

AGS Last week in Parliament

11 – 13 August 2026

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill 2026](#) – introduced 12 August 2026, Government Bill
- [Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2026](#) – introduced 12 August 2026, Government Bill
- [Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers \(Special Account\) \(Extending Support and Strengthening Safety\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 12 August 2026, Government Bill
- [News Journalism Payments Bill 2026](#) – introduced 13 August 2026, Government Bill
- [News Journalism Payments \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 13 August 2026, Government Bill
- [News Media Bargaining \(Administration\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 13 August 2026, Government Bill
- [News Media Bargaining Charge Bill 2026](#) – introduced 13 August 2026, Government Bill
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(News Media Bargaining\) \(Consequential\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 13 August 2026, Government Bill

Explanatory memoranda are available on the Bill page.

New inquiries of House Committees

No new inquiries were announced.

Reports of House Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Selection Committee

- [Report No. 13 - Revised](#) – introduced 12 August 2026

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Protecting Australians from Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill 2026](#) – introduced 12 August 2026, Private Member's Bill

- [Superannuation Legislation Amendment \(Fair Super for Young Workers\) Bill 2026](#)
– introduced 12 August 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Criminal Code Amendment \(Equal Access to Voluntary Assisted Dying\) Bill 2026](#)
– introduced 13 August 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Firearms Legislation Amendment \(Repealing Unfair Gun Laws\) Bill 2026](#)
– introduced 13 August 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Removing the Widows and Spouses Tax\) Bill 2026](#)
– introduced 13 August 2026, Private Member's Bill

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New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Education and Employment References Committee

- [State of Australia's early childhood education and care system in rural, regional and remote communities](#) – submissions due 29 September 2026

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers \(Special Account\) \(Extending Support and Strengthening Safety\) Bill 2026](#) – submissions due 21 August 2026

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Protecting Australians from Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill 2026](#) – submissions due 27 August 2026

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Aged Care Legislation Amendment \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Commissioner and Other Measures\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled 11 August 2026
- [Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment \(Technical Changes No. 2\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 28 July 2026

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Cash Distribution Framework Bill 2026 and a related bill](#) – tabled out of session 7 August 2026
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Business Registries Stabilisation and Uplift\) Bill 2026 - Additional information received between 22 June and 11 August 2026](#) – tabled 11 August 2026
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Tax Reform No. 2\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled 13 August 2026

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- [Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme for Packaging \(No Time to Waste\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 6 August 2026

- [Matter of parliamentary privilege](#) – tabled 11 August 2026

Environment and Communications References Committee

- [Triple Zero service outage - Third progress report](#) – tabled out of session 6 August 2026

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- [Defence Force Discipline Amendment \(RCDVS Implementation and Related Measures No. 1\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 31 July 2026

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Administrative and Judicial Review Legislation Amendment Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 7 August 2026
- [Statute Update Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 7 August 2026

Productivity in Australia Select Committee

- [Interim report: Housing](#) – tabled 11 August 2026

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Standing Committee

- [Opportunities for the development of a hemp industry in Australia](#) – tabled out of session 30 July 2026

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- [Scrutiny Digest 9 of 2026](#) – tabled 12 August 2026

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 8 of 2026](#) – tabled 12 August 2026

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report no.9 of 2026](#) – tabled 13 August 2026

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Review of the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill 2026](#) – submissions due 2 September 2026

Public Works Committee

- [Department of Defence—Facilities to Support AIR 6500 Integrated Air and Missile Defence Command and Control \(Package 1\) — RAAF Base Darwin, Northern Territory](#) – submissions due 10 September 2026

Treaties Committee

- [2025 Amendments to Appendices I, II, and III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora](#) – submissions due 2 September 2026
- [Fiji-Australia Vuvale Union](#) – submissions due 2 September 2026

- [Ocean of Peace Alliance \(The Veitacini Treaty\)](#) – submissions due 2 September 2026
- [Protocol to the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement on Economic Resilience and Essential Supplies](#) – submissions due 2 September 2026

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Advisory Report on the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2026](#) – tabled on 11 August 2026
- [Review of the listing of White Australia as a prohibited hate group under the Criminal Code](#) – tabled 11 August 2026

Law Enforcement Committee

- [Capability of law enforcement to respond to money laundering and financial crime](#) – tabled 12 August 2026

Human Rights Committee

- [Human rights scrutiny report 9 of 2026](#) – tabled 12 August 2026 (House), 13 August 2026 (Senate)

Laws passed

As at the close of business on Friday 14 August 2026, no new Bills have passed both Houses and are awaiting assent by the Governor-General.

Between the close of business on Friday 03 July 2026 and the close of business on Friday 14 August 2026, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [Coal Mining Industry \(Long Service Leave\) Legislation Amendment Bill 2026](#)
- [Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Unfair Trading Practices\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Health Legislation Amendment \(Prescribing of Pharmaceutical Benefits\) Bill 2025](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Financial Reporting System Reform\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment \(Building Cooperative Workplaces No. 1\) Bill 2026](#)

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