

Comparative figures on committee references

Senator Kroger asked whether the rate of committee references in the first 12 months of the 43rd Parliament was less than for the same period at the beginning of the 42nd Parliament. I indicated that it was my impression that it was a bit lower, but the figures reproduced below indicate that referrals for the two periods are virtually the same. Both are in contrast to the equivalent period at the commencement of the 41st Parliament, figures for which are also included.

43rd Parliament	
28 Sept 2010 to 21 Feb 2011	52 references (35 bills, 17 reference matters)
<i>5 months, 18 sitting days</i>	
42nd Parliament	
12 Feb 2008 to 26 June 2008	53 references (35 bills, 18 reference matters)
<i>4.5 months, 21 sitting days</i>	
41st Parliament	
16 Nov 2004 to 17 Mar 2005	38 references (25 bills, 13 reference matters)
<i>4 months, 22 sitting days</i>	

Yours sincerely

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