



13 – 17 February 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Bills initiated in the House

The following Bills were initiated:

- [Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Cleaning up Political Donations\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 13 February 2023, Private Member’s Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Migration Amendment \(Strengthening the Character Test\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 13 February 2023, Private Member’s Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment \(Stop PEP11 and Protect Our Coast\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 13 February 2023, Private Member’s Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Australia Council Amendment \(Creative Australia\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 15 February 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Royal Commissions Amendment \(Enhancing Engagement\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 15 February 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Migration \(Visa Pre-application Process\) Charge Bill 2023](#) – introduced 16 February 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Migration Amendment \(Australia’s Engagement in the Pacific and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 16 February 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2023 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 16 February 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of House Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of House Committees

The following new report was tabled:

Privileges and Members’ Interests Committee

- [Report concerning the registration and declaration of Members' interests during 2022](#) – tabled 16 February 2023

SENATE

Bills initiated in the Senate

The Senate did not sit last week.

New inquiries of Senate Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of Senate Committees

No new Committee reports were tabled.

JOINT COMMITTEES

New inquiries of Joint Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of Joint Committees

The following reports were tabled:

Electoral Matters Committee

- [Advisory report on the Referendum \(Machinery Provisions\) Amendment Bill 2022](#) – tabled 13 February 2023

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Review of the 2022 relisting of four organisations as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code](#) – tabled 14 February 2023

Petitions Committee

- [Report 5: Ministerial responses](#) – tabled 13 February 2023

Selection Committee

- [Report No. 9 relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and private members' business on Monday, 6 March 2023](#) – tabled 15 February 2023

LAWS PASSED

The following Bill passed both Houses last week:

- [Migration Amendment \(Aggregate Sentences\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

The following Bills received assent by the Governor-General between the close of business on 13 February and the close of business on 17 February 2023:

- [Migration Amendment \(Aggregate Sentences\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2022 Measures No. 5\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)