

Parliamentary Committees 2020

Amid the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, parliamentary committees have adjusted their hearing, submission and reporting dates. Below is a current schedule for all committee inquiries.

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Treasury Laws Amendment (Research and Development Tax Incentive) Bill 2019	TBC	Closed	7 Aug 2020
National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020 [Provisions]	TBC	9 April 2020	31 July 2020
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019 (No. 2)	TBC	Closed	21 Sept 2020
Performance of the Inspector-General of Taxation	TBC	Closed	24 April 2020

Senate Economics References Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into foreign investment proposals	TBC	Open	7 Sept 2020
Unlawful underpayment of employees' remuneration	TBC	Closed	3 Dec 2020
Australia's oil and gas reserves	TBC	Closed	16 Sept 2020
Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability	TBC	Open	3 Dec 2020
Regional Inequality in Australia	TBC	Open	3 Dec 2020

Senate Education and Employment References Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
General Motors Holden Operations in Australia	TBC	25 June 2020	12 Nov 2020

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Lessons to be learned in relation to the Australian bushfire season 2019-20	TBC	22 May 2020	Final sitting day in 2021

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020	TBC	25 June 2020	14 Oct 2020
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020	TBC	30 June 2020	25 Sept 2020
National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2019	TBC	Closed	12 Aug 2020
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019	TBC	Closed	4 Sept 2020

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Nationhood, national identity and democracy	TBC	Closed	9 Sept 2020

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019 [Provisions]	TBC	Closed	20 Nov 2020
Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [Provisions]	TBC	Closed	19 Aug 2020

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia	TBC	Closed	16 April 2020
Centrelink's compliance program	TBC	Closed	19 Aug 2020
Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	TBC	Closed	2 Dec 2020
Investigations into a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria	1 May 2020	Closed	26 Nov 2020

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017	TBC	Closed	16 April 2020
Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019	TBC	Closed	16 April 2020
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020	TBC	21 May 2020	Second sitting Wednesday of 2021
Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019	TBC	Closed	Second sitting Wednesday of 2021
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019	TBC	Closed	17 April 2020

Senate Environment and Communications References Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment	TBC	Closed	Second sitting Wednesday of 2021
Press Freedom	TBC	Closed	Second sitting Wednesday of 2021
Impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia	TBC	Closed	Second sitting Wednesday of 2021
Australia's faunal extinction crisis	TBC	Open	Second sitting Wednesday of 2021

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Australia's general aviation industry	TBC	Open	30 November 2021
Performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	TBC	Closed	TBC

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Federal Government's response to the drought, and the adequacy and appropriateness of policies and measures to support farmers, regional communities and the Australian economy	TBC	Closed	18 June 2020
Identification of leading practices in ensuring evidence-based regulation of farm practices that impact water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef	TBC	Closed	1 Oct 2020
Importance of a viable, safe, sustainable and efficient road transport industry	TBC	Closed	14 Oct 2020
Management of the Inland Rail project by the Australian Rail Track Corporation and the Commonwealth Government	TBC	Closed	30 Sept 2020
Performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000	TBC	Closed	25 June 2020
Policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping	TBC	Closed	Wednesday of the first sitting week in June 2020

Senate Select Committee on Administration of Sports Grants

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Administration of sports grants	TBC	1 May 2020	24 June 2020

Senate Select Committee on Autism

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquire into and report on the services, support and life outcomes for autistic people in Australia and the associated need for a National Autism Strategy	TBC	17 July 2020	First sitting day of October 2021

Senate Select Committee on Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology	TBC	10 April 2020	First sitting day of October 2020

Senate Foreign Interference through Social Media

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Risk posed to Australia's democracy by foreign interference through social media	TBC	Closed	Second sitting day of May 2022

Senate Select Committee on Temporary Migration

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquire into and report on the impact temporary migration has on the Australian economy, wages and jobs, social cohesion and workplace rights and conditions	TBC	20 July 2020	2 Dec 2020

Senate Select Committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda	TBC	Open	Last sitting day of 2020

Senate Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019	TBC	Open	TBC
Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan	TBC	Open	1 Nov 2020

House Select Committee on Regional Australia

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquire into and report on matters affecting Regional Australia	TBC	Closed	TBC

House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquire into and report on growing Australian agriculture to \$100 billion by 2030	TBC	Open	TBC

House Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquire into and report on the deployment, adoption and application of 5G in Australia	TBC	Closed	TBC

House Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Education in Remote and Complex Environments	TBC	Closed	TBC

House Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into allergies and anaphylaxis	TBC	Closed	TBC

House Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Pathways and Participation Opportunities for Indigenous Australians in Employment and Business	TBC	Open	30 Sept 2020

House Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into Australia's Waste Management and Recycling Industries	TBC	Open	TBC

House Standing Committee on Economics

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Review of the Four Major Banks and other Financial Institutions	28 & 29 April 2020	Closed	TBC

House Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into options for financing faster rail	TBC	TBC	The committee has suspended its inquiry into options for financing faster rail while members focus on the containment of COVID-19 in their electorates and nationally

House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into homelessness in Australia	TBC	TBC	On 31 March 2020, in response to the Covid-19 situation, the Committee decided to suspend the inquiry until a later date

House Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into the Commissioner of Taxation Annual Report 2018-19	TBC	17 April 2020	TBC
Inquiry into the Tax Treatment of Employee Share Schemes	TBC	28 May 2020	TBC
Inquiry into the Development of the Australian Corporate Bond Market	TBC	28 May 2020	TBC

Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Integrity of Australia's border arrangements	TBC	1 May 2020	TBC

Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Australia's Family Law System	TBC	Closed	7 Oct 2020

Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Oversight of ASIC, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation No.1 of the 46th Parliament	TBC	Open	TBC
Regulation of auditing in Australia	TBC	Closed	1 Sept 2020

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering the Donation Disclosure Threshold) Bill 2019	TBC	Open	TBC
Inquiry into and report on all aspects of the conduct of the 2019 Federal Election and matters related thereto	15 May	Closed	TBC

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into Australia activating greater trade and investment with Pacific island countries	TBC	30 April 2020	TBC
Inquiry into Australia's defence relationships with Pacific island nations	TBC	30 April 2020	TBC
Inquiry into targeted sanctions to address human rights abuses	28 April 2020	30 April 2020	TBC
Inquiry into the human rights of women and girls in the Pacific	TBC	18 May 2020	TBC
Remediation of PFAS-related impacts ongoing scrutiny and review	TBC	TBC	TBC

Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into the impact of the exercise of law enforcement and intelligence powers on the freedom of the press	TBC	Closed	TBC
Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 18 (2018-2019) - Australian Intelligence Agencies	TBC	Closed	TBC
Review of the amendments made by the Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Assistance and Access) Act 2018	TBC	Closed	30 June 2020
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (International Production Orders) Bill 2020	TBC	30 April 2020	TBC

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Cyber Resilience: Inquiry into Auditor-General's Reports 1 and 13 (2019-20)	TBC	Open	TBC
Inquiry into the 2018-19 Defence Major Projects Report and the Future Submarine Project - Transition to Design (Auditor-General's Reports 19 and 22 (2019-20))	TBC	Open	TBC
Review of the Operations of the Parliamentary Budget Office 2019-20	TBC	Open	TBC
Inquiry into the human rights of women and girls in the Pacific	TBC	Open	TBC

Joint Select Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Implementation of the National Redress Scheme	15 April 2020	29 May 2020	TBC

Joint Select Committee on Road Safety

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Road Safety	TBC	Closed	31 Oct 2020

Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into the Opportunities and Challenges of the Engagement of Traditional Owners in the Economic Development of Northern Australia	TBC	Closed	On 26 March 2020, the Committee suspended inquiry related activity due to the ongoing problems associated with COVID-19

Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into the business case for the NBN and the experiences of small businesses	TBC	Closed	TBC

Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
NDIS Workforce	TBC	16 April 2020	TBC
NDIS Planning	TBC	Closed	TBC
General issues around the implementation and performance of the NDIS	TBC	Open	TBC

Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
Inquiry into Diversifying Australia's Trade and Investment Profile	TBC	Open	TBC
Inquiry into supporting Australia's exports and attracting investment	TBC	Closed	TBC

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
An Australian Standard for the training and use of privately contracted security and detection dogs	TBC	Open	TBC

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
RAAF Base Tindal Stage 6 Redevelopment and United States Force Posture Initiative Airfield Works	21 April 2020	9 April 2020	TBC
National Education Centre for the Great Barrier Reef, Reef HQ	TBC	Closed	TBC
ATO Proposed fitout of 152 Wharf Street Brisbane	TBC	Closed	TBC
LAND 121 Phase 5B Facilities Project	6 May 2020	Closed	TBC
Armoured Fighting Vehicles Facilities Program Stage 1	6 May 2020	Closed	TBC
ASIC Proposed fit out of new premises, Market Street, Sydney	TBC	Closed	TBC

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
COVID-19	28 & 29 April 2020	28 May 2020	30 June 2022

House Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy

Inquiry	Hearing dates	Submission deadline	Reporting date
National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment (Transparency in Carbon Emissions Accounting) Bill 2020	1 May	Closed	TBC