Aged Care Amendment (Movement of Provisionally Allocated Places) Bill 2019
(Health portfolio)
Amends the Aged Care Act 1997 to enable the Secretary of the Department of Health (or their delegates) to allow approved providers of residential aged care to move provisionally allocated residential aged care places from one region to another, within a state or territory.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 24/7/19

Aged Care Amendment (Staffing Ratio Disclosure) Bill 2019
(Ms Sharkie MP – CA)
Amends the Aged Care Act 1997 to: require approved residential care service providers to notify the secretary of the ratios of aged care recipients to staff members, broken down into categories of staff members, on a quarterly basis; and require a review of the proposed amendments 12 months after their commencement.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 22/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/7/19

Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Amendment (Worker Screening Database) Bill 2019
(Ms Sharkie MP – CA)
Amends the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Act 2018 to establish a database for nationally consistent worker screening to enable employers to search the database to screen potential employees for any history of misconduct.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 22/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/7/19
Agriculture Legislation Repeal Bill 2019

(Prime Minister’s portfolio)


House of Representatives:
- Introduced 2/7/19
- Read a 1st time 2/7/19

Air Services Amendment Bill 2018

(Senator Rice – AG)

Amends the: Air Services Act 1995 to: provide that the functions of Airservices Australia (AA) include undertaking activities to protect the human and natural environment, community amenity and residential areas from the effects of the operation and use of aircraft, and associated effects; introduce new consultation arrangements for AA and persons affected by aircraft noise; require AA to consider the need to minimise the impact of aircraft operations on the human and natural environment, community amenity and residential areas when preparing corporate plans; expand the AA board by up to two members and require that it include an expert in environmental management and a representative of a community group affected by aircraft noise; and provide for the creation and operations of the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman and related reporting arrangements; and Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to require the minister to appoint an independent Community Aviation Advocate to represent communities affected by aircraft noise.

Senate:
- Introduced 27/3/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 27/3/18
- Bill referred to Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee 28/3/18 (SBC report 4/18); extension of time to report 18/6/18; report tabled 16/8/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020

(Finance portfolio)

Appropriates money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the government.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19, 30/7/19
- Federation Chamber: Referred 30/7/19; 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19, 1/8/19

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2019-2020

(Finance portfolio)

Appropriates money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19
- Federation Chamber: Referred 20/2/19
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2019-2020
(Finance portfolio)
Appropriates money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19
- Federation Chamber: Referred 20/2/19

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Measures) Bill 2019
(Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts portfolio)
Amends the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983 to: amend the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Charter to require the ABC to broadcast programs that contribute to a sense of regional and national identity, and inform and entertain, and reflect the geographic and cultural diversity of, the Australian community; require the ABC Board to have two members with a substantial connection to, or substantial experience in, a regional area through business, industry or community involvement; establish a Regional Advisory Council to advise the ABC Board; and require the ABC Board to report annually on a range of additional matters, including the total number of individuals employed in regional and metropolitan areas, and the journalist to support staff ratio of employees.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19

Australian Cannabis Agency Bill 2018
(Senator Di Natale – AG)
Establishes the Australian Cannabis Agency to regulate the production and distribution of recreational cannabis in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

Senate:
- Introduced 27/11/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 27/11/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019
(Senator Griff – CA)
Amends the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987 to require accredited assisted reproductive technology (ART) centres to provide certain statistical information to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and require the AIHW to publish this statistical information and a list of non-complying accredited ART centres.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19
- Bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee 25/7/19 (SBC report 3/19); report due 11/11/19
Australian Multicultural Bill 2018
(Senator Di Natale – AG)
The bill: enshrines the principles of diversity and multiculturalism; establishes the Australian Multicultural Commission and provides for its functions, powers, constitution, operation and inquiries; and provides for annual reporting requirements for Commonwealth entities.

Senate:
- Introduced 23/8/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 23/8/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19

Australian Passports Amendment (Identity-matching Services) Bill 2019
(Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio)
Amends the Australian Passports Act 2005 to enable the minister to make Australian travel document data available for the purposes of, and by the automated means intrinsic to, the identity-matching services to which the Commonwealth, states and territories agreed in the Intergovernmental Agreement on Identity Matching Services, agreed by COAG on 5 October 2017.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19
- Bill referred to Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security 2/8/19

Australian Research Council Amendment (Ensuring Research Independence) Bill 2018
(Senator Faruqi – AG)
Amends the Australian Research Council Act 2001 to remove ministerial discretion in relation to the approval of research grants administered by the Australian Research Council.

Senate:
- Introduced 15/11/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 15/11/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment (Sunsetting of Special Powers Relating to Terrorism Offences) Bill 2019

(Home Affairs portfolio)

Amends the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* to extend the operation of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation's questioning and detention powers for a further 12 months to 7 September 2020.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Consideration in detail amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 30/7/19

**Senate:**
- Introduced 31/7/19
- Committee amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 1/8/19

**Assent:** 12/8/19 (Act No. 61, 2019)

Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and Their Families First) Bill 2019

(Veterans' Affairs portfolio)

The bill: provides a general recognition of veterans and their families; sets out the Australian Defence Force Covenant; provides statements that veterans' affairs portfolio legislation will be interpreted with a beneficial intention and that the Commonwealth is committed to working cooperatively with veterans, their families and ex-service organisations to address issues facing veterans; and provides that the Commonwealth may issue pins, cards and other artefacts to veterans and their family members.

**Senate:**
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Committee amendments: 3 JLN/passed
- Passed 29/7/19

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 30/7/19
- Read a 1st time 30/7/19

Banking Amendment (Rural Finance Reform) Bill 2019

(Ms Sharkie MP – CA)

Amends the *Banking Act 1959* to impose certain obligations and requirements on authorised deposit-taking institutions in relation to loans of up to $5 million to small primary production businesses.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 22/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/7/19
- **Bill referred** to House of Representatives Economics Committee 25/7/19 (**SC report no. 2**)
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019

(Senator Steele-John – AG)

Amends the Broadcasting Services Act 1992 to: require national broadcasters, commercial television broadcasting licensees and subscription television licensees to provide a minimum number of hours of television audio description per week; and provide for the Australian Communications and Media Authority to enforce and review the new requirement.

Senate:
- Introduced 12/2/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 12/2/19
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19

Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2019

(Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development portfolio)

Amends the Civil Aviation Act 1988 to require the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, in developing and promulgating aviation safety standards, to take into consideration the impacts of costs and the relative risk environment of the different aviation industry sectors.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/negatived
- Committee amendments: 2 JLN/negatived
- Passed 22/7/19

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- Read a 1st time 24/7/19

Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017

(Senator Di Natale – AG)

Prohibits the Commonwealth government or its agencies from funding the refurbishment, building or purchase, or assisting in the transfer of ownership, of a coal-fired power station.

Senate:
- Introduced 17/10/17
- 2nd reading adjourned 17/10/17, 19/3/18, 10/9/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
- Bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 2/12/19

Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2019

(Mr Bandt MP – AG)

Prohibits the Commonwealth government or its agencies from funding the refurbishment, building or purchase of, or providing indirect assistance to, a coal-fired power station.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 22/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/7/19
Combatting Child Sexual Exploitation Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

(Home Affairs portfolio)

Implements a number of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse by amending the: 
- **Crimes Act 1914** and **Criminal Code Act 1995** to: introduce two new offences, and related defences, court rules and protections, for failure to protect a child at risk of a child sexual abuse offence and failure to report child sexual abuse; and introduce a new offence, and related defences and changes to the definition of 'child pornography material', of possessing a doll or other object that resembles a child or part of a child intended to be used by a person to simulate sexual intercourse; 
- **Customs Act 1901** to prohibit the import and export of child-like sex dolls and similar objects; 
- **Surveillance Devices Act 2004** to allow applications for the emergency authorisation for use of a surveillance device to be made in relation to the new offence of possession of child-like sex dolls or other objects; 
- **Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979** to provide that the new offence of possession of child-like sex dolls or other objects is a serious offence for the purposes of the Act; 
- **Criminal Code Act 1995** to: introduce a new offence, and related presumptions and defences, for the possession or control of 'child abuse material' in the form of data held in a computer or on a data storage device; provide that the existing offence of persistent sexual abuse of a child outside Australia applies to the commission of two or more separate occasions of underlying child sex offences overseas over any period of time; amend the existing definition of 'forced marriage' to explicitly capture all marriages involving children under 16; remove the rebuttable presumption that a person under 16 is presumed to be incapable of understanding the nature and effect of a marriage ceremony; require the Attorney-General's consent to commence proceedings in relation to the offences of causing a person to enter a forced marriage and being a party to a forced marriage; clarify that forced marriage offences involving a child under 16 will automatically attract the aggravated maximum penalty of nine years' imprisonment; and narrow the existing defence to offences involving engaging in sexual intercourse or other sexual activity with a child or young person outside Australia, and procuring or 'grooming' a child for sexual activity outside Australia; and 
- **Crimes Act 1914**, **Criminal Code Act 1995**, **Customs Act 1901** and **Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979** to remove references to 'child pornography material' and reconstitute the current definitions of 'child abuse material' and 'child pornography material' into a single definition of 'child abuse material'.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 24/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 24/7/19

**Senate:**
- **Provisions of bill referred** to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 1/8/19 (SBC report 4/19); report due 5/9/19

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018

(Senator Steele-John – AG)

Amends the **Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918** and **Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984** to: lower the minimum (non-compulsory) voting age in Australian federal elections and referenda from 18 to 16 years; allow 14 and 15 year olds to be added to the electoral roll in preparation for their eligibility to vote at 16 years of age; provide for 16 and 17 year olds to be included in the certified list of voters (but not to be given a penalty notice if they do not vote); and provide that an eligible voter, who is not yet on the electoral roll or enrolled at their correct address, is able to cast a provisional vote on election day.

**Senate:**
- Introduced 18/6/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/18, 21/6/18
- **Bill referred** to Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters 25/6/18; extensions of time to report 20/9/18, 28/11/18; report presented out of sitting 29/3/19; report tabled in House of Representatives 2/4/19
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to **Notice Paper** at 2nd reading 4/7/19
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019
(Senator Hanson-Young – AG)
Amends the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* to make it an offence to supply or offer commercial goods to a consumer that include Indigenous cultural expression unless supplied by, or in accordance with a transparent arrangement with, an Indigenous artist or relevant Indigenous community.

Senate:
- Introduced 12/2/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 12/2/19
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
- **Bill referred** to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 5/12/19

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2017
(Senator Xenophon – Nick Xenophon Team)
Amends the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* to require the minister to make an information standard for goods containing palm oil and ensure that the information standard is in force at all times.

Senate:
- Introduced 21/6/17
- 2nd reading adjourned 21/6/17, 17/8/17
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19

Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
(Senators Griff and Patrick – CA)
Subject to approval in accordance with section 128 of the Constitution, the bill proposes an alteration to the Constitution to provide that the Commonwealth, States and Territories must not limit freedom of expression, including freedom of the press and other media.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019 [No. 2]
(Ms Sharkie MP – CA)
Subject to approval in accordance with section 128 of the Constitution, the bill proposes an alteration to the Constitution to provide that the Commonwealth, States and Territories must not limit freedom of expression, including freedom of the press and other media.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 29/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 29/7/19
Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019

(Senator Patrick – CA)
Subject to approval in accordance with section 128 of the Constitution, the bill proposes an alteration to the Constitution to: provide the Commonwealth with the power to make laws in relation to the use and management of water resources that extend beyond the limits of a state; and ensure that any Commonwealth law relating to water resources does not have an overall detrimental effect on the environment.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019 [No. 2]

(Ms Sharkie MP – CA)
Subject to approval in accordance with section 128 of the Constitution, the bill proposes an alteration to the Constitution to: provide the Commonwealth with the power to make laws in relation to the use and management of water resources that extend beyond the limits of a state; and ensure that any Commonwealth law relating to water resources does not have an overall detrimental effect on the environment.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 29/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 29/7/19

Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019

(Attorney-General’s portfolio)
Amends the: Crimes Act 1914 to: expand the existing presumption against bail and parole for persons charged or convicted of a terrorism offence to include persons being considered for bail for a further federal offence, persons the subject of a control order and persons who have demonstrated support for, or have links to, terrorist activity; and make it explicit that the best interests of a child must be considered as a primary consideration by the relevant decision maker at the key points in the criminal justice processes of bail, sentencing and parole; and Criminal Code Act 1995 to: expand eligibility for the continuing detention order (CDO) scheme by ensuring that terrorist offenders who are currently serving a period of imprisonment for a terrorism offence and another offence remain eligible for consideration for a CDO at the conclusion of their term of imprisonment; and amend the information disclosure obligations in relation to sensitive national security information in CDO applications.

Senate:
- Introduced 1/8/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 1/8/19
- Bill referred to Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security 2/8/19
Counter-Terrorism (Temporary Exclusion Orders) Bill 2019
(Home Affairs portfolio)
 Introduced with the Counter-Terrorism (Temporary Exclusion Orders) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019, the bill introduces a temporary exclusion orders scheme to delay Australians of counter-terrorism interest from re-entering Australia.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Consideration in detail amendments: 40 Opp/negatived
- Passed 23/7/19

Senate:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 CA/negatived
- Committee amendments: 40 Opp/negatived
- Passed 25/7/19

Assent: 30/7/19 (Act No. 53, 2019)

Counter-Terrorism (Temporary Exclusion Orders) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019
(Home Affairs portfolio)
 Introduced with the Counter-Terrorism (Temporary Exclusion Orders) Bill 2019, the bill amends the:
Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Act 2010 to enable the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor to review the operation, effectiveness and implications of the temporary exclusion orders scheme; and Intelligence Services Act 2001 to require the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security to monitor and review the exercise of powers under the scheme.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Consideration in detail amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 23/7/19

Senate:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 CA/negatived
- Committee amendments: 1 Opp/negatived; 1 AG/negatived; 2 CA/negatived
- Passed 25/7/19

Assent: 30/7/19 (Act No. 54, 2019)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Police Powers at Airports) Bill 2019
(Home Affairs portfolio)
 Amends the: Crimes Act 1914 to: broaden existing identity check provisions and create offences and powers in relation to identity check, move-on and ancillary directions by constables and protective services officers at Australia's major airports; and Australian Federal Police Act 1979 to provide that the offence of contravening an identity check or move-on direction is a protective service offence for the purposes of the Act.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19
Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019
(Attorney-General's portfolio)
Amends the Criminal Code Act 1995 to introduce two new offences in relation to the incitement of trespass or property offences on agricultural land.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Passed 1/8/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 4/7/19
  (SBC report 2/19); report due 6/9/19

Customs Amendment (Immediate Destruction of Illicit Tobacco) Bill 2019
(Home Affairs portfolio)
Amends the Customs Act 1901 to empower the Comptroller-General of Customs to cause tobacco products seized as prohibited imports to be dealt with in a manner he or she considers appropriate, including the immediate destruction of the goods.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 4/7/19
  (SBC report 2/19); report presented out of sitting 19/7/19

Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
(Senator Di Natale – AG)
Amends the: Sex Discrimination Act 1984 to remove the exemption for religious educational institutions to discriminate against students and teachers on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, gender identification, marital or relationship status or pregnancy; and Fair Work Act 2009 to ensure that religious exemptions from anti-discrimination provisions do not extend to educational institutions.

Senate:
- Introduced 16/10/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 16/10/18, 17/10/18, 18/10/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017

(Senator Waters – AG)

Amends the: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to impose additional obligations on the minister in making decisions on approvals and conditions; and Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Act 2016 to: require the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility to assess whether an entity is a suitable person for the purposes of providing financial assistance for Northern Australia economic infrastructure; and provide that, in undertaking an assessment, the facility consults with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Crime Commission. Also provides for a review of certain existing approvals under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 in relation to the Adani group.

Senate:
- Introduced 13/6/17
- 2nd reading adjourned 13/6/17, 15/6/17, 19/10/17
- Bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee 22/6/17 (SBC report 7/17); report tabled 14/9/17
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Heritage Listing for the Bight) Bill 2019

(Ms Sharkie MP – CA)

Amends the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to grant National Heritage status to the Great Australian Bight.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 22/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/7/19
Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019
(Industrial Relations portfolio)
Amends the: Fair Work Act 2009 to: prohibit terms of a modern award or an enterprise agreement requiring or permitting contributions for the benefit of an employee to be made to any fund other than a superannuation fund, a registered worker entitlement fund or a registered charity; require any term of a modern award or enterprise agreement that names a worker entitlement fund or insurance product to provide for an employee to choose another fund or insurance product; prohibit any term of a modern award, enterprise agreement or contract of employment permitting or requiring employee contributions to an election fund for an industrial association; and prohibit any action with the intent to coerce an employer to pay amounts to a particular worker entitlement fund, superannuation fund, training fund, welfare fund or employee insurance scheme; Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 to: require registered organisations to have written financial management policies that have been approved by the committee of management; require registered organisations to report certain loans, grants and donations; require specific disclosure by registered organisations of the financial benefits obtained by them and persons linked to them in connection with employee insurance products, welfare fund arrangements and training fund arrangements; introduce a range of new penalties relating to compliance by registered organisations with financial management, disclosure and reporting requirements; and make minor technical amendments; and Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986, Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 and Taxation Administration Act 1953 to make consequential amendments.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19, 1/8/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/pending

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 25/10/19

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019
(Industrial Relations portfolio)
Amends the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 to: include certain serious criminal offences as a new category of 'prescribed offence' for the purposes of the automatic disqualification regime in relation to registered organisations; establish an offence for a disqualified person to continue to act as an official or in a way that influences the affairs of an organisation; allow the Federal Court to disqualify officials from holding office in certain circumstances or if they are otherwise not a fit and proper person; allow the Federal Court to cancel the registration of an organisation on a range of grounds; expand the grounds on which the Federal Court may order remedial action to deal with governance issues in an organisation; expressly provide that the Federal Court may appoint an administrator to an organisation or part of an organisation as part of a remedial scheme; introduce a public interest test for amalgamations of registered organisations; and make minor and technical amendments.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 31/7/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 25/10/19
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19
Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extend Family Assistance to ABSTUDY Secondary School Boarding Students Aged 16 and Over) Bill 2019

(Social Services portfolio)

Amends the A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999 and A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999 to extend family tax benefit eligibility to families of ABSTUDY secondary school students who are aged 16 years or over and are required to live away from home to attend school.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19

**Senate:**
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee 1/8/19 (SBC report 4/19); report due 5/9/19

Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2019

(Agriculture portfolio)

Amends the Farm Household Support Act 2014 to: maintain the farm assets value limit for farm household assistance at $5 million; and ensure that allowable deductions are offset against the type of income to which they relate.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading amendments: 1 Opp/negatived; 1 KAP to Opp/negatived
- Passed 29/7/19

**Senate:**
- Introduced 30/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 30/7/19

**Assent:** 7/8/19 (Act No. 60, 2019)
Freedom of Information Legislation Amendment (Improving Access and Transparency) Bill 2018

(Senator Patrick – CA)

Amends the: Archives Act 1983 to require the reporting of external legal expenses incurred by the National Archives of Australia; Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010 to: ensure that the Information Commissioner holds specified qualifications; and require the separate appointment of the Australian Information Commissioner, the Privacy Commissioner and the Freedom of Information (FOI) Commissioner; and Freedom of Information Act 1982 to: enable the transfer of Information Commissioner reviewable decisions to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT); require the consistent application of exemptions by decision makers in the context of a review by the Information Commissioner; prevent the Information Commissioner from making FOI decisions if he or she does not hold specified qualifications; prevent agencies from publishing FOI information until at least 10 days after the applicant has received his or her copy of the information; and require the reporting of external legal expenses for each Information Commission or AAT FOI matter that has concluded.

Senate:
- Introduced 22/8/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/8/18
- Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 23/8/18 (SBC report 9/18); report presented out of sitting 30/11/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19

Future Drought Fund Bill 2019

(Finance portfolio)

Introduced with the Future Drought Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019, the bill uses uncommitted funds from the Building Australia Fund to establish the Future Drought Fund (comprised of the Future Drought Fund Special Account and the investments of the Future Drought Fund) as a dedicated investment vehicle to provide a secure revenue stream to be used for drought resilience, preparedness and response. Also establishes the Future Drought Fund Consultative Committee.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 22/7/19
- 2nd reading amendments: 1 Opp/negatived; 1 AG to Opp/negatived
- Passed 22/7/19

Senate:
- Introduced 23/7/19
- 2nd reading amendments: 1 Opp/negatived; 3 AG/negatived
- Committee amendments: 1 CA/passed; 17 AG/negatived
- Passed 24/7/19

House of Representatives:
- House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment 24/7/19

Assent: 30/7/19 (Act No. 55, 2019)
Future Drought Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019

(Finance portfolio)
Introduced with the Future Drought Fund Bill 2019, the bill makes consequential amendments to seven Acts to: support the operation of the Future Drought Fund; and provide for transitional arrangements.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 22/7/19
- Passed 22/7/19

Senate:
- Introduced 23/7/19
- 2nd reading amendments: 1 Opp/negatived; 3 AG/negatived
- Passed 24/7/19

Assent: 30/7/19 (Act No. 56, 2019)

Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019

(Senator Hanson-Young – AG)
The bill: prohibits mining activities, including prospecting or exploring for minerals or other geological material, in the Great Australian Bight marine area; establishes civil penalties for mining in the Bight; and requires the minister to submit the Great Australian Bight for consideration as a World Heritage Site.

Senate:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19, 1/8/19

Health Insurance Amendment (Bonded Medical Programs Reform) Bill 2019

(Health portfolio)
Amends the Health Insurance Act 1973 to introduce a statutory scheme (the Bonded Medical Program) which consolidates the existing Bonded Medical Places and Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship schemes under a single legislative framework.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Passed 31/7/19

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 31/7/19
- Read a 1st time 31/7/19

Higher Education Support Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2019

(Education portfolio)
Introduced with the Higher Education Support (Charges) Bill 2019, the bill amends the Higher Education Support Act 2003 to: implement an application fee for applications for approval as higher education providers whose students are entitled to FEE-HELP assistance; and provide for the collection and administration of the annual charge on higher education providers.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19
Higher Education Support (Charges) Bill 2019

(Education portfolio)

Introduced with the Higher Education Support Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2019, the bill amends the Higher Education Support Act 2003 to impose an annual charge on all higher education providers whose students are entitled to HECS-HELP assistance or FEE-HELP assistance.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Amendment (Australian Freedoms) Bill 2019

(Senator Bernardi – Ind)

Amends the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011 to: include a definition of ‘Australian freedoms’; require the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights to explicitly consider ‘Australian freedoms’ in its examinations of legislation; and require statements of compatibility for bills and disallowable legislative instruments to provide certain information in relation to ‘Australian freedoms’.

Senate:
- Introduced 23/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 23/7/19

Human Services Amendment (Photographic Identification and Fraud Prevention) Bill 2019

(Senator Hanson – PHON)

Amends the Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973 to require photographic identification on all Medicare cards to reduce fraudulent usage of Medicare cards.

Senate:
- Introduced 13/2/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 13/2/19
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 24/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 29/7/19
- Bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee 1/8/19 (SBC report 4/19); report due 12/9/19

Identity-matching Services Bill 2019

(Home Affairs portfolio)

Pursuant to the objectives of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Identity Matching Services (IGA), agreed by COAG on 5 October 2017, the bill provides for the exchange of identity information between the Commonwealth, state and territory governments by enabling the Department of Home Affairs to collect, use and disclose identification information in order to operate the technical systems that will facilitate the identity-matching services envisaged by the IGA.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19
- Bill referred to Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security 2/8/19
Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Bill 2019
(Agriculture portfolio)

Establishes an independent Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports to oversee the Department of Agriculture in its role as the regulator of Australia's live-stock exports.

Senate:
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19

Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 2 and Other Measures) Bill 2019
(Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio)

Amends the Patents Act 1990 to: introduce an objects clause; phase out the innovation patent system; replace the 'reasonable requirements of the public' test in relation to applications for a compulsory licence with a public interest test; provide that only the patentee of a dependent patent can seek a compulsory licence over the use of the original patent; provide for 'omnibus claims' in patent specifications to be removed at stages of consideration subsequent to examination; clarify the Commissioner of Patents' power to redact sensitive information from patent documents; remove the requirement to file a certificate of verification for documents translated into English, unless required by the regulations; clarify that Crown use can be invoked for the provision of a service that any Commonwealth, state or territory government has the primary responsibility for providing or funding; require governments to seek negotiated outcomes with patent owners before invoking Crown use; and require ministerial authorisation for invoking Crown use if a negotiated outcome is unsuccessful or in emergency situations; Designs Act 2003 to modify provisions relating to Crown use consistently with the changes to the Patents Act 2003; and Patents Act 1990 and Trade Marks Act 1995 to enable the Patent Office and Trade Mark Office to keep and use their official seal in electronic form when supplying electronic certified copies of documents to customers.

Senate:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19
- Bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 1/8/19 (SBC report 4/19); report due 4/9/19

Intelligence Services Amendment (Enhanced Parliamentary Oversight of Intelligence Agencies) Bill 2018
(Senator Patrick – CA)

Amends the Intelligence Services Act 2001 to expand the functions of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security to include reviewing the activities of Australia's national security and intelligence agencies, subject to certain exclusions.

Senate:
- Introduced 14/8/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 14/8/18
- Bill referred to Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee 23/8/18 (SBC report 9/18); report tabled 12/11/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015

(Senator Waters – AG)

The bill: provides that Australian landholders have the right to refuse the undertaking of gas and coal mining activities by corporations on their land without prior written authorisation; sets out the requirements of a prior written authorisation; provides for relief which a court may grant a land owner when prior written authorisation is not provided; prohibits hydraulic fracturing for coal seam gas, shale gas and tight gas by corporations; and provides for civil penalties.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/3/15
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/3/15
- **Bill referred** to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee 5/3/15 (**SBC report 2/15**);
  - report presented out of sitting 30/9/15
- Lapsed due to prorogation of first session of 44th Parliament 17/4/16
- Restored to **Notice Paper** at 2nd reading 19/4/16
- Lapsed due to dissolution of 44th Parliament 9/5/16
- Restored to **Notice Paper** at 2nd reading 31/8/16
- 2nd reading adjourned 24/11/16
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- **Restored to Notice Paper** at 2nd reading 31/7/19

Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2019

(Senator Faruqi – AG)

Amends the **Export Control Act 1982** to prohibit the export of live-stock for slaughter.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Live Sheep Long Haul Export Prohibition Bill 2019

(Ms Sharkie MP – CA)

Amends the **Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997 and Export Control Act 1982** to restrict the long haul export of live sheep and lambs during the northern hemisphere summer months of June, July, August or September in a five year transitional period, or at any time after that period, where the voyage is by ship and of duration exceeding 10 days, and where a place in that voyage is either the Persian Gulf or the Red Sea (regardless of whether it is the final destination).

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 22/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/7/19
Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019
(Home Affairs portfolio)

Amends the Migration Act 1958 to: remove provisions inserted by the Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Act 2019 (the medical transfer provisions) which created a framework for the transfer of transitory persons (and their family members, and other persons recommended to accompany the transitory person) from regional processing countries to Australia for the purposes of medical or psychiatric assessment or treatment; and provide for the removal from Australia, or return to a regional processing country, of transitory persons who are brought to Australia under the medical transfer provisions, once the temporary purpose for which they were brought to Australia is complete.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 25/7/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 18/10/19
- Introduced 29/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 29/7/19

Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2019
(Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs portfolio)

Amends the Migration Act 1958 to: enable the minister to specify groups of applicants who are required to provide one or more personal identifiers to have a valid visa application; render a visa application invalid if the applicant is required to provide one or more personal identifiers but does not provide them; and enable personal identifiers to be provided either by way of an identification test, or by another way specified by the minister.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019
(Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs portfolio)

Amends the Migration Act 1958 to: amend the character test by providing grounds to consider visa cancellation or refusal where a non-citizen has been convicted of offences involving violence against a person, weapons, breaching of an apprehended violence order (or similar) or non-consensual sexual acts; and make consequential amendments.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 13/9/19
Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2019
(Home Affairs portfolio)
Amends the *Migration Act 1958* and Migration Regulations 1994 to: prevent unauthorised maritime arrivals or transitory persons (referred to as members of the designated regional processing cohort) who were at least 18 years of age and were taken to a regional processing country after 19 July 2013 from making a valid application for an Australian visa; enable the minister to permit a member of the designated regional processing cohort, or a class of persons within the designated regional processing cohort, to make a valid application for a visa if the minister thinks it is in the public interest to do so; and prevent a member of the designated regional processing cohort from being deemed to have been granted a special purpose visa or being deemed to have applied for particular visas under the Migration Regulations 1994.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

**Senate:**
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 13/9/19

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019
(Veterans' Affairs portfolio)
Amends the: *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* to replace the existing two treatment pathways with a single treatment pathway that enables medical treatment to be accessed and provided through a Department of Veterans' Affairs Health Card; and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Ministers of State (Checks for Security Purposes) Bill 2019
(Senator Patrick – CA)
Requires the Prime Minister to direct the Director-General of Security to provide a report on matters relating to security arising from examination of the personal background and circumstances of all current and future ministers of state.

**Senate:**
- Introduced 12/2/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 12/2/19
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
- Bill referred to Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 11/11/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 29/7/19
Murray-Darling Basin Commission of Inquiry Bill 2019

(Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Establishes a commission of inquiry, with the same powers as a royal commission, to inquire into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin water resources and related matters.

Senate:
- Introduced 13/2/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 13/2/19
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
- Bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report due 19/9/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/7/19

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Streamlined Governance) Bill 2019

(National Disability Insurance Scheme portfolio)

Amends the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 to: introduce new requirements for appointments to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency and the Independent Advisory Council; establish a 28-day requirement for consultations with host jurisdictions for certain matters that require consultation (with the ability for host jurisdictions to seek an extension for up to 90 days); and re-categorise certain National Disability Insurance Scheme rules.

Senate:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19
- Bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee 25/7/19 (SBC report 3/19); report due 6/9/19

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Worker Screening Database) Bill 2019

(National Disability Insurance Scheme portfolio)

Amends the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 to establish a database for nationally consistent worker screening for people who provide NDIS supports and services through a registered NDIS provider.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Passed 22/7/19

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 23/7/19
- Read a 1st time 23/7/19
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2019

(Health portfolio)
Amends the National Health Act 1953 to: introduce a fee for applications by pharmacists for approval to supply Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medicines at particular premises; and enable pharmaceutical benefits to continue temporarily to be supplied following bankruptcy or where there is an external administrator in relation to the pharmacy.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

National Integrity Commission Bill 2018 (No. 2)

(Senator Waters – AG)
The bill: establishes the Australian National Integrity Commission as an independent public sector anti-corruption commission for the Commonwealth; provides for the appointment, functions and powers of the National Integrity Commissioner and commissioners; and makes consequential amendments to the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006, Ombudsman Act 1976 and Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013.

Senate:
- Introduced 29/11/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 29/11/18
- Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 6/12/18 (SBC report 15/18); report presented out of sitting 5/4/19
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 1/8/19

National Rental Affordability Scheme Amendment Bill 2019

(Families and Social Services portfolio)
Amends the National Rental Affordability Scheme Act 2008 to: expand and clarify the object of the National Rental Affordability Scheme; expressly identify the constitutional powers being relied upon and giving the Act operation within the scope of those constitutional powers; and expand and clarify the power to make regulations under the Act.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Committee amendments: 4 Opp/passed
- Passed 22/7/19

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- Read a 1st time 24/7/19
National Sports Tribunal Bill 2019
(Youth and Sport portfolio)
Introduced with the National Sports Tribunal (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019 to implement certain recommendations of the Report of the Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements (the Wood review), the bill provides for the establishment and operation of the National Sports Tribunal as an independent specialist tribunal for the hearing and resolution of sporting disputes.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 24/7/19

National Sports Tribunal (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019
(Youth and Sport portfolio)
Introduced with the National Sports Tribunal Bill 2019 to implement certain recommendations of the Report of the Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements (the Wood review), the bill makes consequential amendments to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006 and Freedom of Information Act 1982 to support the establishment of the National Sports Tribunal.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 24/7/19

New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019
(Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs portfolio)
Consequential on the Migration Amendment (New Skilled Regional Visas) Regulation 2019, which created two provisional skilled regional visas, the bill amends seven Acts to provide that holders of these provisional skilled regional visas will have the same access to welfare payments and government services as permanent visa holders where eligible.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19

Nuclear Fuel Cycle (Facilitation) Bill 2017
(Senator Bernardi – Ind)
Amends the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998 and Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to remove prohibitions on the construction or operation of certain nuclear installations.

Senate:
- Introduced 14/11/17
- 2nd reading adjourned 14/11/17, 30/11/17
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019

(Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio)

Introduced with the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019, the bill amends the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 to: transfer regulatory responsibility for offshore greenhouse gas wells and environmental management from the minister to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA); strengthen and clarify the powers of NOPSEMA inspectors to monitor and enforce compliance by regulated entities with their obligations under the Act and associated regulations; ensure valid designation of certain areas as ‘frontier areas’ for the purposes of the Designated Frontier Area tax incentive; make minor policy and technical amendments in relation to the operation of the Act; and remove references to specific titles of regulations, and instead enable references to the titles or provisions of regulations to be prescribed by regulations under the Act.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee 1/8/19 (SBC report 4/19); report presented out of sitting 28/8/19

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2019

(Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio)

Introduced with the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2019, the bill amends the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Act 2003 to: enable the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) to recover the costs of its oversight of well operations under greenhouse gas titles by imposing a well investigation levy, an annual well levy and a well activity levy in relation to greenhouse gas wells; impose the well activity levy on submission of a five-yearly revision of a well operations management plan and remove the levy imposed on applications for approval to commence well activities; clarify that it is a compliance investigation under the Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Act 2014 in relation to which a safety investigation levy or well investigation levy may be imposed; remove certain spent provisions; and remove references to specific titles of regulations, and instead enable references to the titles or provisions of regulations to be prescribed by regulations under the Act.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee 1/8/19 (SBC report 4/19); report presented out of sitting 28/8/19
Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty) Bill 2019

(Home Affairs portfolio)

Introduced with the Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty Consequential Amendments Bill 2019 to partially implement the Treaty Between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Establishing Their Maritime Boundaries in the Timor Sea (New York, 6 March 2018), the bill makes consequential amendments to the Passenger Movement Charge Act 1978 to remove references to the Joint Petroleum Development Area.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Passed 25/7/19

**Senate:**
- Introduced 29/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/negatived
- Passed 29/7/19

**Assent:** 7/8/19 (Act No. 58, 2019)

Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018

(Senator Hanson – PHON)

Establishes a legislative framework for a national plebiscite to be held in conjunction with the next general election that would ask Australians “Do you think the current rate of immigration to Australia is too high?”.

**Senate:**
- Introduced 15/8/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 24/7/19
- Negatived at 2nd reading 29/7/19

Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017

(Senator Rice – AG)

The bill: repeals the Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002; and makes consequential amendments to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

**Senate:**
- Introduced 7/9/17
- 2nd reading adjourned 7/9/17, 8/2/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
Road Vehicle Standards Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

(Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development portfolio)

Amends the Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018 and Road Vehicle Standards (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2018 to postpone the commencement of the substantive provisions of these Acts.

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Passed 22/7/19

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 23/7/19
- Read a 1st time 23/7/19

Royal Commissions Amendment (Private Sessions) Bill 2019

(Prime Minister’s portfolio)

Amends the: Royal Commission Act 1902 to: enable a Royal Commission to hold private sessions where a regulation is made authorising it to do so; enable the Chair of a multi-member Royal Commission, or a sole Commissioner, to authorise Assistant Commissioners to hold private sessions; and impose limits on the use and disclosure of private session information and certain information given to the Child Sexual Abuse Royal Commission; and Freedom of Information Act 1982 to make consequential amendments.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 31/7/19

Senate:
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19

Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Cashless Welfare) Bill 2019

(Social Services portfolio)

Amends the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999 to: provide that the Secretary of the Department of Social Services is the decision maker for all cashless debit card exit applications; broaden the criteria for the exit provisions to enable the secretary to take into account a person’s ability to manage their affairs generally, including their financial affairs; clarify that exit applications need to be made in a form that is approved by the secretary; and expand the wellbeing exemption provisions so that they apply more broadly across all regions.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 30/7/19

Senate:
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/negatived
- Committee amendments: 9 Opp/negatived; 4 AG/negatived
- Passed 1/8/19

Assent: 12/8/19 (Act No. 62, 2019)
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018

(Senator Siewert – AG)

Amends the: Social Security Act 1991 to: increase the maximum single rates of newstart allowance, youth allowance (away from home rates only), austudy, sickness allowance, special benefit, widow allowance and crisis payment by $150 a fortnight; standardise the indexation arrangements for certain pensions and allowances; and make amendments contingent on the commencement of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Act 2018; and Social Security (Administration) Act 1999 to provide that these payments are made from monies appropriated by the Parliament.

Senate:
- Introduced 10/9/18
- 2nd reading adjourned 10/9/18, 18/10/18
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 22/7/19

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Overseas Welfare Recipients Integrity Program) Bill 2019

(Social Services portfolio)

Amends the: Social Security Act 1991 and Social Security (Administration) Act 1999 to require certain welfare recipients aged 80 years and over, who have been absent from Australia for at least two years, to provide a proof of life certificate at least once every two years in accordance with a notice sent by the Secretary; and Social Security (Administration) Act 1999 to repeal certain provisions as a consequence of the cessation of Widow B Pension and Wife Pension from 20 March 2020.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 25/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019

(Senator Griff – CA)

Amends the: Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 to require voice calls communicating an electoral matter to a person must identify the use of any actors at the beginning of the call; Do Not Call Register Act 2006 to enable consumers who register on the Do Not Call Register to opt out of receiving phone calls from charities; Spam Act 2003 to require political parties to provide an unsubscribe function for all unsolicited electronic communications containing political content; and Telecommunications Act 1997 to make consequential amendments.

Senate:
- Introduced 13/2/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 13/2/19
- Lapsed immediately before commencement of 46th Parliament 1/7/19
- Restored to Notice Paper at 2nd reading 4/7/19
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment Bill 2019

(Education portfolio)

Amends the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011 to implement certain recommendations of the Review of the impact of the TEQSA Act on the higher education sector by: removing references to specific categories of non-threshold standards; removing unnecessary references to ‘the Research Minister’ and requiring that advice on new standards need only be sought from that minister in certain circumstances; requiring TEQSA to advise the minister and the Higher Education Standards Panel (the panel) before it undertakes a quality review that could have certain impacts; providing that overseas universities can offer a course of study not wholly or mainly provided from Australian premises, and use the word ‘university’ to represent its operations, without committing an offence; providing that a quorum for TEQSA meetings is a majority of commissioners; expanding the skill set that the minister must ensure is encompassed by the panel members; expanding the functions of the panel; providing a consent-based exception to the offence of unauthorised disclosure or use of information; allowing TEQSA to disclose certain higher education and personal information to the minister, the secretary and relevant officers; and allowing TEQSA to disclose information for research purposes and to a complainant in relation to a complaint without the consent of the body to which the information applies.

Senate:
• Introduced 25/7/19
• 2nd reading adjourned 25/7/19

Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty Consequential Amendments Bill 2019

(Resources and Northern Australia portfolio)

Introduced with the Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty) Bill 2019 to partially implement the Treaty Between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Establishing Their Maritime Boundaries in the Timor Sea (New York, 6 March 2018), the bill amends 25 Acts to: permanently delimit the continental shelf boundary and the exclusive economic zone boundary between Australia and Timor-Leste; allow for a future adjustment of the lateral continental shelf boundaries subject to specific conditions being met; and establish the Greater Sunrise Special Regime in the Special Regime Area.

House of Representatives:
• Introduced 4/7/19
• Consideration in detail amendment: 1 Govt/passed
• Passed 25/7/19

Senate:
• Introduced 29/7/19
• 2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/negatived
• Passed 29/7/19

Assent: 7/8/19 (Act No. 57, 2019)
Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019
(Treasury portfolio)
Amends the: Corporations Act 2001 and National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009 to allow regulations to provide for exemptions from the Australian Financial Services Licence and Australian Credit Licence requirements for the purposes of testing financial and credit products and services under certain conditions; Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 to amend the venture capital and early stage investor provisions to ensure that they operate as intended in relation to capital gains tax transactions, managed investment trusts and the early stage investor tax offset; and Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 to amend the definition of public trading trusts. Also provides for an independent review of the operation of the exemptions from the Australian Financial Services Licence and Australian Credit Licence requirements.

House of Representatives:
• Introduced 4/7/19
• 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2019
(Treasury portfolio)
Amends the: Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992 to enable certain employees with multiple employers to apply for an employer shortfall exemption certificate which prevents their employer from having a superannuation guarantee shortfall if they do not make contributions for a period; Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977 to make consequential amendments; Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 to ensure that a superannuation entity's non-arm's length income includes income where expenditure in gaining or producing it was not an arm's length expense; and Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, Taxation Administration Act 1953 and Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997 to ensure that, in certain circumstances involving limited recourse borrowing arrangements, the total value of a superannuation fund's assets is taken into account in working out individual members' total superannuation balances.

House of Representatives:
• Introduced 24/7/19
• 2nd reading adjourned 24/7/19
Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 1) Bill 2019
(Treasury portfolio)
Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to: remove a tax deduction which arises upon repayment of principal under a concessional loan by certain privatised entities; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to: introduce a new additional basic condition in relation to partnerships for the small business capital gains tax concessions; and limit tax deductions for losses or outgoings incurred that relate to holding vacant land; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 and Taxation Administration Act 1953* to extend to family trusts the anti-avoidance rules that apply to other closely held trusts that undertake circular trust distributions; *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to: allow taxation officers to disclose the business tax debt information of a taxpayer to credit reporting bureaus certain circumstances; and enable the Australian Taxation Office to develop and/or administer a framework or system for electronic invoicing; and *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* to ensure that an individual's salary sacrifice contributions cannot be used to reduce an employer's minimum superannuation guarantee contributions.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 1/8/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 25/7/19 (SBC report 3/19); report due 5/9/19
- Introduced 1/8/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 1/8/19

Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill 2019
(Treasury portfolio)
Amends: the *Corporations Act 2001* to: introduce new criminal offences and civil penalty provisions for company officers that fail to prevent the company from making creditor-defeating dispositions and other persons that facilitate a company making a creditor-defeating disposition; allow liquidators to apply for a court order in relation to a voidable creditor-defeating disposition; enable the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to make orders to recover, for the benefit of a company's creditors, company property disposed of or benefits received under a voidable creditor-defeating disposition; and prevent directors from improperly backdating resignations or ceasing to be a director when this would leave a company with no directors; the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* and *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to enable the Commissioner of Taxation to collect estimates of anticipated goods and services tax (GST) liabilities and make company directors personally liable for their company's GST liabilities in certain circumstances; the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to authorise the commissioner to retain tax refunds where a taxpayer has failed to lodge a return or provide other information that may affect the amount of a refund; and five Acts to make consequential amendments.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19
Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2019

(Treasury portfolio)

Amends the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010* and *Privacy Act 1988* to create the Consumer Data Right to provide individuals and businesses with a right to access specified data in relation to them held by businesses.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 24/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived
- Passed 30/7/19

**Senate:**
- Introduced 31/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 31/7/19
- Passed 1/8/19

**Assent:** 12/8/19 (Act No. 63, 2019)

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Treasury Laws Amendment (Ending Grandfathered Conflicted Remuneration) Bill 2019

(Treasury portfolio)

Implements a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry by amending the *Corporations Act 2001* to: remove grandfathering arrangements for conflicted remuneration and other banned remuneration from 1 January 2021; and enable regulations to provide for a scheme under which amounts that would otherwise have been paid as conflicted remuneration are rebated to affected customers.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 1/8/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 1/8/19

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Treasury Laws Amendment (Making Sure Multinationals Pay Their Fair Share of Tax in Australia and Other Measures) Bill 2019

(Treasury portfolio)

Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to: require an entity to use the value of the assets, liabilities and equity capital that are used in its financial statements; remove the ability for an entity to revalue its assets specifically for thin capitalisation purposes; and ensure that non-ADI foreign controlled Australian tax consolidated groups and multiple entry consolidated groups that have foreign investments or operations are treated as both outward investing and inward investing entities; *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* to require offshore suppliers of rights or options to use commercial accommodation in Australia to include these supplies in working out their GST turnover; and *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) Act 1999* to remove liability for luxury car tax from cars that are re-imported following service, repair or refurbishment overseas.

**House of Representatives:**
- Introduced 4/7/19
- Passed 31/7/19

**Senate:**
- Introduced 1/8/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 1/8/19
Treasury Laws Amendment (Putting Members' Interests First) Bill 2019
(Treasury portfolio)
Amends the: Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 to prevent trustees from providing insurance on an opt out basis to members who are under 25 years old and begin to hold a new product on or after 1 October 2019, and to members who hold products with balances below $6000; and Superannuation (Unclaimed Money and Lost Members) Act 1999 to make consequential amendments.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19

Senate:
- Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 4/7/19 (SBC report 2/19); report tabled 23/7/19

Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Relief So Working Australians Keep More Of Their Money) Bill 2019
(Treasury portfolio)
Amends the: Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 to: increase the base and maximum amounts of the low and middle income tax offset to $255 and $1080, respectively, for the 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years; and increase the maximum amount of the low income tax offset from $645 to $700 from the 2022-23 financial year; and Income Tax Rates Act 1986 to reduce the tax payable by individuals from the 2022-23 financial year by increasing the top threshold of the 19 per cent income tax bracket from $41 000 to $45 000, and from the 2024-25 financial year by reducing the 32.5 per cent income tax rate to 30 per cent.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 2/7/19
- 2nd reading amendments: 1 Opp/negatived; 1 AG to Opp/negatived
- Consideration in detail amendments: 5 Opp/negatived
- Passed 2/7/19

Senate:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading amendments: 1 Opp/negatived; 1 AG/negatived
- Committee amendments: 4 Opp/negatived; 2 AG/negatived
- Passed 4/7/19

Assent: 5/7/19 (Act No. 52, 2019)
Treasury Laws Amendment (Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty) Bill 2019

(Treasury portfolio)

Further to the Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty Consequential Amendments Bill 2019 and Passenger Movement Charge Amendment (Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty) Bill 2019, the bill gives effect to tax arrangements required to implement the Treaty Between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Establishing Their Maritime Boundaries in the Timor Sea (New York, 6 March 2018) by amending the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 to provide 'conditions equivalent' to participants in transitioned petroleum activities affected by the treaty. Also makes consequential amendments to six Acts.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 24/7/19
- Passed 25/7/19

Senate:
- Introduced 29/7/19
- 2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/negatived
- Passed 29/7/19

Assent: 7/8/19 (Act No. 59, 2019)

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Partner Service Pension and Other Measures) Bill 2019

(Veterans' Affairs portfolio)

Amends the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 to: extend eligibility for the partner service pension to former partners of veterans, regardless of marital status, for 12 months after separation from the veteran partner or indefinitely where specified circumstances exist (or until they enter into a new relationship); and reclassify service on submarine special operations between 1 January 1993 and 12 May 1997 as operational and qualifying service; and Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 and Defence Services Homes Act 1918 to amend certain definitions to ensure consistency with changes to the definition of marriage.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 1/8/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 1/8/19

Water Amendment (Indigenous Authority Member) Bill 2019

(Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management portfolio)

Amends the Water Act 2007 to provide for a standing Indigenous member position on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.

House of Representatives:
- Introduced 4/7/19
- 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/19
MORE INFORMATION

For further information about the consideration of legislation in the Senate:

- Guide to Senate Procedure No. 15—Reading a bill
- Guide to Senate Procedure No. 16—Consideration of legislation
- Guide to Senate Procedure No. 17—Debating legislation under time limits
- Odgers’ Australian Senate Practice, 13th edition—Chapters 12 (Legislation) and 13 (Financial Legislation)
- Senate Brief No. 8—The Senate and Legislation

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