Status of Government Response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry

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The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry tabled its report, Seeing the forest through the trees: Inquiry into the future of the Australian Forestry Industry on 23 November 2011.

In accordance with the House of Representatives’ resolution of 29 September 2010, I present this statement regarding the reasons for the delay in presenting the Government’s response to the Committee’s report to the House.

Tabling of the Government’s response to this inquiry in parliament has been delayed largely owing to the need to await the parliament’s consideration of the renewable energy regulations, which was an issue that was addressed in the inquiry.

Additional delays have been incurred due to the comprehensive and cross-cutting nature of the inquiry and the large number of government agencies and Ministers needing to be consulted in developing the response.

A full response to all recommendations will be tabled in due course.

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