

# Last week in Parliament

This service summarises key events in Parliament last week.

**8 February–10 February 2022**

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Bills initiated in the House

The following Bills were initiated:

- [Agriculture Biodiversity Stewardship Market Bill 2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation \(Coronavirus Response\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2021–2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation \(Coronavirus Response\) Bill \(No. 2\) 2021–2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Income Tax Amendment \(Labour Mobility Program\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Regulator Performance Omnibus Bill 2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Cyclone and Flood Damage Reinsurance Pool\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Enhancing Tax Integrity and Supporting Business Investment\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 3\) 2021–2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 4\) 2021–2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Security Legislation Amendment \(Critical Infrastructure Protection\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Sex Discrimination and Other Legislation Amendment \(Save Women's Sport\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Private Member's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Media \(Anti-Trolling\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Security Amendment \(Improved Child to Adult Transfer for Carer Payment and Carer Allowance\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Workforce Incentive\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Tax Concession for Australian Medical Innovations\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

## **New inquiries of House Committees**

No new inquiries were announced.

## **Reports of House Committees**

The following new reports were tabled:

### ***Agriculture and Water Resources Committee***

- [Supporting a strong future for Australian aquaculture: Australian aquaculture sector](#) – tabled 9 February 2022

### ***Procedure Committee***

- [Maintenance of the standing orders](#) – tabled out of session 31 January 2022

### ***Selection Committee***

- [Report No. 42 relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business](#) – tabled 9 February 2022

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

- [Inquiry into constitutional reform and referendums](#) – tabled out of session 22 December 2021

## **SENATE**

### **Bills initiated in the Senate**

The following Bills were initiated:

- [Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment \(Increased Financial Transparency\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 8 February 2022, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Authorisations\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(COVID Enfranchisement\) Bill 2022](#)  
– introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill  
– [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Foreign Influences and Offences\) Bill 2022](#)  
– introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill  
– [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Voter Identification\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 9 February 2022, Private Senator’s Bill  
– [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Parliamentary Workplace Reform \(Set the Standard Measures No. 1\) Bill 2022](#)  
– introduced 9 February 2022, Government Bill  
– [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Equal Pay for Equal Work\) Bill 2022](#) – introduced 10 February 2022, Private Senator’s Bill  
– [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

## **New inquiries of Senate Committees**

The following new inquiries were announced:

### **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

- [Social Security Amendment \(Improved Child to Adult Transfer for Carer Payment and Carer Allowance\) Bill 2022 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 4 March 2022
- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Workforce Incentive\) Bill 2022 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 4 March 2022

### **Economics Legislation Committee**

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Cyclone and Flood Damage Reinsurance Pool\) Bill 2022](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised

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

- [Australian Research Council Amendment \(Ensuring Research Independence\) Bill 2018](#) – submissions due 25 February 2022

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

- [Social Media \(Anti-Trolling\) Bill 2022 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 28 February 2022

## **Reports of Senate Committees**

The following new reports were tabled:

### **Economics Legislation Committee**

- [Collective Investment Vehicle Framework and Other Measures Bill 2021 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 3 February 2022
- [Corporations Amendment \(Improving Outcomes for Litigation Funding Participants\) Bill 2021 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 3 February 2022

### **Economics References Committee**

- The [Australian manufacturing industry](#) – tabled out of session 7 February 2022
- [Australia’s oil and gas reserves](#) – tabled out of session 11 February 2022

- [Progress report: The Australian Manufacturing Industry](#) – tabled out of session 10 December 2021
- [Progress report: Sterling Income Trust](#) – tabled out of session 1 February 2022
- [Second progress report: The Australian Manufacturing Industry](#) – tabled out of session 27 January 2022
- [Sterling Income Trust](#) – tabled out of session 4 February 2022
- [Third progress report: The Australian Manufacturing Industry](#) – tabled out of session 4 February 2022

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

- [Progress report: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Save the Koala\) Bill 2021](#) – tabled out of session 11 February 2022
- [Second progress report: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Climate Trigger\) Bill 2020](#) – tabled out of session 11 February 2022

#### ***Environment and Communications References Committee***

- [Media diversity in Australia](#) – tabled out of session 9 December 2021

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

- [Interim report: Australia's engagement in Afghanistan](#) – tabled out of session 21 January 2022
- [Progress report: Australia's engagement in Afghanistan](#) – tabled out of session 10 December 2021
- [Second progress report: Australia's engagement in Afghanistan](#) – tabled out of session 17 December 2021
- [Third progress report: Australia's engagement in Afghanistan](#) – tabled out of session 14 January 2022

#### ***Foreign Interference through Social Media Committee***

- [First interim report](#) – tabled out of session 17 December 2021

#### ***Job Security Committee***

- [Interim report: The job insecurity report](#) – tabled out of session 11 February 2022

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

- [Religious Discrimination Bill 2021, Religious Discrimination \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2021 and Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 4 February 2022
- [Migration Amendment \(Strengthening the Character Test\) Bill 2021 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 28 January 2022

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

- [Second Report: Review of exemption from disallowance provisions in the Biosecurity Act 2015](#) – tabled out of session 4 February 2022

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

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 1 of 2022](#) – tabled out of session 25 January 2022
- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 2 of 2022](#) – tabled 9 February 2022

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

- [Report No. 1 of 2022](#) – tabled 10 February 2022

#### **Senators' Interests Committee**

- [Report No. 1 of 2022](#) – tabled 9 February 2022

## **JOINT COMMITTEES**

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

The following new inquiries were announced:

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

- [Review of the Security Legislation Amendment \(Critical Infrastructure Protection\) Bill 2022](#) – submissions due 1 March 2022

#### **Treaties Committee**

- [Agreement between Australia and Japan concerning the Facilitation of Reciprocal Access and Cooperation between the Australian Defence Force and the Self-Defense Forces of Japan](#) – submissions due 24 March 2022
- [Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on Access to Electronic Data for the Purpose of Countering Serious Crime](#) – submissions due 18 March 2022
- [Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage](#) – submissions due 18 March 2022
- [Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#) – submissions due 18 March 2022

### **Reports of Joint Committees**

The following new reports were tabled:

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

- [Expanding the membership of the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership](#) – tabled 10 February 2022

#### **Human Rights Committee**

- [Human rights scrutiny report 1 of 2022](#) – tabled 9 February 2022
- [Human rights scrutiny report 15 of 2021](#) – tabled out of session 8 December 2021
- [Religious Discrimination Bill 2021 and related bills](#) – tabled out of session 4 February 2022

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

- [Advisory Report on the Intelligence Oversight and Other Legislation Amendment \(Integrity Measures\) Bill 2020](#) – tabled out of session 7 February 2022
- [Review of Part 14 of the Telecommunications Act 1997 – Telecommunications Sector Security Reforms](#) – tabled out of session 7 February 2022
- [Review of the amendments made by the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment \(Assistance and Access\) Act 2018](#) – tabled out of session 22 December 2021

#### **Law Enforcement Committee**

- [Criminal Code Amendment \(Sharing of Abhorrent Violent Material\) Act 2019](#) – tabled out of session 13 December 2021

### **Northern Australia Committee**

- [The engagement of traditional owners in the economic development of northern Australia](#) – tabled 9 February 2022

### **Public Works Committee**

- [Report 1/2022: Referrals made December 2021](#) – tabled 9 February 2022

### **Trade and Investment Growth Committee**

- [The Prudential Regulation of Investment in Australia's Export Industries](#) – tabled out of session 17 December 2021

### **Treaties Committee**

- [Report 199: Agreement for the Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information](#) – tabled out of session 17 December 2021

## **LAWS PASSED**

The following Bills completed passage through both Houses during the week ending 10 February 2022:

- [Corporate Collective Investment Vehicle Framework and Other Measures Bill 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Corporations Amendment \(Meetings and Documents\) Bill 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment \(2021 Measures No. 1\) 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Enhancing Superannuation Outcomes For Australians and Helping Australian Businesses Invest\) Bill 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

Between the close of business on 26 November 2021 and the close of business on 14 February 2022, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [Aboriginal Land Rights \(Northern Territory\) Amendment \(Economic Empowerment\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment \(Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation \(Coronavirus Response\) Act \(No. 1\) 2021–2022](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation \(Coronavirus Response\) Act \(No. 2\) 2021–2022](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Autonomous Sanctions Amendment \(Magnitsky-style and Other Thematic Sanctions\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment \(High Risk Terrorist Offenders\) Act 2021](#)

- [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Crimes Amendment \(Remissions of Sentences\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Defence Legislation Amendment \(Discipline Reform\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Dental Benefits Amendment Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Annual Disclosure Equality\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Assurance of Senate Counting\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Contingency Measures\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Political Campaigners\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Enhancing the Bonded Medical Program and Other Measures\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Amendment Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Health Amendment \(Enhancing the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment \(Funders of Last Resort and Other Measures\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Offshore Electricity Infrastructure \(Consequential Amendments\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Offshore Electricity Infrastructure \(Regulatory Levies\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Security Legislation Amendment \(Critical Infrastructure\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Security Legislation Amendment \(Remote Engagement Program\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Telstra Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme \(Consequential Amendments\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme \(Facilitation\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2021 Measures No. 5\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment \(Exempting Disability Payments from Income Testing and Other Measures\) Act 2021](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)