

18–21 March 2024

## House of Representatives

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### Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Customs Tariff Amendment \(Tobacco\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 20 March 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Excise Tariff Amendment \(Tobacco\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 20 March 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Health Legislation Amendment \(Removal of Requirement for a Collaborative Arrangement\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 20 March 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Cancer Screening Register Amendment Bill 2024](#) – introduced 21 March 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment \(Vaping Reforms\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 21 March 2024, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory memorandum](#)

### New inquiries of House Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

#### **Industry, Science and Resources Committee**

- [Food and Beverage Manufacturing in Australia](#) – submissions due 1 May 2024

#### **Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Committee**

- [Inquiry into local government sustainability](#) – submissions due 3 May 2024

### Reports of House Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

#### **Appropriations and Administration Committee**

- [Report No. 27: Annual Report 2022-2023](#) – tabled 21 March 2024

#### **Petitions Committee**

- [Report No. 23: Petitions and Ministerial responses](#) – tabled 18 March 2024

#### **Selection Committee**

- [Report No. 24: Committee and delegation business and private Members' business](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

# Senate

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## Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bill was initiated:

- [Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Divestiture Powers\) Bill 2024](#) – introduced 20 March 2024, Private Senator’s Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

## New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiry was announced:

### ***Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee***

- [Agriculture \(Biosecurity Protection\) Levies Bill 2024 \[Provisions\] and related bills](#) – submissions due 10 April 2024

## Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

### ***Community Affairs Legislation Committee***

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2024\)](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

### ***Economics Legislation Committee***

- [Additional Estimates 2023-24](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2024\)](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Fair Go for Consumers and Small Business\) Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 15 March 2024

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

- [Additional Estimates 2023-24](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2024\)](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Fair Work Amendment Bill 2024](#) – tabled out of session 14 March 2024

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

- [Additional Estimates 2023-24](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Progress Report: Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(Enhancing Consumer Safeguards and Other Measures\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 14 March 2024
- [Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(Enhancing Consumer Safeguards and Other Measures\) Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 18 March 2024

### ***Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee***

- [Additional Estimates 2023-24](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2024\)](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [COAG Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 14 March 2024
- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Fairer Contracts and Grants\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 4 March 2024
- [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment \(Vaccine Indemnity\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled 18 March 2024

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

- [Additional estimates 2023–24](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2024\)](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled out of session 15 March 2024

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

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2024\)](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

### **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2024\)](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

### **Scrutiny of Bills Committee**

- [Scrutiny Digest 4 of 2024](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

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

- [Delegated legislation Monitor 3 of 2024](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

### **Selection of Bills Committee**

- [Report No. 3 of 2024](#) – tabled 21 March 2024

## **Joint Committees**

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

The following new inquiries were announced:

#### **Corporations and Financial Services Committee**

- [Wholesale investor and wholesale client tests](#) – submissions due 15 May 2024

#### **Treaties Committee**

- [Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Fiji on Cooperation in the Field of Defence and the Status of Visiting Forces](#) – submissions due 9 April 2024

### **Reports of Joint Committees**

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

#### **Human Rights Committee**

- [Human rights scrutiny report: Report 2 of 2024](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

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

- [Advisory report on the amendments made by the Australian Citizenship Amendment \(Citizenship Repudiation\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled 21 March 2024
- [Advisory report on the Defence Amendment \(Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled out of session 14 March 2024
- [Advisory report on the National Security Legislation Amendment \(Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 3\) Bill 2023](#) – tabled 21 March 2024

#### **Law Enforcement Committee**

- [Report on committee visit to the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

### **Public Works Committee**

- [Airservices Australia — PFAS Remediation of Former Fire Training Ground at Launceston Airport, Tasmania](#) – tabled 19 March 2024

### **Treaties Committee**

- [Report 214: Acts of the Universal Postal Union](#) – tabled 20 March 2024
- [Visit by the committee to India and Singapore from 10 to 16 December 2023](#) – tabled 20 March 2024

## **Laws passed**

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As at the close of business on Thursday 21 March, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Australian Research Council Amendment \(Review Response\) Bill 2024](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment Bill 2024](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment \(Strengthening Quality and Integrity in Vocational Education and Training No. 1\) Bill 2024](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Paid Parental Leave Amendment \(More Support for Working Families\) Bill 2024](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Child Support and Family Assistance Technical Amendments\) Bill 2024](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

Between the close of business on 29 February and the close of business on Thursday 21 March, the following Bills received 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](#)

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