



Appendix G: Government responses

Speaker's schedule, presented 26 November 2009, listing committee reports to which a government response had not been received within six months. The schedule is also reproduced in the House of Representatives *Hansard* (26.11.2009, pp. 13074-9).

THE SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND JOINT COMMITTEES

(also incorporating reports tabled and details of Government responses made in the period between 25 June 2009, the date of the last schedule, and 25 November 2009)

26 November 2009

THE SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

The attached schedule lists committee reports tabled and government responses to House and joint committee reports made since the last schedule was presented on 25 June 2009. It also lists reports for which the House has not received a government response. Schedules of outstanding responses will continue to be presented at approximately six monthly intervals, generally in the last sitting weeks of the winter and spring sittings.

The schedule does not include advisory reports on bills introduced into the House of Representatives unless the reports make recommendations which are wider than the provisions of the bills and which could be the subject of a government response. The Government's response to these 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 normally reflected in motions for the approval of works after the relevant report has been presented and considered. Reports from other committees which do not include recommendations are only included when first tabled.

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. However, 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 6 months of tabling a report. The committee monitors the provision of such responses. Reports which do not contain policy recommendations are only included when first tabled.

November 2009

Description of Report	Date Tabled or Published ¹	Date of Government Response ²	Responded in Period Specified ³
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (House, Standing)			
Indigenous Australia at work: Successful initiative in Indigenous employment	13-08-07	No response to date	No
Open for business: Developing Indigenous enterprises in Australia	20-10-08	No response to date	No
Everybody's Business: Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Stores	16-11-09	Time has not expired	No
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (House, Standing)			
Taking control: a national approach to pest animals	28-11-05	No response to date	No
Skills: Rural Australia's need	26-02-07	No response to date	No
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (Joint, Statutory)			
Inquiry into Law Enforcement Integrity models	23-02-09	No response to date	No
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2007-08	01-06-09	No response to date	No
Australian Crime Commission (Joint, Statutory)			
Review of the <i>Australian Crime Commission Act 2002</i>	10-11-05	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2004-2005	19-10-06	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD)	28-02-07	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian Society	19-09-07	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2006-07	18-06-08	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the <i>Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007</i>	4-09-08	No response to date	No
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2007-08	22-06-09	No response to date	No
Legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups	17-08-09	No response to date	No
Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Managing our coastal zone in a changing climate: the time to act is now	26-10-09	Time has not expired	

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Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (House, Standing)			
Digital Television: Who's Buying It?	13-02-06	No response to date	No
Community Television: Options for digital broadcasting	12-02-07	No response to date	No
Report: Tuning in to community broadcasting	20-06-07	No response to date	No
Corporations and Securities (Joint, Statutory)			
Report on aspects of the regulation of proprietary companies	08-03-01	11-08-09	No
Corporations and Financial Services (Joint, Statutory)			
Report on the regulations and ASIC policy statements made under the <i>Financial Services Reform Act 2001</i>	23-10-02	No response to date	No
Inquiry into the review of the <i>Managed Investments Act 1998</i>	12-12-02	No response to date	No
Inquiry into Regulation 7.1.29 in Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (No.3), Statutory Rules 2003 No.85	26-06-03	No response to date	No
Money matters in the bush-Inquiry into the level of banking & financial services in rural, regional & remote areas of Australia	15-01-04	No response to date ⁴	No
Report on the ATM fee structure	15-01-04	No response to date ⁵	No
Corporations amendment regulations 2003	24-03-04	No response to date	No
Corporations Amendment Regulations 7.1.29A, 7.1.35A and 7.1.40(h)	02-06-04	No response to date	No
Property investment advice – Safe as houses?	23-06-05	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, December 2005	13-02-06	No response to date	No
Corporate responsibility: Managing risk and creating value	21-06-06	No response to date	No
Structure and operation of the superannuation industry	07-08-07	No response to date	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, August 2007	09-08-07	No response to date	No
Better shareholders – Better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia	23-06-08	No response to date	No
Opportunity not opportunism: Improving conduct in Australian franchising	01-12-08	16-11-09	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	23-02-09	No response to date	No

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Aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes	07-09-09	Time has not expired	No
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	14-09-09	Time has not expired	
Inquiry into financial products and services in Australia	23-11-09	Time has not expired	No
Economics, Finance and Public Administration (House, Standing)			
Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 2003	21-06-04	No response to date	No
Improving the superannuation savings of people under 40	19-06-06	No response to date ⁶	No
Australian manufacturing: Today and tomorrow	13-08-07	02-02-10	No
Inquiry into home loan lending practices and processes used to deal with people in financial difficulty	17-09-07	No response to date ⁷	
Economics (House, Standing)			
Competition in the banking and non-banking sectors	21-11-08	No response to date ⁸	No
Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 2008 (second report)	16-11-09	No response required	
Education and Training (House, Standing)			
Review of the Department of Education, Science and Training annual report 2006-07	01-06-09	No response to date	No
Adolescent Overload? Report of the inquiry into combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions	16-11-09	Time has not expired	
Electoral Matters (Joint, Standing)			
Report on the 2007 federal election electronic voting trials" Interim report of the inquiry into the conduct of the 2007 election and matters related thereto	16-03-09	17-09-09	No
Report on the conduct of the 2007 federal election and matters related thereto	22-06-09	No response to date	No
Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line voting) Amendment Bill 2008	22-06-09	No response required	
Employment and Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation (House, Standing)			
Making it work: Inquiry into independent contracting and labour hire arrangements	17-08-05	No response to date ⁹	No

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Employment and Workplace Relations (House, Standing)			
Making it Fair: Pay equity and associated issues related to increasing female participation in the workforce	23-11-09	Time has not expired	
Environment and Heritage (House, Standing)			
Sustainable cities	12-09-05	No response to date	No
Sustainability for survival - Creating a climate for change: Report on the inquiry into a sustainability charter	17-09-07	No response to date	No
Family and Human Services (House, Standing)			
Balancing work and family	26-11-09	No response to date ¹⁰	No
The winnable war on drugs: The impact of illicit drug use on families	13-09-07	No response to date ¹¹	No
Family, Community, Housing and Youth (House, Standing)			
Who cares...?: Report on the inquiry into better support for carers	22-04-09	29-10-09	No
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (Joint, Standing)			
Review of the Defence annual report 2006-2007	01-12-08	No response to date	No
Australia's relationship ASEAN	24-06-09	No response to date	No
Sealing a just outcome: Report from the inquiry into RAAF F-111 Deseal/Reseal workers and their families	25-06-09	No response to date	No
Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power	07-07-09	No response to date	No
Review of the Defence Annual Report 2007-2008	29-10-09	Time has not expired	
Health and Ageing (House, Standing)			
The Blame Game: Report on the inquiry into health funding	04-12-06	No response to date ¹²	No
Weighing it up: Obesity in Australia	01-06-09	No response to date	No
Treating impotence. Roundtable forum on impotence medications in Australia	23-11-09	No response required	
Industry, Science and Innovation (House, Standing)			
Research Training in Australian Universities: An Interim Report	24-10-08	17-09-09	No
Building Australia's research capacity – Final Report	01-12-08	17-09-09	No
Seasonal forecasting in Australia	23-11-09	Time has not expired	

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (House, Standing)			
Rebuilding Australia's coastal shipping industry: Inquiry into coastal shipping policy and regulation	20-10-08	No response to date	No
Funding regional and local community infrastructure: Proposals for the new regional and local community infrastructure program – Interim Report	05-11-08	No response to date	No
Funding regional and local community infrastructure: Principles for the development of a regional and local community infrastructure funding program – Final Report	01-06-09	No response to date	No
Level crossing safety: An update to the 2004 Train Illumination Report	22-06-09	No response to date	No
The global financial crisis and regional Australia	23-11-09	Time has not expired	
Intelligence and Security (Joint, Statutory)			
Review of the re-listing of six terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code Act 1995	15-06-09	No response to date	No
Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO) as a terrorist organisation	25-06-09	No response to date	No
Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 6: Australian Intelligence Agencies	07-09-09	Time has not expired	
Annual report of Committee Activities 2008-2009	26-10-09	Time has not expired	
Review of the listing of Al-Shabaab as a terrorist organisation	26-10-09	Time has not expired	
Legal and Constitutional Affairs (House, Standing)			
The long road to statehood: Report of the inquiry into the federal implications of statehood for the Northern Territory	28-05-07	22-10-09	No
Inquiry into older people and the law	20-09-07	No response to date	No
Reforming the Constitution: A roundtable discussion	23-06-08	No response to date	No
Whistleblower protection: a comprehensive scheme for the Commonwealth public sector	23-02-09	No response to date	No
Access All Areas: Report of the inquiry into Draft Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards	15-06-09	No response to date	No

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Migration (Joint, Standing)			
Negotiating the maze: Review of arrangements for overseas skills recognition, upgrading and license	11-09-06	No response to date	No
Temporary visas ... permanent benefits: Ensuring the effectiveness and integrity of the temporary business visa program	12-09-07	10-09-09	No
Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning – Criteria for release from immigration detention	01-12-08	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Community-based alternatives to detention	25-05-09	No response to date	No
Immigration detention in Australia: Facilities, services and transparency	18-08-09	No response to date	No
National Capital and External Territories (Joint, Standing)			
Inquiry into the Immigration Bridge Proposal	29-05-09	No response to date	No
Petitions (House, Standing)			
Electronic Petitioning to the House of Representatives	16-11-09	Time has not expired	
Primary Industries and Resources (House, Standing)			
More than honey: The future of the Australian honey bee and pollination industries	16-06-08	12-08-09	No
Procedure (House, Standing)			
Motion to suspend standing orders and condemn a Member: Report on events of 10 October 2006	07-12-06	No response to date	No
Re-opening the debate: Inquiry into the arrangements for the opening day of Parliament	23-10-08	No response to date	No
The display of articles: An examination of the practice of the House of Representatives	19-10-09	No response required	
Public Accounts and Audit (Joint, Statutory)			
Report 413 – The Efficiency Dividend: Size does Matter	4-12-08	No response to date	No
Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between August 2007 and August 2008 (Report 414)	22-06-09	No response to date	No
Report 415 – Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between September 2008 and January 2009	16-11-09	Time has not expired	
Report 416 – Review of the Major Projects Report 2007-08	16-11-09	Time has not expired	

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Publications (Joint, Standing)			
Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament	20-09-07	10-09-09	No
Science and Innovation (House, Standing)			
Between a rock and a hard place: The science of geosequestration	13-08-07	No response to date	No
Transport and Regional Services (House, Standing)			
The great freight task: Is Australia's transport network up to the challenge?	13-08-07	No response to date	No
Treaties (Joint, Standing)			
The Australia – United States Free Trade Agreement (61 st Report)	23-06-04	No response to date ¹³	No
Treaty tabled on 12 March 2008 (91 st Report)	26-06-08	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008 (94 th Report)	18-09-08	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 4 June, 17 June, 25 June and 26 August 2008 (95 th Report)	16-10-08	22-10-09 ¹⁴	No
Treaties tabled on 3 December 2008 and 3 February 2009 (99 th Report)	12-03-09	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 25 June 2008 (2) (100 th Report)	19-03-09	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled 12 and 16 March 2009 (102 nd Report)	24-06-09	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 12 March and 13 May 2009 (103 rd Report)	18-08-09	No response to date	No
Treaties tabled on 20 August 2009 (104 th Report)	09-09-09	No response required	
Treaties tabled on 13 May, 25 June and 20 August (105 th Report)	14-09-09	Time has not expired	
Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (106 th Report)	17-09-09	Time has not expired ⁴	
Treaties tabled on 20 August (2) and 15 September 2009 (107 th Report)	16-11-09	Time has 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. Reports published when the House (or Houses) are not sitting are tabled at a later date.
- 2 If the source for the 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 time specified is three months from the date of tabling.
- 4 In November 2009 the Treasurer's office advised that the government did not intend to respond to this report as there have been significant changes to banking and financial services regulation since the inquiry.
- 5 In November 2009 the government indicated that as this report is a subsidiary report to *Money Matters in the Bush*, it did not intend to respond to this report.

- 6 In June 2009 the government indicated it did not propose to respond to the report. It noted the report's recommendations fall within the scope of the Review of Australia's Future Tax System and the proposed review of the Operation and Efficiency of the Superannuation System. In November 2009 the government also noted that the report recommendations are out of date, having been overtaken by subsequent changes and review of the superannuation system.
- 7 In November 2009 the government indicated that Phase 1 of the National Consumer Credit Reforms addresses the report recommendations. The government does not intend to provide a response to the report.
- 8 On 14 May a partial response to the report was presented from the Reserve Bank of Australia
- 9 In June 2009 the government advised that it did not intend to respond formally to this report. The committee awaits a response to recommendations of the report. In November 2009 the government indicated a response is being considered and will be tabled in due course.
- 10 In November 2009 the Committee resolved that it no longer required a response to this report. It will therefore be deleted from future schedules.
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- 12 In November 2009 the Committee resolved that it no longer required a response to this report. It will therefore be deleted from future schedules.
- 13 Legislation to give effect to the Free Trade Agreement has now been passed. The government in 2006 stated that no further response was required. The committee awaits a response to recommendations of the Free Trade Agreement report.
- 14 Partial response – recommendations 6, 7 and 11 only