

Statistical Digest

No. 17*11–20 August 2009*

August 2009				
M	T	W	T	F
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21

Legislation

	11 to 20 August	2009 to date
Bills presented to House		
Government bills	7	133
Private Members' bills	1	3
Senate bills	1	5
Bills referred to the Main Committee	5	32
Bills passed by the House	15	129

Other Business

	11 to 20 August	2009 to date
Number of sitting days	7	44
Hours of sitting*		
House of Representatives Chamber	63 hrs 18 mins	420 hrs 19 mins
Main Committee	16 hrs 11 mins	161 hrs 7 mins
Business conducted in the House†		
Government Business	42 hrs 30 mins	358 hrs
Private Members' Business	4 hrs 57 mins	41 hrs 5 mins
Other opportunities for Private Members	3 hrs 58 mins	31 hrs 5 mins
Questions without notice	12 hrs 10 mins	66 hrs 6 mins
Matter of public importance	4 hrs 42 mins	26 hrs 38 mins
Business of the House	11 hrs 12 mins	58 hrs 32 mins
Items of private Members' business debated#	5	29
Matters of public importance discussed	5	29
Questions in writing	109	403
Questions without notice	138	753
Petitions presented	14	94
Signatures to petitions	10,479	206,804
Divisions	11	87
Parliamentary committee reports presented	6	46

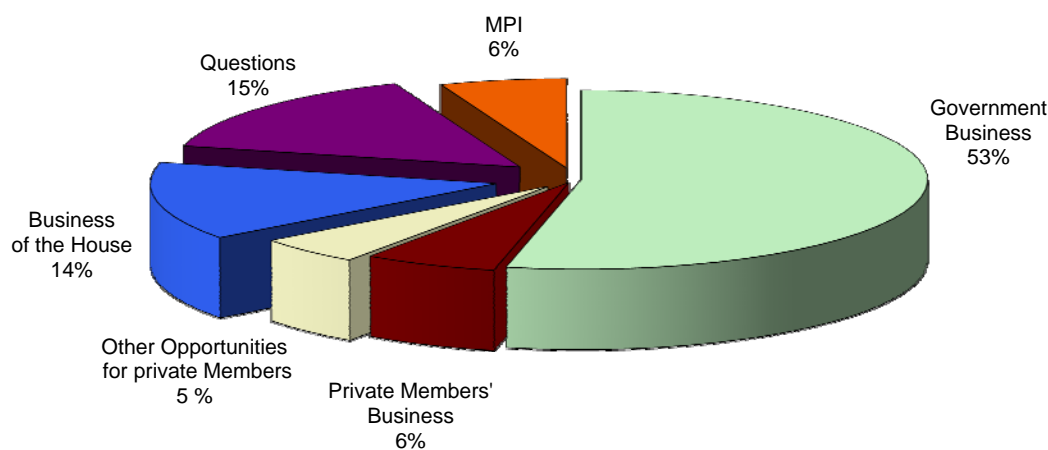
* Excluding time spent on suspensions of sittings.

† Includes Main Committee, see definitions on following page.

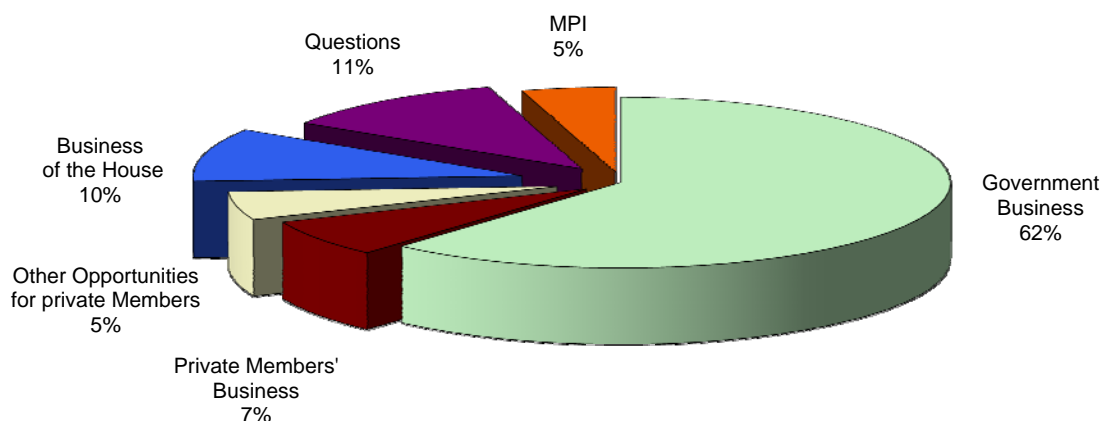
Does not include private Members' bills.

Business conducted in the House of Representatives

11 – 20 August 2009



2009 to date



Includes time spent in the Main Committee.

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.