

AGS Last week in Parliament

25-28 August 2025

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Climate Change \(National Framework for Adaptation\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 25 August 2025, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Defence Amendment \(Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 28 August 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Board of Management Functions\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 27 August 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Fair Study and Opportunity\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 25 August 2025, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Home Affairs Legislation Amendment \(2025 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 26 August 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Responding to Robodebt\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 25 August 2025, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Telecommunications Amendment \(Enhancing Consumer Safeguards\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 28 August 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of House Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Economics Committee

- [Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2024](#) – inquiry is not open to submissions

Health, Aged Care and Disability Committee

- [Health impacts of alcohol and other drugs in Australia](#) – submissions due 31 October 2025

Procedure Committee

- [Inquiry into the maintenance of the standing and sessional orders](#) – dates for closure of submissions to be advised
- [Inquiry into disrespectful behaviour towards other members in the Chamber](#) – dates for closure of submissions to be advised

Reports of House Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Petitions Committee

- [Report No 1: Petitions and Ministerial responses](#) – tabled 25 August 2025

Selection Committee

- [Report No 2: Committee and delegation business and private Members' business](#) – tabled 27 August 2025

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Members of Parliament \(Staff\) Amendment \(Providing Certainty and Improving Integrity\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 25 August 2025, Private Senator's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Responding to Robodebt\) Bill 2025 \[No. 2\]](#) – introduced 26 August 2025, Private Senator's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Education and Employment References Committee

- [Quality and safety of Australia's early childhood education and care system](#) – submissions due 3 October 2025

Environment and Communications References Committee

- [Climate Risk Assessment](#) – submissions due 10 September 2025
- [Internet Search Engine Services Online Safety Code](#) – submissions due 22 September 2025

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

- [Operation and appropriateness of the superannuation and pension schemes for current and former members of the Australian Defence Force \(ADF\)](#) – submissions due 18 September 2025

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

- [Issues relating to advocacy services for veterans accessing compensation and income support](#) – submissions due 5 September 2025
- [National Volunteer Incentive Scheme \(Climate Army\)](#) – submissions due 5 September 2025

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Aged Care \(Accommodation Payment Security\) Levy Amendment Bill 2025 and Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#) – tabled out of session 21 August 2025
- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 27 August 2025

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2025\)](#) – tabled out of session 21 August 2025
- [Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Australian Energy Regulator Separation\) Bill 2025](#) - tabled out of session 21 August 2025
- [Pacific Banking Guarantee Bill 2025](#) – tabled out of session 21 August 2025

Economics References Committee

- [Reference not disposed of at the end of the 47th Parliament - Inquiry into micro-competition opportunities and Inquiry into wealth management companies](#) – tabled 26 August 2025

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 27 August 2025
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Protecting Penalty and Overtime Rates\) Bill 2025](#) – tabled out of session 22 August 2025
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Protecting Penalty and Overtime Rates\) Bill 2025 \[Progress report\]](#) – tabled out of session 21 August 2025

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- [Annual Reports \(No. 2 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 27 August 2025

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 27 August 2025

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2025\)](#) – tabled 27 August 2025
- [References not disposed of at the end of the 47th Parliament - Inquiry into wealth management companies and Inquiry into compensation and income support for veterans](#) – tabled 26 August 2025

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 1 of 2025\) \[Corrigendum\]](#) – tabled out of session 15 August 2025
- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2025\)](#) – tabled out of session 21 August 2025

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- [Scrutiny Digest 4 of 2025](#) – tabled 27 August 2025
- [Report no. 5 of 2025](#) – tabled 28 August 2025

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 5 of 2025](#) – tabled 27 August 2025

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

- [Inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2023-24](#) – submissions due 10 October 2025

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Review of the Strengthening Oversight of the National Intelligence Community Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 25 September 2025
- [Review of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill \(No. 2\) 2025](#) – submissions due 9 October 2025
- [Review of the listing of Terrorgram as a terrorist organisation under the Criminal Code](#) – submissions due 10 September 2025

Northern Australia Committee

- [Expansion and development of airports and seaports in Northern Australia](#) – dates for closure of submissions to be advised

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Corporations and Financial Services Committee

- [Wholesale investor and wholesale client tests \[Corrigendum\]](#) – tabled 27 August 2025 (House)

Human Rights Committee

- [Human rights scrutiny report 4 of 2025](#) – tabled 27 August 2025 (House) and 28 August 2025 (Senate)

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill \(No. 1\) 2025](#) – tabled 28 August 2025

Law Enforcement Committee

- [Examination of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission annual report 2023-24](#) – tabled 26 August 2025
- [Examination of the Australian Federal Police annual report 2023-24](#) – tabled 26 August 2025

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Friday 29 August 2025, there were no Bills awaiting assent by the Governor-General.

Between the close of business on Friday 1 August 2025 and the close of business on Friday 29 August 2025 the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [Customs Amendment \(Australia-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Customs Tariff Amendment \(Australia-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Defence Housing Australia Amendment Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Early Childhood Education and Care \(Strengthening Regulation of Early Education\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Protecting Penalty and Overtime Rates\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Revised Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Universities Accord \(Cutting Student Debt by 20 Per Cent\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Universities Accord \(National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Universities Accord \(National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2025](#)

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