

Last week in Parliament

12-15 August 2024

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- <u>Public Service Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2024</u> introduced 14 August 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Better and Fairer Schools (Information Management) Bill 2024</u> introduced 15 August 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024</u> introduced 15 August 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of House Committees

No new inquiries of House Committees were announced.

Reports of House Committees

The following new Committee report was tabled:

Petitions Committee

Report No. 29: Petitions and Ministerial Responses – tabled 12 August 2024

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- <u>Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Administration) Bill 2024</u> introduced 12 August 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Scheduling) Bill 2024
 - introduced 15 August 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Economics References Committee

- Australian Bureau of Statistics production of inflation rate statistics submissions due
 19 September 2024
- 'Big Box' retailer price setting submissions due 27 September 2024
- <u>Financial regulatory framework and home ownership</u> submissions due 26 September 2024

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

<u>Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u>
 submissions due 5 September 2024

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Economics Legislation Committee

• <u>Taxation (Multinational—Global and Domestic Minimum Tax) Imposition Bill 2024</u> [<u>Provisions</u>] and related bills – tabled 14 August 2024

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

• Missing and murdered First Nations women and children - tabled 15 August 2024

Selection of Bills Committee

• Report No. 8 of 2024 - tabled 15 August 2024

Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills

• Scrutiny Digest 9 of 2024 – tabled 14 August 2024

Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation

• <u>Delegated Legislation Monitor 8 of 2024</u> – tabled 14 August 2024

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Treaties Committee

- Agreement among the Government of Australia, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Government of the United States of America for Cooperation Related to Naval Nuclear Propulsion – submissions due
 2 September 2024
- <u>Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation</u> submissions due 3 September 2024
- <u>Security Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (Organisation Conjointe de Coopération en Matière d'Armement)</u>
 (OCCAR) on the Protection of Classified Information submissions due 3 September 2024

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Human Rights Committee

• <u>Human rights scrutiny report: Report 6 of 2024</u> – tabled 24 July 2024 (Senate and House)

Intelligence and Security Committee

- Advisory Report on the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Declared Areas) Bill 2024 - tabled 13 August 2024 (Senate), 12 August 2024 (House)
- Advisory Report on the Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 1) Bill 2024 - tabled 13 August 2024 (Senate), 12 August 2024 (House)
- Review of the listing of Ansar Allah as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code
 tabled 13 August 2024 (Senate), 12 August 2024 (House)

Social Media and Australian Society Committee

Interim report – tabled 15 August 2024

Treaties Committee

- <u>Report 217: AU-US Space Launches</u> tabled 13 August 2024 (Senate), 3 July 2024 (House)
- Report 218: Fiji Status of Forces; UK Accession CPTPP; IPEF; ILO 191 tabled
 15 August 2024 (Senate), 14 August 2024 (House)

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Friday 15 August 2024, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2024
- Explanatory Memorandum

Between the close of business on Friday 5 July 2024 and the close of business on Friday 16 August 2024, the following Bills have received assent by the Governor-General:

- Australian Postal Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Prominence and Anti-siphoning) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Creative Australia Amendment (Implementation of Revive) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Commonwealth Frontline Workers) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Withdrawal from Amalgamation)
 Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Assignment of Medicare Benefits) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- National Health Amendment (Supporting Patient Access to Cheaper Medicines and Other Measures) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Payment Times Reporting Amendment Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum

- Primary Industries (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Primary Industries Levies and Charges Disbursement Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Primary Industries (Services) Levies Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (More Support in the Safety Net)
 Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Delivering Better Financial Outcomes and Other Measures)</u> <u>Bill 2024</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum

Important: This material is not professional legal advice to any person on any matter. It should not be relied upon without checking. The material is provided to clients for information only. AGS is not responsible for the currency or accuracy of the content of external website links referred to within this material. Please contact AGS before any action or decision is taken on the basis of any of the material in this message.

Find out more about AGS at http://www.ags.gov.au