

Statistical Digest

No. 2

11 – 20 March 2008

March 2008				
M	T	W	T	F
10	11	12	13	15
17	18	19	20	22

Legislation

	11 to 20 March	2008 to date
Bills presented to House		
Government bills	18	50
Private Members' bills	1	1
Senate bills	3	3
Bills referred to the Main Committee	13	17
Bills passed by the House	17	25

Other Business

	11 to 20 March	2008 to date
Number of sitting days	7	15
Hours of sitting*		
House of Representatives Chamber	64 hrs 43 mins	135 hrs 19 mins
Main Committee	24 hrs 40 mins	47 hrs 05 mins
Business conducted in the House†		
Government Business	49 hrs 15 mins	75 hrs 19 mins
Private Members' Business	8 hrs 7 mins	15 hrs 13 mins
Other opportunities for Private Members	14 hrs 40 mins	36 hrs 12 mins
Questions without notice	9 hrs 47 mins	18 hrs 50 mins
Matter of public importance	4 hrs 32 mins	8 hrs 40 mins
Business of the House	3 hrs 2 mins	28 hrs 10 mins
Items of private Members' business debated#	5	10
Matters of public importance discussed	5	10
Questions in writing	77	78
Questions without notice	135	260
Petitions presented	12	12
Signatures to petitions	9,123	9,123
Divisions	24	38
Parliamentary committee reports presented	6	8

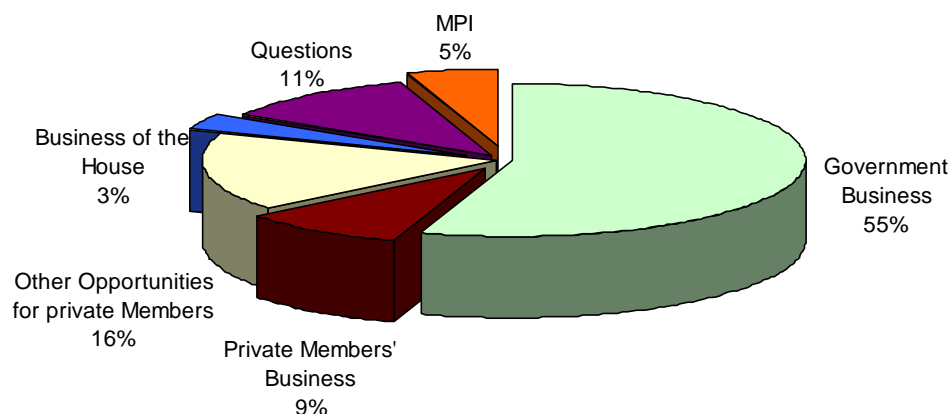
* Excluding time spent on suspensions of sittings.

† Includes Main Committee, see definitions on following page.

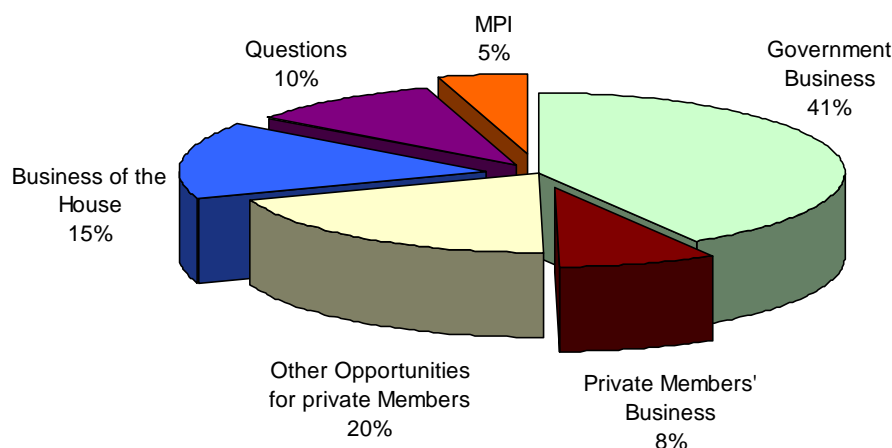
Does not include private Members' bills.

Business conducted in the House of Representatives

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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.