Appendix 22
PROPORTION OF HOUSE TIME SPENT CONSIDERING CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF BUSINESS 1996–2010

	38th Parliament		39th Parliament			40th Parliament			41st Parliament			42nd Parliament			43rd Parliament	
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Average
Legislation																
Government sponsored	48.0	53.8	49.8	54.2	54.9	52.0	51.5	50.7	56.8	58.0	50.4	58.6	53.9	61.3	48.8	53.5
Sponsored by Private Members	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.1	1.3	7.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.9
Total	48.9	54.1	50.4	54.5	55.3	52.9	51.7	51.0	56.9	59.3	57.5	58.8	53.9	61.4	50.1	54.4
Motions																
Government initiated	2.4	2.2	1.3	3.7	1.7	5.0	4.4	7.9	2.0	1.2	1.5	0.8	2.4	0.7	3.3	2.7
Initiated by Private Members	5.0	4.7	6.5	6.4	5.1	3.5	4.7	5.1	3.0	4.2	5.6	3.7	2.1	1.1	3.4	4.3
Total	7.5	6.9	7.8	10.1	6.9	8.4	9.1	13.0	4.9	5.3	7.1	4.5	4.5	1.9	6.6	7.0
Statements																
Ministerial statements	1.7	1.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	3.6	2.9	2.9	1.1
Statements by Private Members	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.5	_	0.1	0.7	0.6
Total	2.4	2.6	1.4	1.8	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.6	3.7	2.9	3.6	1.8
Matters of public importance	5.5	6.5	5.5	5.8	6.5	6.2	6.1	5.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	8.8	6.6	6.3	7.8	6.7
Adjournment debates	4.6	5.2	5.6	5.1	5.1	5.4	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.0	5.8	5.0
Grievance debates	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.4	_	_		2.4
Address-in-reply	3.3	_	3.4	_	_	_	2.5	_	3.1	_	_	_	3.7	_	4.0	3.3
Motions to suspend standing orders																
Government initiated	1.8	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Initiated by Private Members	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.8	0.7	2.2	1.8	0.6	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.4
Total	3.5	2.0	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.9	2.1	0.9	2.4	2.2	1.1	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.8
Business of the House	21.3	19.2	21.6	18.1	20.9	21.8	20.0	18.9	18.5	16.2	17.1	18.6	20.8	21.9	20.3	19.7

Note: For items included in the category 'Business of the House' see Appendix 23.

Table does not include proceedings in the Main Committee.

Discrepancies in totals are due to rounding.

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