

20–24 March 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Bills initiated in the House

The following Bills were initiated:

- [Fair Work Amendment \(Right to Disconnect\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 20 March 2023, Private Member’s Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Customs Tariff Amendment \(Incorporation of Proposals\) 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Health Insurance Amendment \(Prescribed Dental Patients and Other Measures\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Infrastructure Australia Amendment \(Independent Review\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Inspector-General of Aged Care Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Inspector-General of Aged Care \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Jobs and Skills Australia Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Special Recreational Vessels Amendment Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Refining and Improving Our Tax System\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of House Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of House Committees

No new reports were tabled.

SENATE

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following Bills were initiated:

- [Productivity Commission Amendment \(Electricity Reporting\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 22 March 2023, Private Senator's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Criminal Code Amendment \(Prohibition of Nazi Symbols\) Bill 2023](#) – introduced 23 March 2023, Private Senator's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Improving Access to Medicinal Cannabis Bill 2023](#) – submissions due by 5 May 2023
- [Inspector-General of Aged Care Bill 2023 \[Provisions\] and the Inspector-General of Aged Care \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 3 April 2023

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Education Legislation Amendment \(Startup Year and Other Measures\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 14 April 2023
- [Jobs and Skills Australia Amendment Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 11 April 2023
- [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator \(Data Streamlining\) Amendment Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due by 4 April 2023

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 1\) of 2023](#) – tabled 21 March 2023

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2023\)](#) – tabled 21 March 2023

- [Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023 \[Provisions\] and related bills](#) – tabled 22 March 2023
- [National Energy Transition Authority Bill 2022](#) – tabled 24 March 2023

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2023\)](#) – tabled 21 March 2023

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No.1 of 2023\)](#) – tabled 21 March 2023

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2023\)](#) – tabled 21 March 2023

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2023\)](#) – tabled 21 March 2023

Scrutiny of Bills Standing Committee

- [Scrutiny Digest 3 of 2023](#) – tabled 22 March 2023

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report No. 3 of 2023](#) – tabled 23 March 2023

JOINT COMMITTEES

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

National Capital and External Territories Committee

- [Inquiry into fostering and promoting the significance of Australia's National Capital](#) – submissions due by 5 May 2023

Public Works Committee

- [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade-Proposed Construction and Decommissioning of the Australian Pavilion at the World Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan](#) – submissions due by 16 April 2023

Treaties Committee

- [Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on Cooperation in the Field of Defence and the Status of Visiting Forces](#) – submissions due by 11 April 2023

Reports of Joint Committees

The following reports were tabled:

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Committee

- [Examination of the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner 2021-22](#) – tabled 22 March 2023

Law Enforcement Committee

- [Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2020-21 and 2021-22](#) – tabled 22 March 2023
- [Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2020-21 and 2021-22](#) – tabled 22 March 2023

LAWS PASSED

The following Bills passed both Houses last week:

- [Australia Council Amendment \(Creative Australia\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Health Amendment \(Effect of Prosecution—Approved Pharmacist Corporations\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Referendum \(Machinery Provisions\) Amendment Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheet QE100](#)
 - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheets PX149, PX150, PX151, ZB195 and ZD205](#)
- [Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(Information Disclosure, National Interest and Other Measures\) 2022](#)
 - [Replacement Explanatory Memorandum](#)

The following Bills received assent by the Governor-General between the close of business on 10 March and the close of business on 24 March 2023:

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Australia's Economic Accelerator\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment \(Medical Device and Human Tissue Product List and Cost Recovery\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Private Health Insurance \(National Joint Replacement Register Levy\) Amendment \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Private Health Insurance \(Prostheses Application and Listing Fees\) Amendment \(Cost Recovery\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Therapeutic Goods Amendment \(2022 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Work Health and Safety Amendment Bill 2022](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)