Last week in Parliament

16-19 November 2026

House of Representatives

Bills initiated in the House

No new Bills were initiated in the House.

New inquiries of House Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Communications, the Arts and Sport Committee

- Inquiry into Australia's Postal Services – submissions due 7 December 2026

Reports of House Committees

No new reports were tabled.

Senate

Bills initiated in the Senate

The following new bills were initiated:

- Fair Work and Other Legislation Amendment (Value for Taxpayers' – Money) Bill 2026 – introduced 16 November 2026, Private Member's Bill
- Taxation Administration Amendment (Reinstating Credit Card Payments) Bill 2026 – introduced 16 November 2026, Private Member's Bill

Explanatory memoranda are available on the Bill page.

New inquiries of Senate Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2026 – submissions due 21 December 2026

Economics References Committee

- Foreign Currency Loans – submissions due 26 February 2027
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation – submissions due 26 February 2027

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- Competition and Consumer Amendment (AER Inquiry Powers) Bill 2026 – submissions due 14 January 2027

Reports of Senate Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- Child Support and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Ending Financial Abuse in the Child Support Scheme No. 1) Bill 2026 – tabled out of session 12 November 2026
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 [Additional information] – tabled 17 November 2026

Community Affairs References Committee

- Social Security (Administration) Legislation Amendment (Income Management and Enhanced Income Management) Instrument 2026 – Review 2 – tabled 19 November 2026

Economics Legislation Committee

- Domestic Gas Reservation Bill 2026 and related bills – tabled out of session 11 November 2026
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Reform No. 3) Bill 2026 and a related bill – tabled out of session 13 November 2026

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- Fair Work Amendment (Right to Work from Home) Bill 2025 – tabled 18 November 2026

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

- Online Safety Amendment (Digital Duty of Care) Bill 2026 – tabled 20 November 2026

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

- Department of Veterans' Affairs funded health treatment – tabled out of session 10 November 2026

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

- Australia's Youth Justice and Incarceration System – Corrigendum – tabled 19 November 2026

Scrutiny of Bills Committee

- Scrutiny Digest 14 of 2026 – tabled 18 November 2026

Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee

- Delegated Legislation Monitor 11 of 2026 – tabled 18 November 2026

Selection of Bills Committee

- Report No. 14 of 2026 – tabled 19 November 2026

Joint Committees

New inquiries of Joint Committees

The following new inquiries were announced:

Public Works Committee

- Australian Federal Police – Proposed Refurbishment of Existing Fit-out of Leased Premises, 110 Goulburn Street, Sydney – submissions due 31 December 2026
- Australian Taxation Office – Proposed Fit-out of Leased Premises, Albury, NSW – submissions due 31 December 2026
- Department of Defence – Facilities to Support Hobart Class Destroyer Aegis Combat System enhancements – submissions due 31 December 2026
- National Film and Sound Archive of Australia – Nitrate storage facility, Australian Capital Territory – submissions due 31 December 2026

Reports of Joint Committees

The following new reports were tabled:

Defence Committee

- Advisory Report on the Defence Legislation Amendment (Accelerating Capability and Protecting Bases) Bill 2026 – tabled 17 November 2026

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

- Report 519: Inquiry into the administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme – tabled 29 October 2026 (House), 17 November 2026 (Senate)

Public Works Committee

- Report 6/2026 – tabled 27 October 2026 (House), 17 November 2026 (Senate)

Laws passed

As at 20 November 2026, the following Bills were awaiting assent by the Governor-General:

- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2026
- Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Amendment Bill 2026
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2026
- Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2026

Explanatory memoranda are available on the Bill page.

Between the close of business on Friday 29 October 2026 and close of business on Friday 20 November 2026, no new Bills received assent by the Governor-General.

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