



16-19 September 2024

House of Representatives

The House of Representatives did not sit in the week commencing 16 September 2024.

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Make Price Gouging Illegal) Bill 2024
 - introduced 16 September 2024, Private Senator's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Economics Legislation Committee

Treasury Laws Amendment (2024 Tax and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions]
 submissions due 4 October 2024

Economics References Committee

<u>Not-for-profit entities – Tax assessments</u> – submissions due 11 October 2024

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers (Special Account) Bill 2024
 [Provisions] submissions due 4 October 2024
- <u>Universities Accord (National Student Ombudsman) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> submissions due 1 October 2024

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

<u>Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation)</u>
 <u>Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> – submissions due 30 September 2024

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

• National Volunteer Incentive Scheme (Climate Army) – submissions due 28 February 2025

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024
 [Provisions] submissions due 14 October 2024
- <u>Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> submissions due
 7 November 2024
- <u>Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> submissions due 11 October 2024

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Australian Winegrape Purchases Code of Conduct – submissions due 18 October 2024

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Community Affairs References Committee

Issues relating to menopause and perimenopause – tabled 18 September 2024

Economics Legislation Committee

Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2024) [Corrigendum] – tabled 17 September 2024

Economics References Committee

- <u>Australian Bureau of Statistics production of inflation rate statistics</u> tabled
 19 September 2024
- Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system
 tabled 19 September 2024

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

• Australian support for Ukraine - tabled 16 September 2024

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

• Scrutiny Digest 12 of 2024 - tabled 18 September 2024

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

• <u>Delegated Legislation Monitor 11 of 2024</u> – tabled 18 September 2024

Selection of Bills Committee

• Report No. 11 of 2024 - tabled 19 September 2024

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Treaties Committee

- <u>Agreement on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity</u> submissions due 10 October 2024
- <u>Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Agreement Relating to a Clean Economy</u>
 submissions due 10 October 2024
- <u>Indo-Pacific Framework for Prosperity Agreement relating to a Fair Economy</u> submissions due 10 October 2024

Reports of Joint Committees

No new Committee reports were tabled.

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Friday 20 September 2024, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum
- National Health Amendment (Technical Changes to Averaging Price Disclosure Threshold and Other Matters) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum

- <u>Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Adding Superannuation for a More Secure Retirement)</u>
 Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum

Between the close of business on Friday 13 September 2024 and the close of business on Friday 20 September 2024, the following Bills have received assent by the Governor-General:

- <u>Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber</u> Trade) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Revised Explanatory Memorandum
 - Addendum to Revised Explanatory Memorandum
- Net Zero Economy Authority Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
 - Revised Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Parliamentary Workplace Support Service Amendment (Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission)</u> Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
 - Revised Explanatory Memorandum
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Market Infrastructure and Other Measures) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
 - Revised Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum

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