

Statistical Digest

No. 6

26 August—4 September 2008

August-Sept 2008				
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Legislation

**26 August to
4 September****2008
to date**

Bills presented to House		
Government bills	12	128
Private Members' bills	1	4
Senate bills	1	7
Bills referred to the Main Committee	5	44
Bills passed by the House	17	120

Other Business

**26 August to
4 September****2008
to date**

Number of sitting days	7	41
Hours of sitting*		
House of Representatives Chamber	59 hrs 5 mins	372 hrs 47 mins
Main Committee	14 hrs 36 mins	140 hrs 4 mins
Business conducted in the House†		
Government Business	41 hrs 3 mins	278 hrs 40 mins
Private Members' Business	3 hrs 15 mins	42 hrs 44 mins
Other opportunities for Private Members	8 hrs 21 mins	64 hrs
Questions without notice	11 hrs 2 mins	57 hrs 52 mins
Matter of public importance	5 hrs 3 mins	24 hrs 18 mins
Business of the House	4 hrs 57 mins	45 hrs 17 mins
Items of private Members' business debated#	3	30
Matters of public importance discussed	5	26
Questions in writing	116	321
Questions without notice	142	773
Petitions presented	20	68
Signatures to petitions	8,897	67,369
Divisions	6	93
Parliamentary committee reports presented	9	34

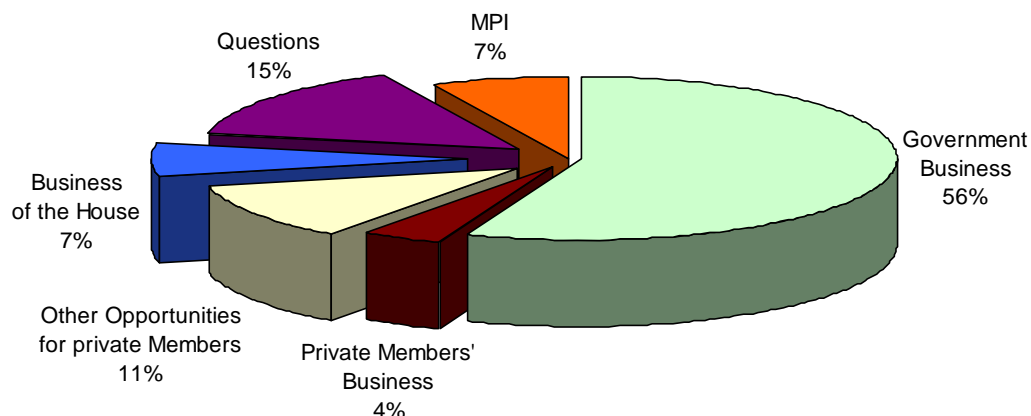
* Excluding time spent on suspensions of sittings.

† Includes Main Committee, see definitions on following page.

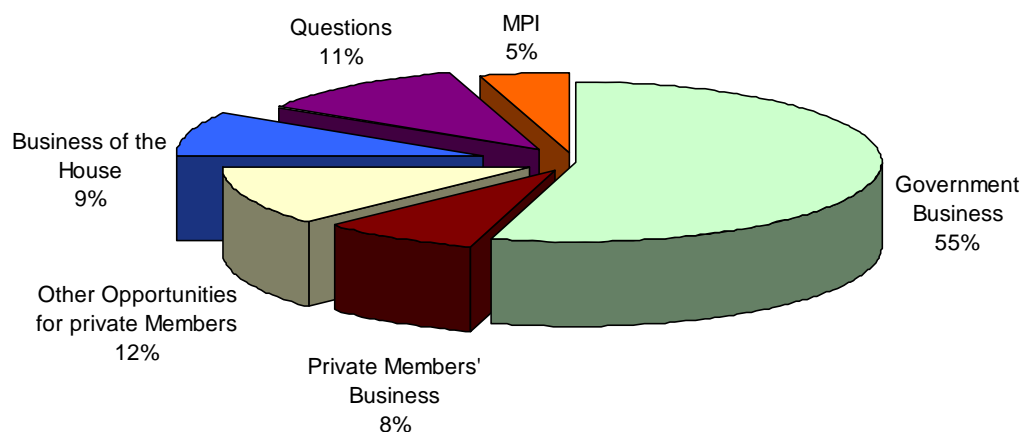
Does not include private Members' bills.

Business conducted in the House of Representatives

26 August – 4 September 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.