

Last week in Parliament

18-21 November 2024

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- Abolition of Special Prospecting Authorities (Ocean Protection) Bill 2024 introduced 18 November 2024, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment (Making Gambling Businesses Accountable) Bill 2024 – introduced 18 November 2024,
 Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Broadcasting Services Amendment (Healthy Kids Advertising) Bill 2024</u> introduced 18 November 2024, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Communications) Bill 2024</u> introduced 18 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Reform) Bill 2024</u> introduced 18 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Housing Legislation Amendment (Fair Share for Regional Housing) Bill 2024 introduced 18 November 2024, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Lobbying (Improving Government Honesty and Trust) Bill 2024</u> introduced 18 November 2024, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Requiring Energy Infrastructure Providers to Obtain Rehabilitation Bonds Bill 2024
 introduced 18 November 2024, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Energy Regulator Separation) Bill</u>
 <u>2024</u> introduced 20 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Health Insurance (Pathology) (Fees) (Repeal) Bill 2024 introduced 20 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

- <u>Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Amendment Bill</u> 2024 introduced 20 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024
 introduced 20 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Aged Care (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 introduced
 21 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record—Sharing by Default) Bill
 2024 introduced 21 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2024</u>
 introduced 21 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 introduced
 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Surveillance Legislation (Confirmation of Application) Bill 2024</u> introduced
 21 November 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of House Committees

There were no new inquiries announced.

New reports of House Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Petitions Committee

Report No. 34 Petitions and Ministerial Responses – tabled 18 November 2024

Procedure Committee

Maintenance of the standing and sessional orders – tabled 18 November 2024

Selection Committee

Report No. 33 Committee and delegation business and private Members' business
 tabled 20 November 2024

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- <u>National Organic Standard Bill 2024</u> introduced 19 November 2024, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair Territory Representation) Bill 2024</u> introduced 20 November 2024, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Community Affairs References Committee

Access to diagnosis and treatment for people in Australia with tick-borne diseases
 referred to the Committee on 20 November 2024, submissions due 17 January 2025

Economics Legislation Committee

 <u>Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> – referred to the Committee on 21 November 2024, submissions due 9 January 2025

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

 <u>Free TAFE Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> – referred to the Committee on 21 November 2024, submissions due 15 January 2025

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- <u>National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public Ownership)</u>
 <u>Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> referred to the Committee on 21 November 2024, submissions due 16 December 2024
- Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024 [Provisions] referred to the Committee on 21 November 2024, submissions due 22 November 2024

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024
 referred to the Committee on 21 November 2024, submissions due 16 December 2024

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- <u>Migration Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> referred to the Committee on 19 November 2024, submissions were due 22 November 2024
- Oversight Legislation Amendment (Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] – referred to the Committee on 21 November 2024, date for closure of submissions to be advised

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Cost of Living Committee

Paying the Price: The Cost of a Crisis on Australians' Standards of Living – tabled
 15 November 2024

Economics Legislation Committee

- National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024 (No. 2) tabled 15 November 2024
- Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations) Bill 2024 – tabled 15 November 2024
- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u>
 tabled 15 November 2024
- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u>
 Progress Report tabled 13 November 2024

Education and Employment Committee

<u>Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> – tabled
 18 November 2024

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

• Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Reconsideration of Decisions) Bill 2024 – Progress Report – tabled 14 November 2024

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2024
 [Provisions] tabled 13 November 2024
- <u>Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill</u>
 <u>2024</u> tabled 13 November 2024
- <u>Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> tabled
 14 November 2024

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

- <u>Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> tabled
 19 November 2024
- Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions] Progress Report – tabled 13 November 2024

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

Scrutiny Digest 14 of 2024 – tabled 20 November 2024

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

• <u>Delegated Legislation Monitor 13 of 2024</u> – tabled 22 November 2024

Selections of Bills Committee

Report No. 13 of 2024 – tabled 21 November 2024

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Public Works Committee

- Australian Institute of Sport Revitalisation project, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
 referred to the Committee on 20 November 2024, submissions due 24 January 2025
- <u>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Southern Ocean</u>
 <u>Research Aquarium</u> referred to the Committee on 20 November 2024, submissions
 due 24 January 2025

Treaties Committee

- Agreement between the United Arab Emirates and Australia on the Promotion and <u>Protection of Investments</u> – referred to the Committee on 18 November 2024, submissions due 17 January 2025
- Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between Australia and the United Arab Emirates – referred to the Committee on 18 November 2024, submissions due 17 January 2025

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

<u>Inquiry into the Defence Annual Report 2022–2023</u> – tabled 19 November 2024

Intelligence and Security Committee

 Advisory Report on the Cyber Security Legislative Package 2024 – tabled 18 November 2024

Social Media and Australian Society Committee

Social media: the good, the bad, and the ugly - Final report - tabled 18 November 2024

Treaties Committee

Report 223 - Security Agreement between the Government of Australia and the
 Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation on the Protection of Classified Information
 - tabled 20 November 2024

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Friday 22 November 2024, no new Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General.

Between the close of business on Friday 8 November 2024 and the close of business on Friday 22 November 2024, no new Bills received assent by the Governor-General.

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