

Last week in Parliament

3 – 5 February 2026

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Law and Justice Legislation Amendment \(New South Wales Local Court\) Bill 2026](#)
 - introduced 4 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 3\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 5 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation Bill \(No. 4\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 5 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Appropriation \(Parliamentary Departments\) Bill \(No. 2\) 2025–2026](#) – introduced 5 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Bill 2026](#) – introduced 5 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People \(Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 5 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [National Health Amendment \(Passive Immunological Products\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 5 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Technical Changes No. 1\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 5 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of House Committees

The following new inquiry was announced:

Communications, the Arts and Sport Committee

- [Inquiry into arts and cultural philanthropy](#) – submissions due 2 March 2026

Reports of House Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Health, Aged Care and Disability Committee

- [No child left behind: Report into the Thriving Kids Initiative, incorporating dissenting reports](#) – tabled 4 February 2026

Selection Committee

- [Report No. 6](#) – tabled 4 February 2026

Appropriations and Administration Committee

- [Report No. 34: Additional Estimates 2025–26](#) – tabled 5 February 2026

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Commonwealth Electoral Amendment \(Banning Dirty Donations\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 4 February 2026, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Environment and Other Legislation Amendment \(Removing Nuclear Energy Prohibitions\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 4 February 2026, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [High Seas Biodiversity Bill 2026](#) – introduced 4 February 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Corporations Amendment \(Digital Assets Framework\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 23 February 2026
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Supporting Choice in Superannuation and Other Measures\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 19 February 2026

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Reverse Job-Ready Graduates Fee Hikes and End 50k Arts Degrees\) Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 10 April 2026
- [Coal Mining Industry \(Long Service Leave\) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#) – submissions due 6 March 2026

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- [Defence and Veterans' Service Commissioner Bill 2025 and a related bill](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

- [MRH90 Taipan Helicopter incident](#) – submissions due 1 May 2026

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Corporations \(Review Fees\) Amendment \(Technical Amendments\) Bill 2025](#) – tabled out of session 29 January 2026

Privileges Committee

- [Person referred to in the Senate: Ms Andrea Selvey](#) – tabled 3 February 2026

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- [Scrutiny Digest 2 of 2026](#) – tabled 5 February 2026

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 1 of 2026](#) – tabled 5 February 2026

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report No. 1 of 2026](#) – tabled 5 February 2026

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

There were no new inquiries announced.

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

- [Inquiry into the Department of Defence Annual Report 2023–24](#) – tabled out of session 29 January 2026 (Senate); 3 February 2026 (House)

Human Rights Committee

- [Human rights scrutiny report: Report 7 of 2025](#) – tabled 26 November 2025 (House); 3 February 2026 (Senate)
- [Human rights scrutiny report: Report 8 of 2025](#) – tabled 3 February 2026 (Senate); 4 February 2026 (House)
- [Human rights scrutiny report: Report 1 of 2026](#) – tabled 4 February 2026 (House); 5 February 2026 (Senate)

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 23 \(2023–24\) – Australian intelligence agencies](#) – tabled 3 December 2025 (Senate); 3 February 2026 (House)
- [Advisory report on the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill \(No. 2\) 2025](#) – tabled 5 February 2026 (House and Senate)

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

- [Report 513: Annual Report 2024–25](#) – tabled 26 November 2025 (Senate); 4 February 2026 (House)

Treaties Committee

- [Report 230: Amendments to the International Health Regulations \(2005\)](#) – tabled 26 November 2025 (House); 3 February 2026 (Senate)

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Friday 6 February 2026, the following Bill has passed both Houses and is awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum](#)

Between the close of business on Friday 23 January 2026 and the close of business on Friday 6 February 2026, no new Bills received assent by the Governor-General.

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