

# AGS Last week in Parliament

**25-27 March 2025**

## House of Representatives

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### Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 1\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 2\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation \(Parliamentary Departments\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Reconsiderations\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Parliamentary Business Resources Legislation Amendment \(Machinery of Government Change\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Supply Bill \(No. 1\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Supply Bill \(No. 2\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Supply \(Parliamentary Departments\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(More Cost of Living Relief\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 26 March 2025, Government Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

### New inquiries of House Committees

There were no new inquiries announced.

### Reports of House Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

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

- [Report No 32 – Budget Estimates 2025–2026](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

### ***Economics Committee***

- [Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Annual Reports 2021, 2022 and 2023 – Parliament of Australia](#) – tabled 27 March 2025
- [Review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Annual Reports 2021, 2022 and 2023](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

### ***Communications and the Arts Committee***

- [Am I Ever Gonna See You Live Again?](#) – tabled 6 March 2025

### ***Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee***

- [Issues paper relating to the health impacts of alcohol and other drugs in Australia](#) – tabled 6 March 2025

### ***Nuclear Energy Committee***

- [Interim report for the inquiry into nuclear power generation in Australia](#) – tabled 6 March 2025

## **Senate**

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### **Bills initiated in the Senate**

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Electoral Legislation Amendment \(Fair and Transparent Elections\) Bill 2024 \(No. 2\)](#) – introduced 25 March 2025, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Crimes Amendment \(Repeal Mandatory Minimum Sentences\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 26 March 2025, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Paid Reproductive Health Leave and Flexible Work Arrangements\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 26 March 2025, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Liability for Climate Change Damage \(Make the Polluters Pay\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 26 March 2025, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Right to Disconnect\) Bill 2023 \[No. 2\]](#) – introduced 27 March 2025, Private Senator's Bill
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

### **New inquiries of Senate Committees**

There were no new inquiries announced.

## Reports of Senate Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

### ***Appropriations, Staffing and Security Committee***

- [Drafting and other services for non-government senators \[Progress report\]](#) – tabled 28 February 2025
- [68th report – Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2025–26](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

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

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 21 February 2025
- [Additional Estimates 2024–25](#) – tabled 14 March 2025

### ***Community Affairs References Committee***

- [Access to diagnosis and treatment for people in Australia with tick-borne diseases](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

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

- [Additional Estimates 2024–25](#) – tabled 25 March 2025

### ***Economic References Committee***

- [Improving consumer experiences, choice, and outcomes in Australia's retirement system](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

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

- [Free TAFE Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 27 February 2025
- [Early Childhood Education and Care \(Three Day Guarantee\) Bill 2025 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 14 March 2025
- [Additional Estimates 2024–25](#) – tabled 25 March 2025
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 25 March 2025

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

- [Additional Estimates 2024–25](#) – tabled 25 March 2025

### ***Environment and Communications References Committee***

- [Waste reduction and recycling policies \[Progress Report\]](#) – tabled 28 February 2025
- [Offshore wind industry consultation process \[Progress report\]](#) – tabled 5 March 2025
- [Waste Reduction and Recycling Policies \[Progress report\]](#) – tabled 14 March 2025

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

- [Additional Estimates 2024–25](#) – tabled 25 March 2025
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

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

- [Additional Estimates 2024–25](#) – tabled 25 March 2025
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 25 March 2025

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

- [Australia's sanctions regime](#) – tabled 11 February 2025

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

- [Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 14 March 2025
- [AusCheck Amendment \(Global Entry Program\) Bill 2025 \[Provisions\]](#) – tabled 21 March 2025
- [Additional Estimates 2024–25](#) – tabled 24 March 2025
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 24 March 2025

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

- [Australia's youth justice and incarceration system](#) – tabled 28 February 2025

**PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) Committee**

- [Select Committee on PFAS \(per and polyfluoroalkyl substances\) \[Interim report\]](#) – tabled 14 March 2025

**Privileges Committee**

- [185th report – Person referred to in the Senate – Ms Baylee Neha](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

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

- [National Organic Standard Bill 2024](#) – tabled 11 February 2025
- [Additional estimates 2024–25](#) – tabled 25 March 2025
- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 25 March 2025

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

- [Shutdown of the 3G mobile network](#) – tabled 26 February 2025
- [Australian winegrape purchases code of conduct](#) – tabled 28 February 2025
- [Airline Passenger Protections \(Pay on Delay\) Bill 2024](#) – tabled 24 March 2025

**Scrutiny of Bills Committee**

- [Annual Report 2024](#) – tabled 13 February 2025
- [Scrutiny Digest 2 of 2025](#) – tabled 13 February 2025
- [Scrutiny Digest 3 of 2025](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

**Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee**

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 2 of 2025](#) – tabled 13 February 2025
- [Annual report 2024](#) – tabled 27 March 2025
- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 3 of 2025](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

**Selection of Bills Committee**

- [Report No. 2 of 2025](#) – tabled 13 February 2025

## Joint Committees

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### New inquiries of Joint Committees

There were no new inquiries announced.

### Reports of Joint Committees

The following new Committee reports were tabled:

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

- [Australia's thematic sanctions framework: A legislated review of the operation of the Autonomous Sanctions Amendment \(Magnitsky-style and other Thematic Sanctions\) Act 2021](#) – tabled 7 March 2025
- [Australia's thematic sanctions framework](#) – tabled 25 March 2025

#### ***Human Rights Committee***

- [Human rights scrutiny report 2 of 2025](#) – tabled 25 March 2025
- [Annual report 2024](#) – tabled 27 March 2025
- [Human rights scrutiny report 3 of 2025](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

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

- [Advisory report on the Transport Security Amendment \(Security of Australia's Transport Sector\) Bill 2024](#) – tabled 7 March 2025

#### ***Law Enforcement Committee***

- [Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission annual report 2023–24](#) – tabled 27 March 2025
- [Examination of the Australian Federal Police annual report 2023–24](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

#### ***National Anti-Corruption Commission Committee***

- [Examination of the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission annual report 2023–24](#) – tabled 27 March 2025
- [Examination of the National Anti-Corruption Commission annual report 2023–24](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

#### ***Northern Australia Committee***

- [Final Report on the Cyclone Reinsurance Pool](#) – tabled 27 March 2025

#### ***Public Accounts and Audit Committee***

- [Budget Day Statement of the 2025–26 Draft Estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office](#) – tabled 26 March 2025
- [Report 509: Inquiry into public sector information technology procurement and projects](#) – tabled 26 March 2025
- [Report 510: Inquiry into the use and governance of artificial intelligence systems by public sector entities – 'Proceed with Caution'](#) – tabled 26 March 2025
- [Report 511: Inquiry into the contract management frameworks operated by Commonwealth entities](#) – tabled 26 March 2025
- [Report 512: Report of the inquiry into the administration of Commonwealth regulations](#) – tabled 26 March 2025

### **Public Works Committee**

- [Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water — Davis Station Critical Infrastructure Works and other works](#) – tabled 25 March 2025
- [Department of Defence — Facilities to Support LAND 8113 Phase 1 Long Range Fires and other works](#) – tabled 25 March 2025

### **Trade and Investment Growth Committee**

- [Final report: Inquiry into the understanding and utilisation of benefits under free trade agreements](#) – tabled 28 February 2025 (Senate) and 26 March 2025 (House)

### **Treaties Committee**

- [Report 226: Australia-Portugal Tax Treaty](#) – tabled 25 March 2025

## **Laws passed**

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As at the close of business on Friday 28 March 2025, there were no Bills awaiting assent by the Governor-General.

Between the close of business on Friday 14 February 2025 and the close of business on Friday 28 March 2025, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [AusCheck Amendment \(Global Entry Program\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Reconsiderations\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Free TAFE Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Broadband Network Companies Amendment \(Commitment to Public Ownership\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Parliamentary Business Resources Legislation Amendment \(Machinery of Government Change\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Supply Bill \(No. 1\) 2025–2026](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Supply Bill \(No. 2\) 2025–2026](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Supply \(Parliamentary Departments\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2025–2026](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Transport Security Amendment \(Security of Australia's Transport Sector\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum](#)
  - [Addendum to explanatory memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(More Cost of Living Relief\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Tax Incentives and Integrity\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)
  - [Supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to sheet UG105](#)
- [Workplace Gender Equality Amendment \(Setting Gender Equality Targets\) Bill 2025](#)
  - [Explanatory memorandum](#)
  - [Addendum to explanatory memorandum](#)

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