

Statistical Digest

No. 4

26 May—5 June 2008

May-June 2008				
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Legislation

	26 May to 5 June	2008 to date
Bills presented to House		
Government bills	39	99
Private Members' bills	1	2
Senate bills	2	6
Bills referred to the Main Committee	18	39
Bills passed by the House	47	82

Other Business

	26 May to 5 June	2008 to date
Number of sitting days	8	26
Hours of sitting*		
House of Representatives Chamber	82 hrs 56 mins	243 hrs 37 mins
Main Committee	42 hrs 48 mins	99 hrs 36 mins
Business conducted in the House†		
Government Business	85 hrs 42 mins	180 hrs 24 mins
Private Members' Business	14 hrs 23 mins	31 hrs 16 mins
Other opportunities for Private Members	6 hrs 18 mins	47 hrs 46 mins
Questions without notice	11 hrs 15 mins	34 hrs 46 mins
Matter of public importance	4 hrs 55 mins	15 hrs 39 mins
Business of the House	3 hrs 11 mins	33 hrs 22 mins
Items of private Members' business debated#	9	19
Matters of public importance discussed	5	17
Questions in writing	22	130
Questions without notice	152	470
Petitions presented	25	37
Signatures to petitions	19,731	28,854
Divisions	33	77
Parliamentary committee reports presented	3	13

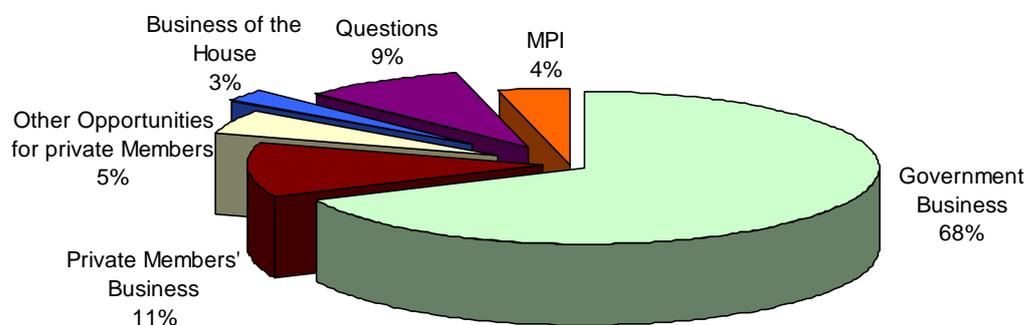
* Excluding time spent on suspensions of sittings.

† Includes Main Committee, see definitions on following page.

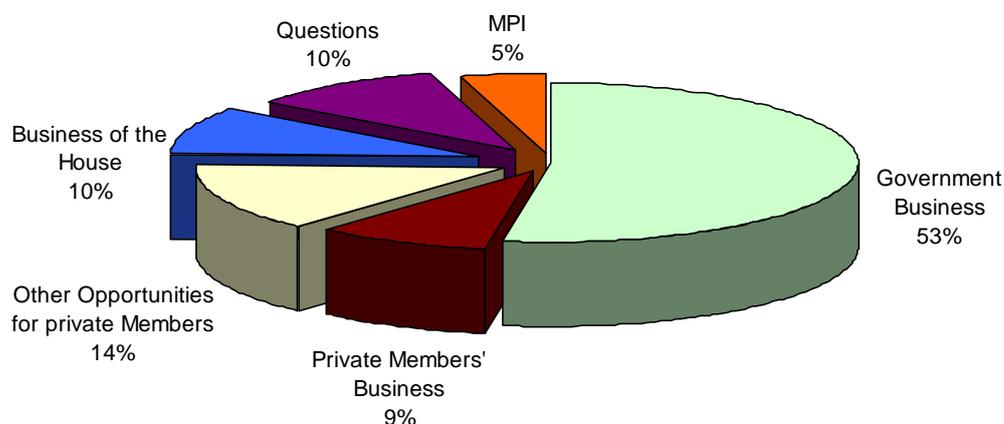
Does not include private Members' bills.

Business conducted in the House of Representatives

26 May – 5 June 2008



2008 to date



Government business includes government sponsored legislation and motions (including motions to suspend standing orders) and ministerial statements.

Private Members' business includes legislation and motions (including motions to suspend standing orders) sponsored by private Members and statements by Members.

Other opportunities for private Members includes adjournment, grievance debates and debates on Address in Reply.

Business of the House includes time spent on petitions, giving notices, presentation of papers (excluding motions to take note), privilege matters, personal explanations, dissent motions, announcements of ministerial arrangements, motions to appoint committees (unless moved by private Members), statements and debate on committee reports, motions for addresses, votes of condolence, leave of absence and special adjournment.