HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Statistical Digest

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Legislation	13 to 15 May	2008 to date
Bills presented to House		
Government bills	10	60
Private Members' bills	0	1
Senate bills	1	4
Bills referred to the Main Committee	4	21
Bills passed by the House	10	35
Other Business	13 to 15 May	2008 to date
Number of sitting days	3	18
Hours of sitting*		
House of Representatives Chamber	25 hrs 22 mins	160 hrs 41 mins
Main Committee	9 hrs 43 mins	56 hrs 48 mins
Business conducted in the House [†]		
Government Business	19 hrs 23 mins	94 hrs 42 mins
Private Members' Business	1 hr 40 mins	16 hrs 53 mins
Other opportunities for Private Members	5 hrs 16 mins	41 hrs 28 mins
Questions without notice	4 hrs 41 mins	23 hrs 31 mins
Matter of public importance	2 hrs 4 mins	10 hrs 44 mins
Business of the House	2 hrs 1 min	30 hrs 11 mins
Items of private Members' business debated#	0	10
Matters of public importance discussed	2	12
Questions in writing	30	108
Questions without notice	58	318
Petitions presented	0	12
Signatures to petitions	0	9,123
Divisions	6	44
Parliamentary committee reports presented	2	10

* 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



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.