

Statistical Digest

No. 8

13–23 October 2008

October 2008				
M	T	W	T	F
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24

Legislation

	13 to 23 October	2008 to date
Bills presented to House		
Government bills	8	157
Private Members' bills	0	4
Senate bills	2	9
Bills referred to the Main Committee	9	56
Bills passed by the House	19	155

Other Business

	13 to 23 October	2008 to date
Number of sitting days	8	57
Hours of sitting*		
House of Representatives Chamber	72 hrs 0 mins	516 hrs 54 mins
Main Committee	30 hrs 10 mins	197 hrs 48 mins
Business conducted in the House†		
Government Business	66 hrs 33 mins	408 hrs 13 mins
Private Members' Business	8 hrs 43 mins	63 hrs 39 mins
Other opportunities for Private Members	6 hrs 9 mins	76 hrs 39 mins
Questions without notice	9 hrs 42 mins	78 hrs 17 mins
Matter of public importance	4 hrs 54 mins	34 hrs 11 mins
Business of the House	6 hrs 10 mins	53 hrs 45 mins
Items of private Members' business debated#	9	52
Matters of public importance discussed	5	36
Questions in writing	15	369
Questions without notice	144	1062
Petitions presented	15	94
Signatures to petitions	13,416	85,193
Divisions	25	134
Parliamentary committee reports presented	12	50

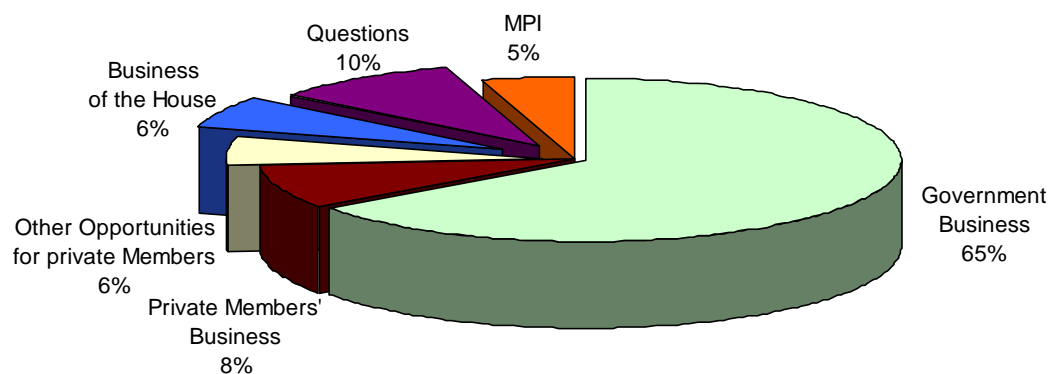
* Excluding time spent on suspensions of sittings.

† Includes Main Committee, see definitions on following page.

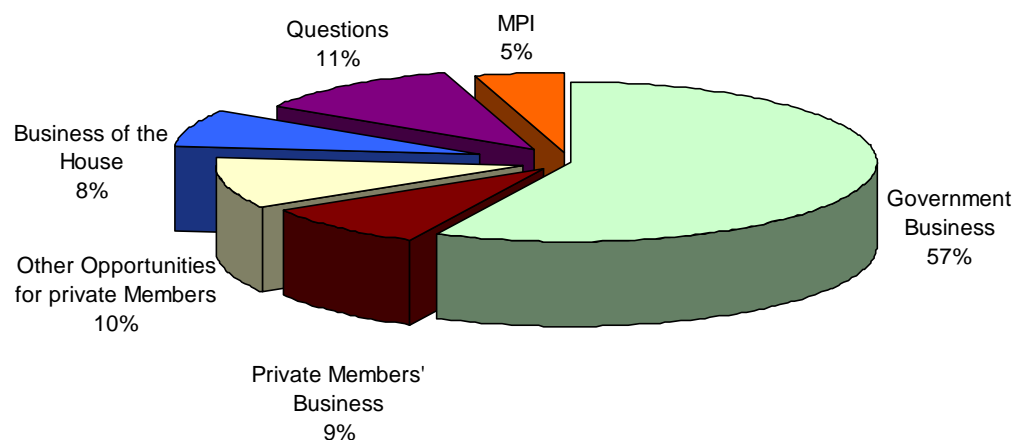
Does not include private Members' bills.

Business conducted in the House of Representatives

13 – 23 October 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.