

Statistical Digest

No. 10*24 November–4 December 2008*

<i>Nov-Dec 2008</i>				
M	T	W	T	F
24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5

Legislation

**24 November
to 4 December****2008
to date**

Bills presented to House		
Government bills	21	185
Private Members' bills	1	6
Senate bills	3	12
Bills referred to the Main Committee	7	64
Bills passed by the House	13	176

Other Business

**24 November
to 4 December****2008
to date**

Number of sitting days	8	69
Hours of sitting*		
House of Representatives Chamber	85 hrs 39 mins	638 hrs 30 mins
Main Committee	35 hrs 44 mins	247 hrs 42 mins
Business conducted in the House†		
Government Business	72 hrs 8 mins	511 hrs 49 mins
Private Members' Business	6 hrs 10 mins	74 hrs 34 mins
Other opportunities for Private Members	7 hrs 21 mins	87 hrs 25 mins
Questions without notice	11 hrs 52 mins	95 hrs 54 mins
Matter of public importance	5 hrs 34 mins	42 hrs 2 mins
Business of the House	18 hrs 18 mins	74 hrs 28 mins
Items of private Members' business debated#	4	60
Matters of public importance discussed	6	44
Questions in writing	150	554
Questions without notice	158	1290
Petitions presented	15	110
Signatures to petitions	11,639	96,859
Divisions	14	153
Parliamentary committee reports presented	13	65

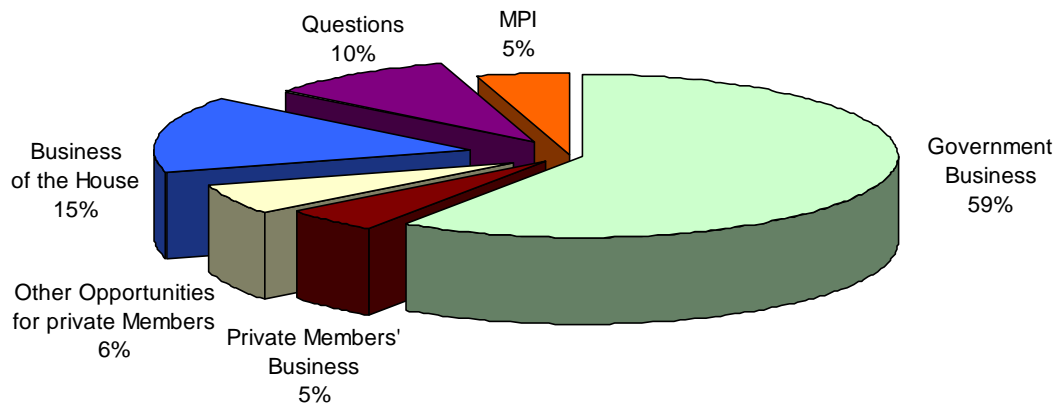
* Excluding time spent on suspensions of sittings.

† Includes Main Committee, see definitions on following page.

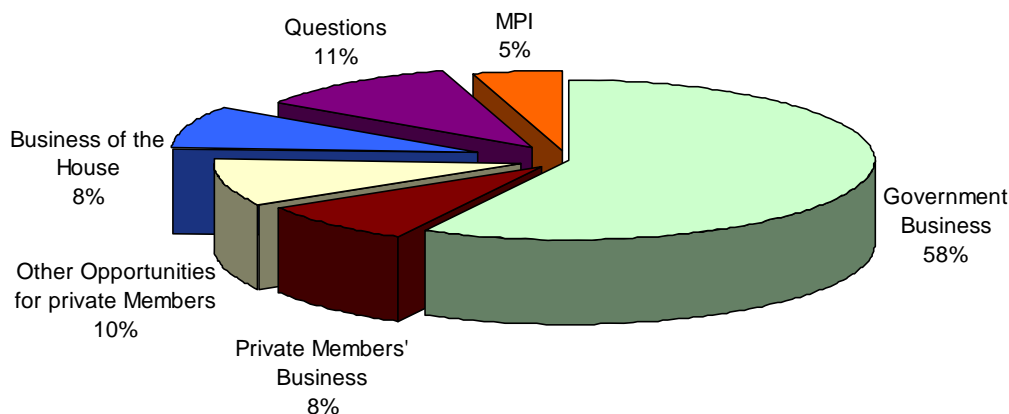
Does not include private Members' bills.

Business conducted in the House of Representatives

24 November – 4 December 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.