

27 – 30 October 2025

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Crimes Amendment \(Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Child Sexual Abuse\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 27 October 2025, Private Member's Bill
 - Explanatory Memorandum (no documents at present)
- [Lobbying \(Improving Government Honesty and Trust\) Bill 2025 \(No. 2\)](#)
 - introduced 27 October 2025, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures No. 1\) Bill 2025](#)
 - introduced 29 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [VET Student Loans \(Miscellaneous Measures\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 29 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Customs Tariff Amendment \(Geelong Treaty Implementation\) Bill 2025](#)
 - introduced 30 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Information Australia Bill 2025](#) – introduced 30 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation \(Customs Charges Imposition\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 30 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation \(Excise Charges Imposition\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 30 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation \(General Charges Imposition\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 30 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation \(Restoration Charge Imposition\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 30 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025](#) – introduced 30 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Environmental Protection Agency Bill 2025](#) – introduced 30 October 2025, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of House Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of House Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Petitions Committee

- [Report 3: Petitions and Ministerial responses](#) – tabled 27 October 2025

Selection Committee

- [Report No. 4 relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 3 November 2025](#) – tabled 29 October 2025

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Climate Change Amendment \(Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 28 October 2025, Private Senator's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment and Other Legislation Amendment \(Low Emissions Future\) Bill 2025](#) – introduced 29 October 2025, Private Senator's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Corporations \(Review Fees\) Amendment \(Technical Amendments\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 21 November 2025
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Strengthening Financial Systems and Other Measures\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 6 November 2025

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Education Legislation Amendment \(Integrity and Other Measures\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 14 November 2025

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- [Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025 and six related bills](#) – submissions due 5 December 2025

Environment and Communications References Committee

- [Triple Zero service outage](#) – submissions due 25 November 2025

Finance and Public Administration Legislation/References Committee

- [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment \(Ban Unethical Contractors\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 12 December 2025

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Commonwealth Parole Board Bill 2025 and the Commonwealth Parole Board \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 7 November 2025

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

- [Australia's youth justice and incarceration system](#) – submissions due 19 December 2025

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

- [State of Australia's aviation sector and its ability to deliver reliable and affordable services to rural, regional and remote communities](#) – submissions due 11 December 2025

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- [Scrutiny Digest 6 of 2025](#) – tabled 29 October 2025

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 7 of 2025](#) – tabled 29 October 2025

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report no. 7 of 2025](#) – tabled 30 October 2025

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Corporations and Financial Services Committee

- [Small business insurance](#) – submissions due 6 March 2026

Implementation of the National Redress Scheme Committee

- [Inquiry into the continuing operation of the National Redress Scheme](#) – submissions due 6 February 2026

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 24 \(2024–2025\) – Australian Intelligence Agencies](#) – submissions due 12 December 2025

Migration Committee

- [Inquiry into the value of skilled migration to Australia](#) – submissions due 5 January 2026

Northern Australia Committee

- [Preparing for emerging industries across Northern Australia](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised

Treaties Committee

- [Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions](#) – submissions due 21 November 2025
- [Agreement to Establish the Pacific Resilience Facility](#) – submissions due 21 November 2025

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Human Rights Committee

- [Human rights scrutiny report 6 of 2025](#) – tabled 29 October 2025

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Advisory Report on the Criminal Code Amendment \(State Sponsors of Terrorism\) Bill 2025](#) – tabled 28 October 2025

Public Works Committee

- [Report 3/2025](#) – tabled 28 October 2025 (Senate), 27 October 2025 (House)

Treaties Committee

- [Report 228: AUKUS UK Collaboration; UK and Indonesia Defence Treaties](#) – tabled 29 October 2025

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Friday 31 October 2025, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Health Legislation Amendment \(Miscellaneous Measures No. 1\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Private Health Insurance \(National Joint Replacement Register Levy\) Amendment Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

Between the close of business on Friday 10 October 2025 and the close of business on Friday 31 October 2025, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 1\) 2025–2026](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 2\) 2025–2026](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

- [Appropriation \(Parliamentary Departments\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2025–2026](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Board of Management Functions\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(Triple Zero Custodian and Emergency Calling Powers\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

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