

Appendix 22

PROPORTION OF HOUSE TIME BY CATEGORY OF BUSINESS—RECENT PARLIAMENTS

	38th Parliament		39th Parliament			40th Parliament			41st Parliament			42nd Parliament		43rd Parliament		44th Parliament			
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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	50.5	50.7	48.0	56.3
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	2.6	2.2	1.9	0.3
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	53.0	52.9	49.8	56.6
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	0.7	1.6	0.7	0.5
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	3.5	6.0	4.6	3.6
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	4.2	7.6	5.3	4.1
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	2.3	1.7	1.3	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	1.9	1.9	1.8	4.8
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	4.1	3.5	3.1	5.8
Matters of public importance																			
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	6.7	6.7	6.2	4.4
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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Address in reply**	3.3	—	3.4	—	—	—	2.5	—	3.1	—	—	—	3.7	—	4.0	—	—	4.1	3.1
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	1.1	0.3	0.7	1.0
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	3.1	3.2	2.5	1.3
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	4.2	3.5	3.2	2.2
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	19.0	16.5	20.0	16.1

* Since 2008 grievance debates have taken place in the Federation Chamber.

** The Address in Reply takes place at the start of each Parliament.

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

Figures are percentages of House time and do not include proceedings in the Federation Chamber. Discrepancies in totals are due to rounding.

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