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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Lowering the Donation Disclosure Threshold\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 4 September 2023, Private Member’s Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Real Time Disclosure of Political Donations Bill 2023](#) – introduced 4 September 2023, Private Member’s Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Fair Work Legislation Amendment \(Closing Loopholes\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 4 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Security Amendment \(Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 6 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Water Amendment \(Restoring Our Rivers\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 6 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Royal Commissions Amendment \(Private Sessions\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 7 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Statutory Declarations Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 7 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of House Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of House Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Petitions Committee

- [Report No. 14](#) – tabled 4 September 2023

Selection Committee

- [Report No. 17](#) – tabled 6 September 2023

SENATE

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following Bills were initiated:

- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Fairer Contracts and Grants\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 4 September 2023, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment \(Domestic Reserve\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 5 September 2023, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Crimes Legislation Amendment \(Combatting Foreign Bribery\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 6 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 6 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment \(Australia's Engagement in the Pacific\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 6 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 6 September 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements

- [Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements](#) – submissions due by 18 September 2023

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Fair Work Legislation Amendment \(Closing Loopholes\) Bill 2023](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- [Water Amendment \(Restoring Our Rivers\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 29 September 2023

Environment and Communications References Committee

- [Middle Arm Industrial Precinct](#) – submissions due by 31 October 2023

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Fairer Contracts and Grants\) Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 20 October 2023

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Statutory Declarations Amendment Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Professional Services Review Scheme\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 23 August 2023
- [Human Rights \(Children Born Alive Protection\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 31 August 2023
- [Improving Access to Medical Cannabis Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 1 September 2023
- [National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Bill 2023 \[Provisions\] and National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023 \[provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 30 August 2023

Community Affairs References Committee

- [Concussions and repeated head trauma in contact sports](#) – tabled 5 September 2023

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Digital Assets \(Market Regulation\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled 4 September 2023

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Status \(Prevention of Discrimination\) Bill 2022 and the Fair Work Amendment \(Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 25 August 2023
- [Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 31 August 2023

Education and Employment References Committee

- [Potential impacts of the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave Scheme on small business and their employees](#) – tabled out of session 31 August 2023

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

- [Public Service Amendment Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 30 August 2023

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- [International Organisations \(Privileges and Immunities\) Amendment Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 30 August 2023

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Australian Capital Territory \(Self-Government\) Amendment Bill 2023](#) – tabled 6 September 2023
- [Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 24 August 2023
- [Migration Amendment \(Strengthening Employer Compliance\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 31 August 2023

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

- [Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment \(Animal Welfare\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 30 August 2023

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report No. 10](#) – tabled 7 September 2023

JOINT COMMITTEES

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Review of Division 3 of Part III of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979](#) – submissions due by 1 February 2024
- [Review of the Counter-Terrorism and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 6 October 2023

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee report was tabled:

Treaties Committee

- [Report 211 - Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies](#) – tabled 6 September 2023

LAWS PASSED

As at the close of business on Friday 8 September, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Biosecurity Amendment \(Advanced Compliance Measures\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Classification \(Publications, Films and Computer Games\) Amendment \(Industry Self-Classification and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Constitution Alteration \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice\) 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment \(Omnibus\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Customs Legislation Amendment \(Controlled Trials and Other Measures\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Export Control Amendment \(Streamlining Administrative Processes\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Financial Accountability Regime \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Modernisation\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [International Organisations \(Privileges and Immunities\) Amendment Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Statute Law Amendment \(Prescribed Forms and Other Updates\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2023 Law Improvement Package No. 1\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2023 Measures No. 3\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Modernising Business Communications and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)

The following Bills received assent by the Governor-General between the close of business on Friday 11 August 2023 and the close of business on Friday 8 September 2023:

- [Aboriginal Land Grant \(Jervis Bay Territory\) Amendment \(Strengthening Land and Governance Provisions\) Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment \(Disclosure of Information\) Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Prescribed Dental Patients and Other Measures\) Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Inspector-General of Aged Care Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Inspector-General of Aged Care \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Jobs and Skills Australia Amendment Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Security Legislation Amendment \(Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 2\) Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Student Loans \(Overseas Debtors Repayment Levy\) Amendment Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Trade Support Loans Amendment Act 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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