

Last week in Parliament

6-10 November 2023

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The House did not sit last week.

New inquiries of House Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of House Committees

No new Committee reports were tabled.

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following Bills were initiated:

- Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency) Bill 2023
 - introduced 6 November 2023, Private Members' Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Fair Work Legislation Amendment (First Responders) Bill 2023</u> introduced 6 November 2023, Private Members' Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Small Business Redundancy Exemption) Bill 2023
 - introduced 6 November 2023, Private Members' Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Protections Against Discrimination) Bill</u> <u>2023</u> introduced 6 November 2023, Private Members' Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Federal Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Immunity) Bill 2023</u> introduced
 7 November 2023, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Community Affairs References Committee

 <u>Issues related to menopause and perimenopause</u> – date for closure of submissions to be advised

Environment and Communications References Committee

• Optus Network Outage – submissions due by 17 November 2023

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill
 2023 – date for closure of submissions to be advised

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills

Scrutiny digest 13 of 2023 – tabled 8 November 2023

Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation

• Delegated legislation monitor 13 of 2023 – tabled 9 November 2023

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

<u>Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023 and the Disability Services and Inclusion</u>
 (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions] – tabled
 9 November 2023

Community Affairs References Committee

Assessment and support services for people with ADHD – tabled 6 November 2023

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

 Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023 [Provisions] – tabled 10 November 2023

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

• <u>Identity Verification Services Bill 2023 and the Identity Verification Services</u> (<u>Consequential Amendments</u>) <u>Bill 2023 [Provisions]</u> – tabled 9 November 2023

Selection of Bills Committee

Report No. 13 of 2023 – tabled 9 November 2023

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Committee on Treaties

 Amendments to the Annex of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 – submissions due by 21 November 2023

Reports of Joint Committees

No new Committee reports were tabled.

Laws Passed

As at the close of business on Friday 10 November, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Regulator Performance) Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Statutory Declarations Amendment Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum

The following Bills received assent by the Governor-General between the close of business on Friday 26 October and the close of business on Friday 10 November:

- Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
 - Replacement Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
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 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
 - Replacement Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
 - Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Higher Education Support Amendment (Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report) Bill 2023</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum

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