

**10–13 February 2025**

## House of Representatives

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### Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [AusCheck Amendment \(Global Entry Program\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 10 February 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Interactive Gambling Amendment \(Know Your Losses Activity Statement\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 10 February 2025, Private Member's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill 2025](#) – introduced 10 February 2025, Private Member's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025](#) – introduced 10 February 2025, Private Member's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Pacific Banking Guarantee Bill 2025](#) – introduced 12 February 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Telecommunications Amendment \(Enhancing Consumer Safeguards\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 12 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:

#### ***Employment, Education and Training Committee***

- [The Future of Work: Inquiry into the Digital Transformation of Workplaces](#) – tabled 11 February 2025

#### ***Petitions Committee***

- [Report 37: Petitions and Ministerial responses—Report](#) – tabled 10 February 2025

#### ***Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee***

- [Inquiry into family violence orders](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

## Senate

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### Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Great Australian Bight \(World Heritage Protection\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 11 February 2025, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025 \(No. 2\)](#) – introduced 11 February 2025, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Constitution Alteration \(Right to Free Speech\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 12 February 2025, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Lobbying \(Improving Government Honesty and Trust\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 12 February 2025, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Migration Amendment \(Restoring Medevac\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 12 February 2025, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(End Dirty University Partnerships\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 13 February 2025, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Right to Protest Bill 2025](#) – introduced 13 February 2025, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

### New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

#### ***Economics References Committee***

- [Micro-competition opportunities](#) – submissions due 7 March 2025

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

- [Tertiary Education Legislation Amendment \(There For Education, Not Profit\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 1 April 2025

#### ***Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee***

- [Remuneration Tribunal Amendment \(There For Public Service, Not Profit\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 28 March 2025

#### ***Finance and Public Administration References Committee***

- [The operation and appropriateness of the superannuation and pension schemes for current and former members of the Australian Defence Force \(ADF\)](#) – submissions due 28 March 2025

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

- [Compensation and income support for veterans](#) – submissions due 16 May 2025

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

- [AusCheck Amendment \(Global Entry Program\) Bill 2025 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 28 February 2025
- [Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025 \(No. 2\)](#) – submissions due 30 June 2025

### **Reports of Senate Committees**

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

#### **Economic References Committee**

- [Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

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

- [Australia's sanctions regime](#) – tabled 11 February 2025

#### **Privileges Committee**

- [185th report - Person referred to in the Senate – Ms Baylee Neha](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

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

- [National Organic Standard Bill 2024](#) – tabled 11 February 2025

#### **Scrutiny of Bills Committee**

- [Annual Report 2024](#) – tabled 13 February 2025
- [Scrutiny Digest 2 of 2025](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

#### **Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee**

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 2 of 2025](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

#### **Selection of Bills Committee**

- [Report no. 2 of 2025](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

## **Joint Committees**

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

The following new inquiries were announced:

#### **Public Works Committee**

- [Airservices Australia – Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Services NexGen Project for End-of-life Facilities Upgrades – Phase 1A \(Queensland and Victoria\)](#) – submissions due 14 March 2025
- [Airservices Australia – PFAS Remediation of Former Fire Training Ground at Rockhampton Airport, Queensland](#) – submissions due 14 March 2025

#### **Treaties Committee**

- [Partial Revision of the 2019 Radio Regulations, as incorporated into the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 \(WRC-23\)](#) – submissions due 10 March 2025

## Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

### **Corporations and Financial Services Committee**

- [Financial abuse: an insidious form of domestic violence \[Corrigendum\]](#) – tabled 12 December 2024 (Senate) and 11 February 2025 (House)
- [Wholesale investor and wholesale client tests](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

### **Human Rights Committee**

- [Inquiry into antisemitism at Australian universities](#) – tabled 12 February 2025

### **Migration Committee**

- [Joint Standing Committee on Migration Delegation New Zealand and Vanuatu 26 to 31 August 2024](#) – tabled 10 February 2025 (House) and 11 February (Senate)

### **National Capital and External Territories Committee**

- [Australia's Antarctic Territory: Inquiry into the importance of Antarctica to Australia's national interests](#) – tabled 10 February 2025

### **Public Works Committee**

- [Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts – Command Centre and Canine Facility at Western Sydney International \(Nancy-Bird Walton\) Airport and other works \[9th report of 2024\] \[Corrigendum\]](#) – tabled 11 February 2025
- [Eighty Eighth Annual Report](#) – tabled 11 February 2025

### **Treaties Committee**

- [Report 225: Australia-UAE CEPA; Australia-UAE Investment Agreement](#) – tabled 12 February 2025

## Laws passed

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As at the close of business on Friday 14 February 2025, the following Bills had passed both Houses and were awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Administrative Review Tribunal \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet ZA250](#)
  - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet GF100](#)
- [Customs Amendment \(Expedited Seizure and Disposal of Engineered Stone\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Early Childhood Education and Care \(Three Day Guarantee\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Electoral Reform\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet EE102](#)
  - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet EE103](#)

- [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet EE105](#)
- [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet FJ101](#)
- [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet SC130](#)
- [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet SC131](#)
- [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet SC136](#)
- [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet SC138](#)
- [Electricity Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Future Made in Australia \(Production Tax Credits and Other Measures\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Health Legislation Amendment \(Modernising My Health Record—Sharing by Default\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Oversight Legislation Amendment \(Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Scams Prevention Framework Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Security Legislation Amendment \(Technical Changes\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Veterans' Entitlements, Treatment and Support \(Simplification and Harmonisation\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Correction to Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet ZA257](#)
  - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheet ED101](#)

Between the close of business on Friday 7 February 2025 and the close of business on Friday 14 February 2025, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [Appropriation \(Parliamentary Departments\) Bill \(No. 2\) 2024–2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 3\) 2024–2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 4\) 2024–2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Defence Service Homes Amendment \(Insurance\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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