

7–10 August 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Restoring Trust\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 7 August 2023, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Telecommunications \(Interception and Access\) Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 7 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Counter-Terrorism and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 10 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Amendment \(Administrative Changes\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 10 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Members of Parliament \(Staff\) Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 10 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Parliamentary Workplace Support Service Bill 2023](#) – introduced 10 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Parliamentary Workplace Support Service \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 10 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment \(Australia's Engagement in the Pacific\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 10 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of House Committees

The following new inquiry was announced:

Economics Committee

- [Inquiry into insurers' responses to 2022 major floods claims](#) – submissions due by 31 October 2023

Reports of House Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Petitions Committee

- [Report No. 13](#) – tabled 7 August 2023

Procedure Committee

- [Raising the Standard: Inquiry into recommendations 10 and 27 of Set the Standard: Report on the Independent Review into Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplaces](#) – tabled 7 August 2023

Selection Committee

- [Report No. 16](#) – tabled 9 August 2023

SENATE

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Environment Protection \(Sea Dumping\) Amendment \(Using New Technologies to Fight Climate Change\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 7 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023](#) – introduced 8 August 2023, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Telecommunications \(Interception and Access\) Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 9 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Making Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share – Integrity and Transparency\) Bill 2023](#) – 9 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Classification \(Publications, Films and Computer Games\) Amendment \(Industry Self-Classification and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 10 August 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023](#) – introduced 10 August 2023, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Competition and Consumer \(Gas Market Code\) Regulations 2023](#) – submissions due by 25 August 2023
- [Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 \[No. 2\] \[Provisions\], National Housing Supply and Affordability Council Bill 2023 \[No. 2\] \[Provisions\] and the Treasury Law Amendment \(Housing Measures No. 1\) Bill 2023 \[No. 2\] \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 29 August 2023

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 25 August 2023
- [Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 18 August 2023

Environment and Communications References Committee

- [Australian Antarctic Division funding](#) – submissions due by 4 September 2023

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

- [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment \(Vaccine Indemnity\) Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 29 September 2023

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Education and Employment References Committee

- [National trend of school refusal and related matters](#) – tabled 10 August 2023

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- [Environment and Other Legislation Amendment \(Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 11 August 2023

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

- [Project known as the Iron Boomerang](#) – tabled 10 August 2023

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- [Scrutiny digest 9 of 2023](#) – tabled 9 August 2023

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report No. 9](#) – tabled 10 August 2023

JOINT COMMITTEES

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

- [Inquiry into Policy and Program Design and Implementation](#) – submissions due 22 September 2023

Trade and Investment Growth Committee

- [Inquiry into the Australian Government's approach to negotiating trade and investment agreements](#) – submissions due 22 September 2023

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

- [Report 498: 'Commitment issues' – An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement](#) – tabled 9 August 2023

Public Works Committee

- [Department of Defence—Facilities to Support JP9101 Phase 1 Enhanced Defence High Frequency Communications System—'Project Phoenix'](#) – tabled 8 August 2023

LAWS PASSED

As at the close of business on 11 August 2023, the following Bills have passed both Houses and were awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Aboriginal Land Grant \(Jervis Bay Territory\) Amendment \(Strengthening Land and Governance Provisions\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment \(Disclosure of Information\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Prescribed Dental Patients and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Inspector-General of Aged Care Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Inspector-General of Aged Care \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Jobs and Skills Australia Amendment Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Student Loans \(Overseas Debtors Repayment Levy\) Amendment Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Trade Support Loans Amendment Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

The following Bills received assent by the Governor-General between the close of business on 4 August 2023 and the close of business on 11 August 2023:

- [National Security Legislation Amendment \(Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 2\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment \(Strengthening the Safety Net\) Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Telecommunications \(Interception and Access\) Amendment Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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