

**8–10 October 2024**

## **House of Representatives**

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### **Bills initiated in the House**

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Help to Buy Bill 2023 \[No. 2\]](#) – introduced 8 October 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Cyber Security Bill 2024](#) – introduced 9 October 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Help to Buy \(Consequential Provisions\) Bill 2023 \[No. 2\]](#) – introduced 9 October 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Intelligence Services and Other Legislation Amendment \(Cyber Security\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 9 October 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Broadband Network Companies Amendment \(Commitment to Public Ownership\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 9 October 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Security of Critical Infrastructure and Other Legislation Amendment \(Enhanced Response and Prevention\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 9 October 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024](#) – introduced 9 October 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

### **New inquiries of House Committees**

The following new inquiry was announced:

#### **Select Committee on Nuclear Energy**

- [Inquiry into nuclear power generation in Australia](#) – submissions due 15 November 2024

### **New reports of House Committees**

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

#### **Petitions Committee**

- [Report No. 32 – Petitions and Ministerial Responses](#) – tabled 8 October 2024

#### **Selection Committee**

- [Report No. 31 - Relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 4 November 2024](#) – tabled 9 October 2024

# Senate

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## Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Reconsideration of Decisions\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 8 October 2024, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Interactive Gambling Amendment \(Ban Gambling Ads\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 9 October 2024, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

## New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

### ***Economics Legislation Committee***

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Mergers and Acquisitions Reform\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 24 October 2024

### ***Education and Employment Legislation Committee***

- [Better and Fairer Schools \(Funding and Reform\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 24 October 2024

### ***Environment and Communications Legislation Committee***

- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Reconsideration of Decisions\) Bill 2024](#) – submissions due 18 October 2024

### ***Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee***

- [Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 23 October 2024

## Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

### ***Education and Employment Legislation Committee***

- [Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment \(Quality and Integrity\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 9 October 2024
- [Universities Accord \(National Student Ombudsman\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 10 October 2024
- [Universities Accord \(Student Support and Other Measures\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 3 October 2024

### ***Environment and Communications Legislation Committee***

- [Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023 Progress Report](#) – tabled 30 September 2024
- [Murdoch Media Inquiry Bill 2023](#) – tabled 10 October 2024
- [Optus Network Outage](#) – tabled 27 September 2024
- [Optus Network Outage Second Progress Report](#) – tabled 25 September 2024

### ***Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee***

- [Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support \(Simplification and Harmonisation\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 3 October 2024

### ***Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee***

- [Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 \(No. 2\)](#) – tabled 1 October 2024

### **Select Committee on Adopting Artificial Intelligence**

- [Interim Report](#) – tabled 10 October 2024

### **Selection of Bill Committee**

- [Report No. 12 of 2024](#) – tabled 10 October 2024

## **Joint Committees**

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### **New inquiries of Joint Committees**

The following new inquiry was announced:

#### **Intelligence and Security Committee**

- [Review of the Cyber Security Legislative Package 2024](#) – submissions due 18 October 2024

### **Reports of Joint Committees**

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

#### **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee**

- [‘Are we there yet?’: From recovery to resilience – opportunities and challenges for Australia’s tourism sector](#) – tabled 1 October 2024 (Senate), 9 October 2024 (House)

#### **Migration Committee**

- [Migration, Pathway to Nation Building](#) – tabled 9 October 2024 (House), 10 October 2024 (Senate)

#### **Treaties Committee**

- [Report 221: BBNJ Agreement](#) – tabled 9 October 2024 (House and Senate)

## **Laws passed**

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Between the close of business on Friday 20 September 2024 and the close of business on Friday 11 October 2024, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [National Health Amendment \(Technical Changes to Averaging Price Disclosure Threshold and Other Matters\) Bill 2024](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Paid Parental Leave Amendment \(Adding Superannuation for a More Secure Retirement\) Bill 2024](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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