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House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Australian Centre for Disease Control Amendment \(Gambling as a Public Health Issue\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 2 March 2026, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Prime Agricultural Land Protection Bill 2026](#) – introduced 2 March 2026, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Royal Commissions Legislation Amendment \(Protections for Providing Information\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 2 March 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
 - [Replacement Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Transparent and Quality Public Appointments Bill 2026](#) – introduced 2 March 2026, Private Member's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment Bill 2026](#) – introduced 4 March 2026, Government Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Parliamentary Frameworks Legislation Amendment \(Reviews\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 4 March 2026, 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 No. 07: Petitions and Ministerial responses](#) – tabled 2 March 2026

Privileges and Members' Interests Committee

- [Report concerning an application from Professor David Lindenmayer AO for the publication of a response to a reference made in the Federation Chamber](#) – tabled 4 March 2026

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Criminal Code Amendment \(Keeping Australia Safe\) Bill 2026](#) – 3 March 2026, Private Senator's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Online Safety Amendment \(Broadening Adult Cyber Abuse Protections\) Bill 2026](#) – 3 March 2026, Private Senator's Bill
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Health Legislation Amendment \(Improving Choice and Transparency for Private Health Consumers\) Bill 2026](#) – submissions due 24 March 2026
- [Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Technical Changes No. 1\) Bill 2026](#) – submissions due 13 March 2026

Economic Legislation Committee

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Financial Reporting System Reform\) Bill 2026](#) – submissions due 27 March 2026

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- [Telecommunications Legislation Amendment \(Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation\) Bill 2025](#) – Date for closure of submissions to be advised

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Health Legislation Amendment \(Prescribing of Pharmaceutical Benefits\) Bill 2025](#) – tabled out of session 26 February 2026

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Genetic Testing Protections in Life Insurance and Other Measures\) Bill 2025](#) – tabled out of session 26 February 2026
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Supporting Choice in Superannuation and Other Measures\) Bill 2025](#) – tabled 4 March 2026

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Universities Accord \(Australian Tertiary Education Commission\) Bill 2025 and the Universities Accord \(Australian Tertiary Education Commission\) \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2025](#) – tabled out of session 27 February 2026

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- [Defence and Veterans' Service Commissioner Bill 2025 and Defence and Veterans' Service Commissioner \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2025](#) – tabled out of session 26 February 2026

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: report on Qantas' decision to close regional bases in Canberra, Hobart and Mildura](#) – tabled out of session 18 February 2026

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- [Scrutiny Digest 3 of 2026](#) – tabled out of session 25 February 2026

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 2 of 2026](#) – tabled 4 March 2026

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report No. 2 of 2026](#) – tabled 5 March 2026

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee

- [Inquiry into racism, hate and violence directed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people](#) – submissions due 1 May 2026

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Review of the Royal Commissions Legislation Amendment \(Protections for Providing Information\) Bill 2026](#) – submissions not currently invited

Public Works Committee

- [Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation — Decommissioning of the National Research Cyclotron Facility, Camperdown](#) – submissions due 16 April 2026

Treaties Committee

- [Agreement on Social Security between Australia and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay](#) – submissions due 20 March 2026

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Human Rights Committee

- [Human rights scrutiny report 2 of 2026](#) – tabled 4 March 2026 (House); 5 March 2026 (Senate)

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Annual Report of Committee Activities 2024–2025](#) – tabled 12 February 2026 (House); 4 March 2026 (Senate)

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

- [Report 514: Inquiry into the procurement of mandated national support and advocacy services for victims of child sexual abuse](#) – tabled 11 February 2026 (House); 4 March 2026 (Senate)

Public Works Committee

- [Eighty Ninth Annual Report](#) – tabled 10 February 2026 (House); 4 March 2026 (Senate)
- [Report 1/2026: Referrals made in September and October 2025](#) – tabled 10 February 2026 (House); 4 March 2026 (Senate)

Laws passed

As at the close of business on 6 March 2026, the following Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Corporations \(Review Fees\) Amendment \(Technical Amendments\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Defence Amendment \(Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence\) Bill 2025](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)
- [Law and Justice Legislation Amendment \(New South Wales Local Court\) Bill 2026](#)
 - [Explanatory Memorandum](#)

Between the close of business on Friday 12 February 2026 and the close of business on Thursday 5 March 2026, no new Bills received assent by the Governor-General.

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