

AGS Last week in Parliament

7-10 September 2026

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [AI Kill Switch and Data Centre Control Bill 2026](#) – introduced 7 September 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Automated Decision-Making \(Safeguards and Transparency\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 7 September 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Firearms Legislation Amendment \(Repealing Unfair Gun Laws\) Bill 2026 \(No. 2\)](#) – introduced 7 September 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Customs and Other Legislation Amendment \(Illicit Tobacco Enforcement Modernisation and Other Measures\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 10 September 2026, Government Bill
- [Knox Class Action \(Facilitation\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 10 September 2026, Government Bill
- [National Student Ombudsman Levy Bill 2026](#) – introduced 10 September 2026, Government Bill
- [Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment \(National Student Ombudsman Levy\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 10 September 2026, Government Bill

Explanatory memoranda are available on the Bill page.

New inquiries of House Committees

Economics Committee

- [Inquiry into the use of technology to assist in improving productivity](#) – date for closure of submissions to be advised

Reports of House Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Petitions Committee

- [Report 14: Ministerial responses](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Selection Committee

- [Report No. 15 relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business](#) – tabled 9 September 2026

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new Bills were initiated:

- [Diplomatic Appointments \(Selection Process\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 7 September 2026, Private Member's Bill
- [Tax Laws Amendment \(Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations\) Bill 2026](#) – introduced 7 September 2026, Private Member's Bill

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New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Community Affairs References Committee

- [2025 National Health Reform Agreement with Western Australia](#) – submissions due 27 November 2026

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- [Carbon Credits and Other Legislation Amendment \(Integrity and Transparency\) Bill 2026](#) – submissions due 9 October 2026

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

- [Transnational repression and foreign interference](#) – submissions due 19 October 2026

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

- [Continued use and regulation of paraquat](#) – submissions due 22 October 2026

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Therapeutic Goods Amendment \(Medicines Shortages and Other Measures\) Bill 2026 and Therapeutic Goods \(Charges\) Amendment Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 1 September 2026
- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2026\)](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Economics Legislation Committee

- [Customs Amendment \(Safeguard Inquiries\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 28 August 2026
- [Annual Reports \(No. 2 of 2026\)](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Universities Accord \(Opening the Doors of Opportunity\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 3 September 2026
- [Wage Justice for Early Childhood Education and Care Workers \(Special Account\) \(Extending Support and Strengthening Safety\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 4 September 2026
- [Report on annual reports \(No. 2 of 2026\)](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- [Online Safety Amendment \(Strengthening Enforcement for the Social Media Minimum Age\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 25 August 2026
- [Report on Annual Reports \(No. 2 of 2026\)](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2026\)](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- [Defence Legislation Amendment \(RCDVS Implementation and Related Measures No. 2\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 4 September 2026
- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2026\)](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Annual reports \(No. 2 of 2026\)](#) – tabled 7 September 2026
- [Protecting Australians from Foreign Terrorist Fighters Bill 2026](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

- [Australia's youth justice and incarceration system – Progress report](#) – tabled out of session 31 August 2026
- [Illegal tobacco crisis in Australia](#) – tabled out of session 28 August 2026

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

- [Biosecurity Amendment \(Improving Operational Efficiency\) Bill 2026](#) – tabled out of session 28 August 2026
- [Report on annual reports \(No. 2 of 2026\)](#) – tabled 7 September 2026

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

- [Delegated Legislation Monitor 9 of 2026](#) – tabled 9 September 2026

Selection of Bills Committee

- [Report No. 11 of 2026](#) – tabled 10 September 2026

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Intelligence and Security Committee

- [Inquiry into the nature and drivers of radicalisation in Australia](#) – submissions due 30 October 2026

Law Enforcement Committee

- [Capability of law enforcement to respond to transnational crime in the Pacific](#) – submissions due 2 November 2026

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

- [Inquiry into the delivery of Snowy 2.0](#) – submissions due 9 October 2026

Public Works Committee

- [Australian Taxation Office—Proposed Fit-out of Existing Leased Premises at 747 Collins Street, Docklands](#) – submissions due 22 October 2026
- [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Australian High Commission Project Suva, Republic of Fiji](#) – submissions due 22 October 2026

Treaties Committee

- [Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles relating to Air Services](#) – submissions due 29 September 2026
- [Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of Australia](#) – submissions due 29 September 2026

Reports of Joint Committees

Human Rights Committee

- [Human rights scrutiny report - Report 10 of 2026](#) – tabled 9 September 2026

Treaties Committee

- [Report 234: Jakarta Treaty; Spain Classified Defence Information; WIPO GRATIK Treaty](#) – tabled 9 September 2026

Laws passed

As at the close of business on 10 September 2026, the following Bills had passed both Houses and were awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- [Biosecurity Amendment \(Improving Operational Efficiency\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Online Safety Amendment \(Strengthening Enforcement for the Social Media Minimum Age\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Strengthening Accountability for Tax Adviser Misconduct and Other Measures\) Bill 2026](#)

- [Wine and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026](#)

Between the close of business on 20 August 2026 and the close of business on 10 September 2026, the following Bills received assent by the Governor-General:

- [Australia's Foreign Relations \(State and Territory Arrangements\) Amendment Bill 2026](#)
- [Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill \(No. 2\) 2026](#)
- [Cash Distribution Framework \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Cash Distribution Framework 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](#)
- [Interactive Gambling \(Cost Recovery Levy\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Interactive Gambling Amendment \(Gambling Reform\) Bill 2026](#)
- [National Self-exclusion Register \(Cost Recovery Levy\) Amendment Bill 2026](#)
- [News Journalism Payments \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2026](#)
- [News Journalism Payments Bill 2026](#)
- [News Media Bargaining \(Administration\) Bill 2026](#)
- [News Media Bargaining Charge Bill 2026](#)
- [Online Safety Amendment \(Strengthening Enforcement for the Social Media Minimum Age\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Tax Reform No. 2\) Bill 2026](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendments \(News Media Bargaining\) \(Consequential\) Bill 2026](#)

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