Last week in Parliament

4-6 February 2025

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- <u>Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2024–2025</u> introduced 4 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2024–2025</u> introduced 4 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2024–2025</u> – introduced 4 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Defence Service Homes Amendment (Insurance) Bill 2025</u> introduced 4 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Early Childhood Education and Care (Three Day Guarantee) Bill 2025</u>
 introduced 5 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Electricity Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Bill 2025</u> introduced 5 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Social Security Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes) Bill 2025</u>
 introduced 5 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond</u> <u>to Gender-based Violence) Bill 2025</u> – introduced 6 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond</u> to Gender-based Violence) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2025

 – introduced 6 February 2025, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of House Committees

There were no new House inquiries announced.

Reports of House Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Appropriations and Administration Committee

• <u>Report No. 31: Additional Estimates 2024–25</u> – tabled 6 February 2025

Selection Committee

 <u>Report No. 34 – Relating to the consideration of committee and delegation</u> <u>business and private Members' business on Monday, 10 February 2025</u> – tabled 5 February 2025

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- <u>Remuneration Tribunal Amendment (There For Public Service, Not Profit) Bill</u> <u>2025</u> – introduced 5 February 2025, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment (Frontline</u> <u>Emergency Service Workers) Bill 2025</u> – introduced 5 February 2025, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Tertiary Education Legislation Amendment (There For Education, Not Profit)</u> <u>Bill 2025</u> – introduced 5 February 2025, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

 Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025 [Provisions] – submissions due 3 April 2025

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

 <u>Early Childhood Education and Care (Three Day Guarantee) Bill 2025</u> [<u>Provisions</u>] – submissions due 28 February 2025

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

<u>Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u>
 – submissions due 24 February 2025

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

 Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record—Sharing by Default) Bill 2024 [Provisions] – tabled out of session 30 January 2025

Economics Legislation Committee

- <u>Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill</u>
 <u>2024 [Provisions] Progress Report</u> tabled out of session 30 January 2025
- <u>Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill</u> <u>2024 [Provisions]</u> – tabled out of session 31 January 2025
- <u>Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> tabled out of session 3 February 2025
- <u>Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable</u> <u>Organisations) Bill 2024 [Additional information]</u> – tabled 4 February 2025
- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other</u> <u>Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] – Progress Report</u> – tabled out of session 30 January 2025
- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other</u> <u>Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> – tabled out of session 31 January 2025
- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Incentives and Integrity) Bill 2024</u> [<u>Provisions</u>] – tabled out of session 30 January 2025

Economics References Committee

- <u>Australia's taxation system [Progress Report]</u> tabled out of session 10 December 2024
- Australia's Taxation System tabled out of session 11 December 2024
- <u>Residential electrification Progress report</u> tabled out of session 31 January 2025

Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia Committee

 <u>Select Committee on Energy Planning and Regulation in Australia [Final</u> <u>Report]</u> – tabled out of session 20 December 2024

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- <u>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment</u> (<u>Reconsideration of Decisions</u>) <u>Bill 2024</u> – tabled out of session 11 December 2024
- <u>National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public</u> <u>Ownership) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> – tabled 6 February 2025

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill
 2024 – tabled out of session 30 January 2025

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- <u>Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 [Provisions]</u> tabled out of session 12 December 2024
- <u>Oversight Legislation Amendment (Robodebt Royal Commission Response</u> and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions] – tabled out of session 30 January 2025

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

 <u>Right wing extremist movements in Australia</u> – tabled out of session 6 December 2024

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

 <u>National Organic Standard Bill 2024 Progress Report</u> – tabled out of session 31 January 2025

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

• <u>Scrutiny Digest 1 of 2025</u> – tabled 5 February 2025

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

• Delegated Legislation Monitor 1 of 2025 – tabled 5 February 2025

Selection of Bills Committee

• Report no. 1 of 2025 [6 February 2025] – tabled 6 February 2025

Senators' Interests Committee

 <u>Report No. 1 of 2025 [February 2025]</u> – tabled out of session 3 February 2025

Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme Committee

 <u>Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme</u> – tabled out of session 19 December 2024

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

 <u>Inquiry into the 2023–24 Major Projects Report</u> – submissions due 21 March 2025

Treaties Committee

• <u>Nauru-Australia Treaty</u> – submissions due 5 March 2025

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Corporations and Financial Services Committee

 <u>Financial abuse: an insidious form of domestic violence, incorporating a</u> <u>dissenting report</u> – tabled 4 February 2025

Electoral Matters Committee

 From Classroom to Community: Civics education and political participation in Australia, incorporating dissenting reports – tabled 6 February 2025

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

 Inquiry into Australia's efforts to advocate for the worldwide abolition of the death penalty – tabled 4 February 2025

Human Rights Committee

 <u>Human rights scrutiny report: Report 1 of 2025, incorporating a dissenting</u> <u>report</u> – tabled 5 February 2025 (House) and 6 February (Senate)

Intelligence and Security Committee

 <u>Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 22 (2022–23)</u> – tabled 5 February 2025

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

- <u>Report 507: Defence 2022–23 Major Projects Report</u> tabled 4 February 2025
- <u>Report 508: Annual report 2023–24</u> tabled 4 February 2025

Trade and Investment Growth Committee

• Interim report: Inquiry into the understanding and utilisation of benefits under free trade agreements – tabled out of session 5 December 2024 (Senate) and 4 February 2025 (House)

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Friday 7 February 2025, the following Bill has passed both Houses and was awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- <u>Navigation Amendment Bill 2025</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum

Between the close of business on Friday 29 November 2024 and the close of business on Friday 7 February 2025, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- Aged Care (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024
 - <u>Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- Commonwealth Entities (Payment Surcharges) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - <u>Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- <u>Commonwealth Entities (Payment Surcharges) (Consequential Provisions and</u> <u>Other Matters) Bill 2024</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Commonwealth Entities (Payment Surcharges) Tax (Imposition) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum

- <u>Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2025</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet EZ100
 - <u>Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet AA101</u>
 - Revised Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Customs Amendment (ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area</u> Second Protocol Implementation and Other Measures) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals and Other Measures)</u> <u>Bill 2024</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme</u>
 <u>Amendment Bill 2024</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Migration Amendment Bill 2024</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - <u>Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum</u>
 - Revised Explanatory Memorandum
 - Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities)</u>
 <u>Bill 2024</u>
 - Explanatory memorandum
- Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Bill 2024
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Surveillance Legislation (Confirmation of Application) Bill 2024</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - <u>Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum</u>
 - <u>Revised Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Fairer for Families and Farmers and Other</u> <u>Measures) Bill 2024</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum

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