Last week in Parliament

6-8 February 2024

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living—Medicare Levy) Bill 2024</u> introduced 6 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living Tax Cuts) Bill 2024 introduced 6 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Administrative Review Tribunal (Consequential and Transitional Provisions No. 2) Bill 2024</u>
 introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2023-2024</u> introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 <u>Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- <u>Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2023-2024</u> introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 <u>Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- <u>Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2023-2024</u> introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- Crimes Amendment (Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence) Bill 2024 – introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment Bill 2024</u> introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Strengthening Quality</u> and Integrity in Vocational Education and Training No. 1) Bill 2024 – introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2024</u> introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Treasury Laws Amendment (Foreign Investment) Bill 2024</u> introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of House Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of House Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Committee

 Inquiry into the implications of severe weather events on the national regional, rural, and remote road network – tabled out of session 15 December 2023

Selection Committee

• Report No. 21 – tabled 7 February 2024

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- <u>Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill</u> <u>2024</u> – introduced 7 February 2024, Private Member's Bill
 <u>Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- <u>Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment Bill 2024</u> introduced 7 February 2024, Government Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Consumer Safeguards and Other Measures) Bill 2023 [Provisions] – submissions due 19 February 2024

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

• <u>COAG Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]</u> – submissions due 28 February 2024

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- <u>Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2023 [Provisions] and related bills</u> submissions due 7 March 2024
- <u>Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill</u> <u>2024</u> – submissions due 5 July 2024

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

• Impact and mitigation of aircraft noise – submissions due 5 April 2024

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

 <u>Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023</u> [<u>Provisions]</u> – tabled 5 February 2024

Community Affairs References Committee

 <u>Review of legislative instruments made under Part 3AA or Part 3B of the Social Security</u> (Administration) Act 1999 – <u>Review 1</u> – tabled 8 February 2024

Economics Legislation Committee

 <u>Government Amendments to Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Multinationals Pay Their</u> <u>Fair Share—Integrity and Transparency) Bill 2023</u> – tabled 5 February 2024

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- <u>Australian Research Council Amendment (Review Response) Bill 2023 [Provisions]</u> tabled 5 February 2024
- Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes No. 2) Bill 2023 [Provisions] tabled out of session 1 February 2024

Education and Employment References Committee

<u>The issue of increasing disruption in Australian school classrooms</u> – tabled
 7 February 2024

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

 <u>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill</u> 2022 [No. 2] – tabled 7 February 2024

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- <u>Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2023 [Provisions]</u> tabled out of session 1 February 2024
- <u>Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023 [Provisions]</u>
 tabled 9 February 2024

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

 <u>Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023 [Provisions] and related bills</u> – tabled 5 February 2024

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- Scrutiny digest 1 of 2024 tabled out of session 18 January 2024
- Scrutiny digest 2 of 2024 tabled 7 February 2024

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

• Delegated legislation monitor 1 of 2024 – tabled 7 February 2024

Select Committee into the Provision of and Access to Dental Services in Australia

• <u>A system in decay: a review into dental services in Australia</u> – tabled 6 February 2024

Select Committee on the Perth Mint and Commonwealth regulatory compliance

• Interim Report – tabled out of session 20 December 2023

Selection of Bills Committee

• Report no. 1 of 2024 - tabled 8 February 2024

Senators' Interests Committee

<u>Report 1 of 2024</u> – tabled out of session 1 February 2024

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Parliamentary Committee on Public Works

 <u>Department of Defence — Facilities to support Advanced Growler Phase 6</u> – submissions due 8 March 2024

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

 <u>Inquiry into Commonwealth Financial Statements 2022-23</u> – submissions due 29 March 2024

Treaties Committee

 <u>Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks</u> – submissions due 28 February 2024

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Human Rights Committee

- Human rights scrutiny report 14 of 2023 tabled 6 February 2024
- Human rights scrutiny report 1 of 2024 tabled 8 February 2024

National Anti-Corruption Commission Committee

• Report on proposed recommendation for appointment of a Deputy Commissioner of the National Anti-Corruption Commission – tabled out of session 24 January 2024

Trade and Investment Growth Committee

• <u>Inquiry into the Australian Government's approach to negotiating trade and investment</u> <u>agreements [Interim report]</u> – tabled 6 February 2024

Treaties Committee

 <u>Report 213: Amendments to the Annex of the Convention on Facilitation of International</u> <u>Maritime Traffic, 1965</u> – tabled out of session 11 December 2023

Laws Passed

As at the close of business on Friday 9 February, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes No. 2) Bill 2023
 - <u>Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheets TD103, ZB259, ZB287,</u> ZC235, ZC237 and ZC272
- Migration Amendment (Strengthening Employer Compliance) Bill 2023
 - Explanatory memorandum
 - <u>Supplementary explanatory memorandum</u>

The following Bills received assent by the Governor-General between the close of business on Monday 11 December 2023 and the close of business on Friday 9 February 2024:

- Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes) Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum

- Revised Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheets PU108, ZB276, ZC255</u> and ZE249
- <u>Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum relating to sheets PU108, ZB276, ZC255</u> and ZE249
- Identity Verification Services Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum
 - <u>Replacement Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- Identity Verification Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - <u>Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum</u>
 - <u>Replacement Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Independent Review) Bill 2023
 Explanatory Memorandum
- Nature Repair Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Revised Explanatory Memorandum
- Nature Repair (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - <u>Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum</u>
- Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023
 - Explanatory Memorandum
 - Addendum to Explanatory Memorandum
- <u>Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional</u> <u>Provisions) Bill 2023</u>
 - Explanatory Memorandum

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