

# AGS Last week in Parliament

**17–20 August 2026**

## House of Representatives

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### Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Human Rights \(Children Born Alive Protection\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 17 August 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Interactive Gambling \(Cost Recovery Levy\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 17 August 2026, Government Bill
- [Carbon Credits and Other Legislation Amendment \(Integrity and Transparency\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 20 August 2026, Government Bill
- [Criminal Code Amendment \(National Sport Integrity Offences\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 20 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:

#### ***Petitions Committee***

- [Report 13: Petitions and ministerial responses](#) – tabled 17 August 2026

#### ***Selection Committee***

- [Report No. 14](#) – tabled 19 August 2026

## Senate

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### Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Broadcasting Services Amendment \(Register of Media Interests\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 18 August 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Crimes Amendment \(Prohibiting Shackling During Childbirth\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 18 August 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Crimes Amendment \(Prohibiting the Strip Searching of Children\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 18 August 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Disqualified Officers\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 19 August 2026, Private Member's Bill

- [Housing Australia Amendment \(Transparency and Reporting\) Bill 2026](#)  
– introduced 19 August 2026, Private Member’s Bill
- [Migration Amendment \(Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure\) Bill 2026](#)  
– introduced 20 August 2026, Private Member’s Bill

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## **New inquiries of Senate Committees**

The following new inquiries were announced:

### ***Community Affairs References Committee***

- [Contaminated blood and blood products](#) – submissions due 27 November 2026

### ***Economics Legislation Committee***

- [Superannuation Legislation Amendment \(Fair Super for Young Workers\) Bill 2026](#)  
– date for closure of submissions to be advised

### ***Economics References Committee***

- [Social Housing](#) – submissions due 24 September 2026

### ***Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee***

- [Commonwealth Land \(Affordable Housing\) Bill 2026](#) – submissions due 11 September 2026

### ***Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee***

- [Crimes Amendment \(Prohibiting Shackling During Childbirth\) Bill 2026](#)  
– submissions due 14 September 2026
- [Crimes Amendment \(Prohibiting the Strip Searching of Children\) Bill 2026](#)  
– submissions due 14 September 2026
- [Criminal Code Amendment \(National Sport Integrity Offences\) Bill 2026](#)  
– submissions due 9 September 2026

## **Reports of Senate Committees**

The following new reports were tabled:

### ***Economics Legislation Committee***

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Tax Reform No. 1\) Bill 2026 and Income Tax Rates Amendment \(Tax Reform No. 1\) Bill 2026 – Addendum](#) – tabled 20 August 2026
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Tax Reform No. 1\) Bill 2026 and Income Tax Rates Amendment \(Tax Reform No. 1\) Bill 2026 – Submissions and additional information](#) – tabled 20 August 2026

### ***Environment and Communications Legislation Committee***

- [Interactive Gambling Amendment \(Gambling Reform\) Bill 2026 and National Self-exclusion Register \(Cost Recovery Levy\) Amendment Bill 2026](#) – tabled 17 August 2026

### ***Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee***

- [Effectiveness of sanctions against the Russian Federation](#) – tabled 20 August 2026

### ***Scrutiny of Bills Committee***

- [Scrutiny Digest 10 of 2026](#) – tabled 20 August 2026

### ***Selection of Bills Committee***

- [Report No. 10 of 2026](#) – tabled 20 August 2026

## **Joint Committees**

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### **New inquiries of Joint Committees**

The following new inquiries were announced:

#### ***Artificial Intelligence Committee***

- [Joint Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence](#) – submissions due 14 September 2026

#### ***National Capital and External Territories Committee***

- [Inquiry into the National Capital Plan \(NCP\) Amendment No. 102 - Hume Circle Precinct](#) – submissions due 4 September 2026

#### ***Public Works Committee***

- [Services Australia—Proposed Fit-out of Leased Premises at 10 Macquarie Street, Parramatta, New South Wales](#) – submissions due 1 October 2026
- [Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts—Norfolk Island Multi-purpose Service Facility—Stage 1 Residential Aged Care Replacement project](#) – submissions due 1 October 2026

### **Reports of Joint Committees**

The following new reports were tabled:

#### ***Intelligence and Security Committee***

- [Advisory report on the Australia's Foreign Relations \(State and Territory Arrangements\) Amendment Bill 2026](#) – tabled 19 August 2026 (House), 20 August 2026 (Senate)

#### ***Public Works Committee***

- [Report 5/2026](#) – tabled 17 August 2026 (House), 20 August 2026 (Senate)

## **Laws passed**

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As at the close of business on 20 August 2026, the following Bills had passed both Houses and were awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill \(No. 2\) 2026](#)
- [Australia's Foreign Relations \(State and Territory Arrangements\) Amendment Bill 2026](#)
- [Cash Distribution Framework Bill 2026](#)
- [Cash Distribution Framework \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2026](#)

- [Combatting Illicit Tobacco Bill 2026](#)
- [Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment \(Omnibus No. 1\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Customs Tariff Amendment \(Incorporation of Proposals\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2026](#)
- [News Journalism Payments Bill 2026](#)
- [News Journalism Payments \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2026](#)
- [News Media Bargaining \(Administration\) Bill 2026](#)
- [News Media Bargaining Charge Bill 2026](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(News Media Bargaining\) \(Consequential\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Tax Reform No. 2\) Bill 2026](#)

Between the close of business on 17 August 2026 and the close of business on 20 August 2026, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [Interactive Gambling \(Cost Recovery Levy\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Interactive Gambling Amendment \(Gambling Reform\) Bill 2026](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment \(Securing the NDIS for Future Generations\) Bill 2026](#)
- [National Self-exclusion Register \(Cost Recovery Levy\) Amendment Bill 2026](#)

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