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Statistical Digest

47th Parliament

No. 19, 6 to 7 December 2023

Legislation	6 to 7 December 2023	2023 to date	47 th Parliament to date
Bills presented to the House	3	170	266
Government bills	3	137	220
Private members' bills	0	24	32
Senate bills	0	9	14
Bills referred to the Federation Chamber	0	76	100
Bills passed by the House	0	131	202
Other business	6 to 7 December 2023	2023 to date	47 th Parliament to date
Number of sitting days	2	67	98
Hours of sitting*			
House of Representatives Chamber	19 hrs 31 mins	625 hrs 34 mins	919 hrs 58 mins
Federation Chamber	2 hrs 54 mins	255 hrs 19 mins	366 hrs 12 mins
Business conducted in the House†			
Government business	6 hrs 36 mins	414 hrs 40 mins	605 hrs 20 mins
Private members' business	0 hrs 0 mins	95 hrs 54 mins	140 hrs 18 mins
Other opportunities for private members	1 hr 29 mins	139 hrs 43 mins	212 hrs 38 mins
Questions without notice	1 hr 5 mins	81 hrs 15 mins	114 hrs 14 mins
Matter of public importance	0 hrs 1 min	49 hrs 4 mins	70 hrs 54 mins
Business of the House	13 hrs 15 mins	100 hrs 18 mins	142 hrs 47 mins
Private members' motions moved and debated~	0	157	220
Matters of public importance discussed	0	49	71
Questions in writing	62	394	462
Questions without notice#	18	1,322	1,888
Petitions presented	0	518	823
Signatures to petitions	0	727,317	1,012,501
Divisions	10	184	273
Parliamentary committee reports presented^	5	125	153

* Excludes suspension of sittings.

† Includes Federation Chamber. See definitions on following page. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

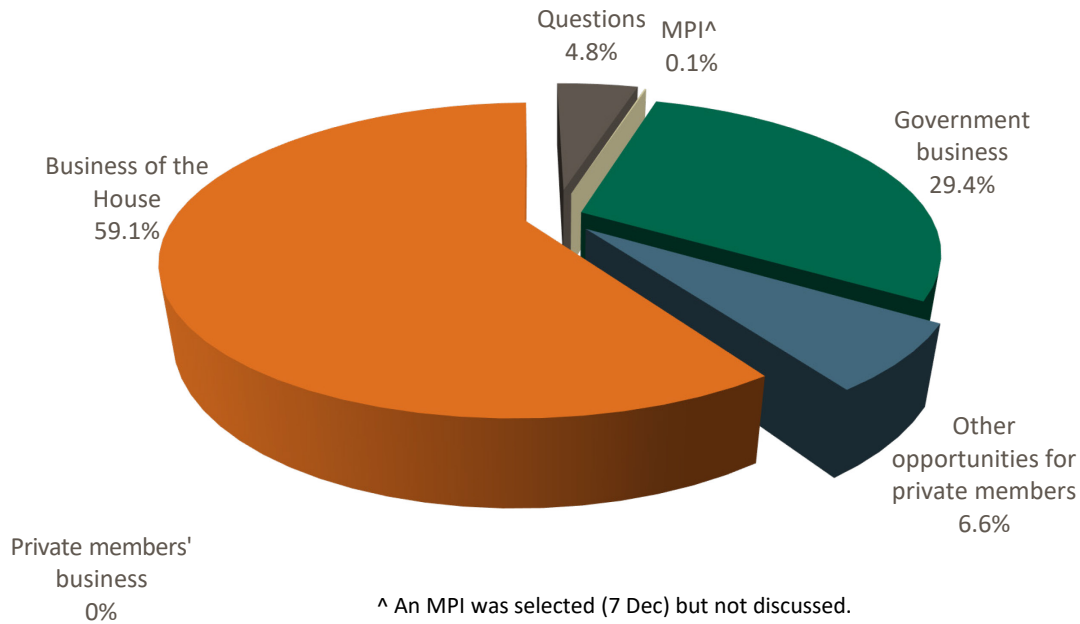
~ Excludes resumption of debate and motions moved outside of time allocated for private members' business.

Excludes questions ruled out of order.

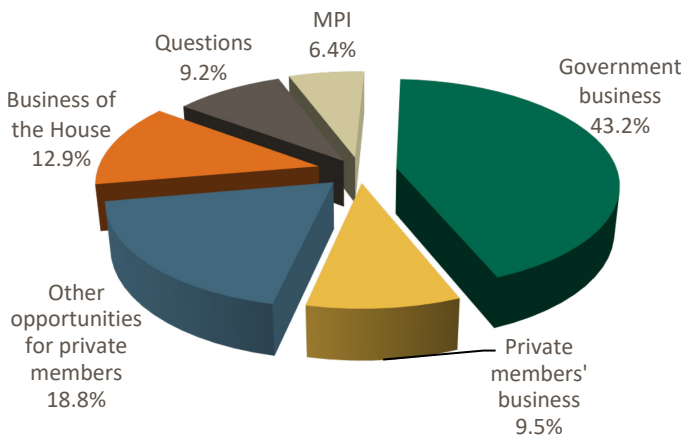
^ Includes advisory reports on bills.

Business conducted in the House of Representatives*

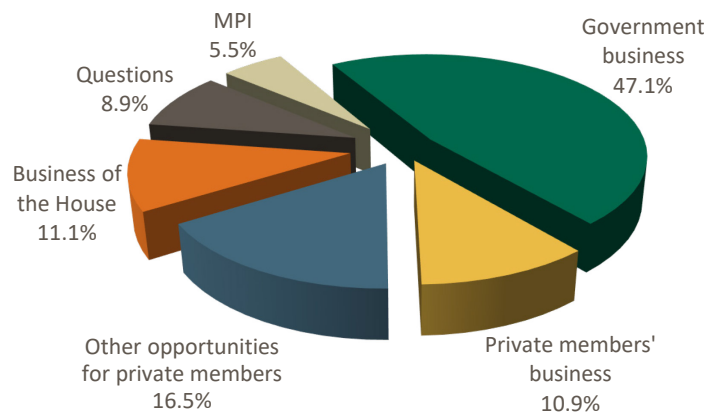
6 to 7 December 2023



46th Parliament



47th Parliament (to date)



Note: As at the beginning of the 46th Parliament, the allocation of items of business to categories represented in these graphs changed. All graphs shown above are calculated on the same basis but may not be comparable to previous editions of the Digest of earlier parliaments. Some further changes to the calculation of percentages were made in February 2023.

Government business includes government sponsored legislation and motions; ministerial statements and statements in reply.

Private members' business includes legislation and motions sponsored by private members.

Other opportunities for private members includes adjournment debates, grievance debates, debate on the Address in Reply, 90 second statements and members' constituency statements.

Business of the House includes, but is not limited to, time spent on petitions, statements by indulgence, presentation of papers, privilege matters, personal explanations, dissent motions, motions to suspend standing orders, announcements of ministerial arrangements, presentation and debate on committee and delegation reports and votes of condolence.

*Includes time spent in the Federation Chamber.