new Parliament House and certification of petitions not in the English language <b>Ringing of bells</b>	24 Nov 1987 Committee (at suggestion of Leader of the House)	14 Apr 1988	(a) Action  (b) 28 Feb 1989 Min. paper	24 May 1988  4 May 1989	House amended standing orders and adopted sessional orders for division and quorum arrangements in new Parliament House (a)  House amended standing order on certification of petitions (b)	6.31  6.32

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6	The publication of tabled papers <b>Publication of tabled papers</b>	23 Feb 1988 Committee (at request of Speaker)	24 Nov 1988	None	27 Aug 1997	No response received before change of Government. Committee requested response in No. 27. Referred to in GRSS 19 Jun 1997—House amended standing order less restrictively than recommended by committee	6.35, 6.117
7	Committee procedures for dealing with witnesses <b>Dealing with witnesses</b>	23 Feb 1988 Committee	13 Apr 1989	None	None	No response received before change of Government. Committee did not request response in No. 27. Noted in GRSS 19 Jun 1997	6.42, 6.117
8	The election of Speaker <b>Election of Speaker</b>	4 Apr 1989 Committee (at request of Leader of the House)	11 May 1989	None	None	The Government indicated in GRSS 31 Aug 1995 that it would not respond because the report had been superseded by a later report	6.42
9	The standing orders governing the conduct of committees of the House [1st report on review of standing orders] <b>Conduct of committees</b>	7 Mar 1989 Committee	30 Nov 1989	None	None	No response received before change of Government. Committee did not request response in No. 27. Noted in GRSS 19 Jun 1997	6.42, 6.117
10	Greater opportunities for debate on reports from parliamentary committees <b>Debate on reports</b>	31 May 1990 Committee	11 Oct 1990	None	6 Dec 1990	House adopted sessional orders giving effect to most recommendations	6.51–2
11	Responses to petitions <b>Responses to petitions</b>	31 May 1990 Committee	6 Dec 1990	None	None	Leader of the House indicated in correspondence to committee that Government did not support recommendation  No response received before change of Government. Committee requested response in No. 27. Referred to in GRSS 19 Jun 1997—Government saw no reason to change existing arrangements	6.53, 6.117

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12	Private Members' Business: Speech time limits for individual Members and priority to notices for private Members' bills <b>Private Members' business</b>	19 Feb 1991 Committee (at request of Selection Committee)	6 Mar 1991	None	14 Mar 1991	House adopted amended sessional orders giving effect to recommendations	6.55
13	The standing orders governing: General rule for conduct of business and procedures for the opening of Parliament [2nd report on review of standing orders] <b>Conduct of business and opening of Parliament</b>	7 Mar 1989 Committee	6 Jun 1991	None	None	Government indicated in GRSS 31 August 1995 that it would not respond because report had been superseded by a later inquiry	6.59
14	A citizen's right of reply <b>Right of reply</b>	14 May 1991 Committee	6 Jun 1991	None	27 Aug 1997	No response received before change of Government in 1996. Committee requested a response in No. 27. The Government replied in GRSS 19 Jun 1997 that it accepted the recommendation and it was later implemented in a resolution with continuing effect	6.59, 6.117
15	Disclosure of in camera evidence <b>Disclosure of in camera evidence</b>	14 May 1991 Committee	14 Nov 1991	None	None	No response received before change of Government in 1996. Committee requested a response in No. 27. Government replied in GRSS 19 Jun 1997 that it expected committee to address this in its current inquiry on committees	6.60, 6.117
16	The standing orders governing the Speaker, Chairman, Deputy Chairmen and Officers [3rd report on review of standing orders] <b>Speaker, Chairman etc.</b>	7 Mar 1989 Committee	30 Apr 1992	None	None	Government indicated in GRSS 31 Aug 1995 that it would not respond because the report had been superseded by later report, No. 20, but that it supported in principle the recommendations about the election of Speaker	6.63

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17	Seconding of private Members' notices of motion [4th report of review of standing orders] <b>Seconding notices</b>	7 Mar 1989 Committee	30 Apr 1992	None	None	No response had been received before change of Government in 1996. Committee requested a response in No. 27. Government replied in GRSS 19 Jun 1997 that it saw no reason to change	<b>6.63, 6.117</b>
18	The standing orders governing questions seeking information [5th report of review of standing orders] <b>Questions seeking information</b>	7 Mar 1989 Committee	25 Jun 1992	None	None	Government indicated in GRSS 31 Aug 1995 that it would not respond because the report had been superseded by a later inquiry, No. 20	<b>6.65</b>
19	The standing orders governing disorder and strangers [6th report of review of standing orders] <b>Disorder and strangers</b>	7 Mar 1989 Committee	15 Oct 1992	None	27 Aug 1997	No response had been received before change of Government in 1996. Committee requested a response in No. 27. Government replied in GRSS 19 Jun 1997 that it accepted most of the recommendations and corresponding sessional orders were adopted	<b>6.70, 6.117</b>
20	About time: Bills, questions and working hours—Inquiry into reform of the House of Representatives <b>About time</b>	13 May 1993 Committee	28 Oct 1993	10 Feb 1994 Min. paper	10 Feb 1994	Government accepted nearly all the recommendations except some relating to Question Time and these were implemented as standing and sessional orders	<b>6.85</b>
21	Application of modern technology to committee proceedings <b>Application of technology to committees</b>	30 May 1994 Committee (at request of Speaker)	5 Dec 1994	None	18 Mar 1997	No response had been received before change of Government in 1996. Committee requested a response in No. 27. Government replied in GRSS 19 Jun 1997 that a trial had commenced by resolution of the House authorising one committee to follow the recommendations; these were later adopted generally by resolution with continuing effect	<b>6.92, 6.117</b>
22	Time for review: Bills, questions and working hours—Review of procedural changes operating since 21 February 1994 <b>Time for review</b>	13 Oct 1994 Committee	19 Jun 1995	29 Nov 1995 Min. paper	None	Government accepted most recommendations except those dealing with Question Time and the routine of business however there was no action before the House was dissolved on 29 Jan 1996	<b>6.100</b>

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23	Procedures for the opening of Parliament <b>Opening procedures</b>	2 Mar 1995 Committee (at request of Speaker)	16 Oct 1995	None	None	No response had been received before change of Government in 1996. Committee requested a response in No. 27. Government replied in GRSS 19 Jun 1997 that it did not propose to seek any changes to the traditional proceedings for the opening of Parliament	6.117
24	The operation of standing order 143: Questions to Members other than Ministers <b>SO 143</b>	20 Jun 1996 Committee (at request of Leader of the House in previous Parliament)	16 Sep 1996	10 Oct 1996 Min. paper	Not needed	Accepted. Status quo maintained	6.106
25	Bills—Consideration in detail: Review of the operation of standing order 226 <b>SO 226</b>	22 Aug 1996 Committee (at request of Speaker)	28 Oct 1996	5 Dec 1996 Min. paper	6 Feb 1997	Accepted. Standing order amended	6.108
26	Conduct of divisions <b>Conduct of divisions</b>	20 Jun 1996 Committee	18 Nov 1996	None	6 Mar 1997	Government indicated in GRSS 19 Jun 1997 that a trial had commenced by resolution of the House The sessional orders which effected the trial were adopted as standing orders on 4 Dec 1997	6.112
27	Review of reports of previous Procedure Committees which have not received a government response <b>Review of reports</b>	20 Jun 1996 Committee (at request of Leader of the House)	2 Dec 1996	None	19 Jun 1997	Government indicated in GRSS 19 Jun 1997 that it was responding in this document to the 8 reports for which the committee requested responses: Nos. 6, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 as well as two for which the committee did not request responses: 7 and 9	6.117
28	Provision for Members to make short speeches in the Main Committee <b>Short speeches in the Main Committee</b>	4 Jun 1997 Committee (at request of Member)	20 Oct 1997	None	4 Dec 1997	Sessional orders adopted. Sessional orders adopted as standing orders on 30 Jun 1998	6.121

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29	Ten years on—A review of the House of Representatives committee system <b>Ten years on</b>	20 Nov 1997 Committee	1 Jun 1998	None	3 Dec 1998	Most recommendations adopted among rationalised standing orders for committees	6.126-7
30	It's your House—Community involvement in the procedures and practices of the House of Representatives and its committees <b>It's your House</b>	10 Mar 1999 Committee	22 Nov 1999	10 Oct 2000 Min. paper Spkr's paper	various	Speaker supported 18 recommendations for which he felt responsible; Government supported 20 (out of 31 though not all were in Government's hands) Report was followed up by No. 33	6.144-5
31	e-motions: The electronic transaction of questions, answers and notices of motion and related matters <b>e-motions</b>	24 Nov 1999 Committee	12 Apr 2000	6 Dec 2000 Min. paper	7 Dec 2000	Standing orders were amended to implement the main recommendations	6.148
32	The Second Chamber: Enhancing the Main Committee <b>Second chamber</b>	24 Nov 1999 Committee	14 Aug 2000	27 Jun 2002 Min. paper	22 Aug 2002	Standing orders were amended and a sessional order adopted to implement most of the recommendations	6.161-2
33	Promoting community involvement in the work of committees: Conference of committee chairs, deputy chairs and secretaries 6 March 2001 <b>Promoting community involvement</b>	24 Nov 1999 Committee (launch deferred until responses to No. 30 received)	18 Jun 2001	27 Jun 2002 Min. paper	various	Report dealt with implementation of recommendations in No. 30 dealing with committees. Few recommendations required a Government response and most were expressions of principle rather than proposals for changes to the standing orders	6.161, 6.163
34	Balancing tradition and progress: Procedures for the opening of Parliament <b>Balancing tradition and progress</b>	7 Feb 2001 Committee	27 Aug 2001	None	None		6.190, 6.208

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35	Sessional Order 344 <b>SO 344</b>	7 Feb 2001 Committee (at request of Leader of the House)	19 Jun 2003	Not needed	Not needed	Report followed adoption of sessional order and recommended its retention. Status quo maintained.  The intent of the sessional order was incorporated in the revised standing orders in No. 38	6.179
36	Review of the conduct of divisions <b>Review of conduct of divisions</b>	14 Nov 2002 Committee (at request of Leader of the House)	18 Aug 2003	Not needed	9 Sep 2003	Recommendations were administrative matters requiring no resolution of the House. Speaker announced trial of additional tellers. Trial evaluated in No. 40	6.182
37	House estimates: Consideration of the annual estimates by the House of Representatives <b>House estimates</b>	20 Jun 2002 Committee	13 Oct 2003	None	None		6.190, 6.208
38	Revised standing orders: The standing orders of the House of Representatives as last amended on 6 February 2003, redrafted and reorganised <b>Revised standing orders</b>	22 Aug 2002 Committee (date on which draft received from Clerk)	24 Nov 2003	None	24 Jun 2004	Revised standing orders adopted, as presented, to take effect from start of 41st Parliament (16 November 2004)	6.199
39	Arrangements for second reading speeches <b>Second reading speeches</b>	26 Jun 2003 Committee (at request of Speaker)	1 Dec 2003	None	None		6.190, 6.208
40	Trial of additional tellers <b>Additional tellers</b>	9 Sep 2003 Committee (date on which trial started)	1 Dec 2003	Not needed	10 Feb 2004	Committee recommended return to status quo ante and this was accepted	6.188



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41	Renaming the Main Committee <b>Renaming the Main Committee</b>	12 Feb 2004 Committee	3 Jun 2004	None	None	Government indicated in GRSS 9 Dec 2004 that it did not support the proposed name change	6.208
42	Arrangements for joint meetings with the Senate <b>Joint meetings</b>	12 Feb 2004 Committee	21 Jun 2004	None	None	Government indicated in GRSS 9 Dec 2004 that it considered existing arrangements continue to remain appropriate	6.208
43	Media coverage of House proceedings: Including the Chamber, Main Committee and committees—Interim report <b>Media coverage</b>	12 Feb 2004 Committee	9 Aug 2004	Not needed	Not needed	Interim report only	6.208
44	The anticipation rule: Aspects of the application of the rule <b>Anticipation rule</b>	9 Dec 2004 Committee (at request of Speaker)	14 Mar 2005	None	17 Mar 2005	House adopted recommendations for a trial period	6.211

