



**27–30 March 2023**

## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Bills initiated in the House**

The following Bills were initiated:

- [Australia Day Bill 2023](#) – introduced 27 March 2023, Private Member’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Interactive Gambling Amendment \(Credit Card Ban and Acknowledgement of Losses\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 27 March 2023, Private Member’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Online Safety Amendment \(Breaking Online Notoriety\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 27 March 2023, Private Member’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Renewable Energy \(Electricity\) Amendment \(Cheaper Batteries\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 27 March 2023, Private Member’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Australia Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment \(Omnibus\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Fair Work Legislation Amendment \(Protecting Worker Entitlements\) Bill 2023](#)
  - introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Family Law Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Family Law Amendment \(Information Sharing\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Security Legislation Amendment \(Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 2\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Nature Repair Market Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Nature Repair Market \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Child Support Measures\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Constitution Alteration \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 30 March 2023, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

## New inquiries of House Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

### **Economics Committee**

- [Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Annual Report 2022](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised
- [Review of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Annual Report 2022](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised
- [Review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Annual Report 2022](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised

## Reports of House Committees

No new reports were tabled.

## SENATE

### Bills initiated in the Senate

The following Bills were initiated:

- [Fair Work Amendment \(Right to Disconnect\) Bill 2023 \[No. 2\]](#) – introduced 27 March 2023, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Digital Assets \(Market Regulations\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 29 March 2023, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Ending Poverty in Australia \(Antipoverty Commission\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 30 March 2023, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

### New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

#### **Community Affairs References Committee**

- [Assessment and support services for people with ADHD](#) – submissions due by 9 June 2023

#### **Economics Legislation Committee**

- [Digital Assets \(Market Regulation\) Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 19 May 2023

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Refining and Improving Our Tax System\) Bill 2023](#)  
– submissions due by 13 April 2023

#### **Education and Employment Legislation Committee**

- [Fair Work Legislation Amendment \(Protecting Worker Entitlements\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 14 April 2023

#### **Education and Employment References Committee**

- [Potential impacts of the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave Scheme on small businesses and their employees](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised

#### **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

- [Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 and Nature Repair Market \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 1 June 2023

#### **Environment and Communications References Committee**

- [Greenwashing](#) – submissions due by 8 June 2023

#### **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

- [Administration of the referendum into an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice](#)  
– submissions due by 24 April 2023

#### **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

- [Criminal Code Amendment \(Prohibition of Nazi Symbols\) Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 18 April 2023

#### **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

- [The operation of Commonwealth Freedom of Information \(FOI\) Laws](#) – submissions due by 5 June 2023

#### **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

- [Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 13 April 2023

#### **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

- [Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games](#)  
– submissions due by 28 April 2023

### **Reports of Senate Committees**

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

#### **Procedure Committee**

- [Report No. 1 of 2023](#) – tabled 31 March 2023

#### **Scrutiny of Bills Committee**

- [Scrutiny Digest 4 of 2023](#) – tabled 30 March 2023

#### **Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee**

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 4 of 2023](#) – tabled 30 March 2023

#### **Selection of Bills Committee**

- [Report No. 4 of 2023](#) – tabled 30 March 2023

## JOINT COMMITTEES

### New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

#### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum Committee**

- [Inquiry into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum](#) – submissions due by 21 April 2023

#### **Intelligence and Security Committee**

- [Review of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 21 April 2023
- [Review of the National Security Legislation Amendment \(Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 2\) Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 6 April 2023

#### **Public Works Committee**

- [Airservices Australia – Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Facilities, Navigation Aids and Digital Aerodrome Services project, Western Sydney International Airport](#) – submissions due by 10 May 2023

### Reports of Joint Committees

The following reports were tabled:

#### **Intelligence and Security Committee**

- [Advisory Report on Item 250 of the National Anti-Corruption Commission \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2022](#) – tabled 29 March 2023

#### **National Anti-Corruption Commission Committee**

- [Report on proposed recommendations for appointments to the National Anti-Corruption Commission](#) – tabled 29 March 2023

#### **Northern Australia Committee**

- [Cyclone Reinsurance Pool: First Report](#) – tabled 27 March 2023

#### **Public Accounts and Audit Committee**

- [Report 494: Inquiry into the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's crisis management arrangements](#) – tabled 29 March 2023

#### **Public Works Committee**

- [Department of Defence – Cocos \(Keeling\) Islands Airfield Upgrade Project and other works](#) – tabled 28 March 2023

#### **Treaties Committee**

- [Report 208: International Labour Organization Convention concerning the elimination of violence and harassment in the world of work \(No. 190\)](#) – tabled 29 March 2023

## LAWS PASSED

The following Bills passed both Houses last week:

- [National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2023](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Revised explanatory memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheet UC140](#)
  - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheet SK150](#)

- [Royal Commissions Amendment \(Enhancing Engagement\) 2023](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Safeguard Mechanism \(Crediting\) Amendment Bill 2023](#)
  - [Explanatory memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum](#)
  - [Revised explanatory memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum](#)
- [Workplace Gender Equality Amendment \(Closing the Gender Pay Gap\) Bill 2023](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

The following Bills received assent by the Governor-General between the close of business on 24 March and the close of business on 31 March 2023:

- [Referendum \(Machinery Provisions\) Amendment Bill 2023](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheets PX149, PX150, PX151, ZB195 and ZD205](#)
  - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheet QE100](#)

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