



## **Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the Joint Standing Committee on  
Electoral Matters report:

*Report on the Candidate Qualification Checklist*

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### **Introduction**

On 31 March 2022, the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) tabled a report titled *Report on the Candidate Qualification Checklist* (the Report).

The Government's response to the recommendations of the Report follows below.

**Government Response to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters report: Report on the Candidate Qualification Checklist.**

#	Recommendation	Government Response
1	The committee recommends that the Australian Government enact the Exposure Draft of the Candidate Qualification Checklist.	<b><u>Noted</u></b> The Government notes the recommendation. Given the passage of time, a substantive government response is no longer appropriate.

**Dissenting report by Australian Greens**

#	Recommendation	Government Response
1	That the government initiate a referendum to amend section 44 of the Constitution to allow public servants and dual citizens to stand for election to Federal parliament.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.

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2	In the interim, the government introduce legislation to guarantee public servants who stand down from their role to run for election a right to return to work if they are not elected.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.
3	That the government implement recommendations of the Australian Human Rights Commission's Set the Standard review to ensure a more diverse and representative parliament.	Refer to recommendation 1 of the Majority Report.