

26–29 February 2024

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Accountability of Grants, Investment Mandates and Use of Public Resources Amendment \(End Pork Barrelling\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 26 February 2024, Private Members Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment \(Stop PEP11 Forever and Protect Our Coastal Waters\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 26 February 2024, Private Members Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Agriculture \(Biosecurity Protection\) Charges Bill 2024](#) – introduced 28 February 2024, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Agriculture \(Biosecurity Protection\) Levies Bill 2024](#) – introduced 28 February 2024, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Agriculture \(Biosecurity Protection\) Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2024](#) – introduced 28 February 2024, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Agriculture Legislation Amendment \(Modernising Administrative Processes\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 28 February 2024, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of House Committees

The following new inquiry was announced:

Agriculture Committee

- [Inquiry into Australian agriculture in Southeast Asian Markets](#) – submissions due 31 May 2024

Reports of House Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Petitions Committee

- [Report No. 21: Petitions and Ministerial responses](#) – tabled 26 February 2024
- [Report No. 22: Ministerial response](#) – tabled 29 February 2024

Selection Committee

- [Report No. 23: Committee and delegation business and private Members' business](#) – tabled 28 February 2024

Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee

- [Inquiry into the Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2023 and the Administrative Review Tribunal \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions No. 1\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled 28 February 2024

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Airline Passenger Protections \(Pay on Delay\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 27 February 2024, Private Members Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Protecting Environmental Heritage\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 27 February 2024, Private Members Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Fair Work \(Registered Organisations\) Amendment \(Protecting Vulnerable Workers\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 27 February 2024, Private Members Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Legislate the Date to End Live Sheep Export Bill 2024](#) – introduced 28 February 2024, Private Members Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Fair Go for Consumers and Small Business\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 7 March 2024
- [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment \(Safety and Other Measures\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – submissions due 7 March 2024

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Fair Work Amendment Bill 2024](#) – submissions due 8 March 2024

Environment and Communications References Committee

- [Waste Reduction and Recycling Policies](#) – Date for disclosure of submissions to be advised

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Crimes Amendment \(Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence\) Bill 2024](#) – submissions due 22 March 2024

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Community Affairs References Committee

- [The extent and nature of poverty in Australia](#) – tabled 28 February 2024

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Digital ID Bill 2023 and the Digital ID \(Transitional and Consequential Provisions\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled 28 February 2024

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Modern Slavery Amendment \(Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 28 February 2024

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- [Scrutiny digest 3 of 2024](#) – tabled 28 February 2024

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

- [Delegated legislation monitor 2 of 2024](#) – tabled 28 February 2024

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report no. 2 of 2024](#) – tabled 29 February 2024

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

National Capital and External Territories Committee

- [The importance of Antarctica to Australia's national interests](#) – submissions due 12 April 2024

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

- [The failed visa privatisation process and the implementation of other public sector IT procurements and projects](#) – submissions due 12 April 2024
- [The 2022-23 Major Projects Report](#) – submissions due 19 April 2024

Public Works Committee

- [Department of Finance – Proposed Fit-out of New Commonwealth Parliament Offices, Perth, Western Australia](#) – submissions due 27 March 2024
- [Parks Australia – Mutitjulu Essential Services project](#) – submissions due 27 March 2024

Treaties Committee

- [Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on Technology Safeguards Associated with United States Participation in Space Launches from Australia](#) – submissions due 19 March 2024

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

Law Enforcement Committee

- [Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2022-23](#) – tabled 28 February 2024
- [Examination of the Australian Federal Police Annual Report 2022-23](#) – tabled 28 February 2024

National Disability Insurance Scheme Committee

- [General Issues – Annual Report No. 1 of the 47th Parliament](#) – tabled 29 February 2024

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Thursday 29 February, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Crimes Legislation Amendment \(Combatting Foreign Bribery\) Bill 2024](#)
 - [Explanatory memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum](#)
- [Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2024](#)
 - [Explanatory memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Cost of Living – Medicare Levy\) Bill 2024](#)
 - [Explanatory memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Cost of Living Tax Cuts\) Bill 2024](#)
 - [Explanatory memorandum](#)

Between the close of business on 16 February 2024 and the close of business on Thursday 29 February, the following Bills have received assent by the Governor-General:

- [Fair Work Legislation Amendment \(Closing Loopholes No. 2\) Bill 2024](#)
 - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheets TD103, ZB259, ZB287, ZC235, ZC237 AND ZC272](#)
- [Migration Amendment \(Strengthening Employer Compliance\) Bill 2023](#)
 - [Explanatory memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum](#)

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