House of Representatives

Statistical Digest

March 2017

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No. 8 45th Parliament

20 – 30 March 2017

Legislation	20 to 30 March 2017	2017 to date	45 th Parliament to date
Bills presented to House	35	67	183
Government bills	26	51	147
Private Members' bills	6	11	28
Senate bills	3	5	8
Bills referred to the Federation Chamber	2	2	9
Bills passed by the House	21	49	109
Other Business	20 to 30 March 2017	2017 to date	45 th Parliament to date
Number of sitting days	8	19	46
Hours of sitting*			
House of Representatives Chamber	72 hrs 51 mins	170 hrs 46 mins	411 hrs 40 mins
Federation Chamber	36 hrs 34 mins	77 hrs 44 mins	164 hrs 18 mins
Business conducted in the House [†]			
Government Business	48 hrs 19 mins	101 hrs 48 mins	246 hrs 30 mins
Private Members' Business	25 hrs 2 mins	58 hrs 10 mins	133 hrs 8 mins
Other opportunities for private Members	15 hrs 40 mins	29 hrs 13 mins	68 hrs 58 mins
Questions without notice	9 hrs 5 mins	21 hrs 11 mins	50 hrs 19 mins
Matter of public importance	6 hrs 6 mins	15 hrs 9 mins	35 hrs 1 min
Business of the House	5 hrs 13 mins	22 hrs 59 mins	42 hrs 2 mins
Private Members' motions moved and debated [~]	21	40	101
Matters of public importance discussed	6	15	35
Questions in writing	28	74	714
Questions without notice [#]	156	346	857
Petitions presented	25	73	144
Signatures to petitions	2,606	37,923	211,868
Divisions	21	61	196
Parliamentary committee reports presented	15	34	70

^{*} Excludes suspension of sittings.

[†] Includes Federation Chamber, see definitions on following page.

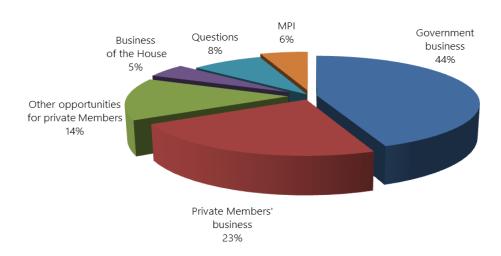
[~] Excludes resumption of debate.

[#] Excludes questions ruled out of order.

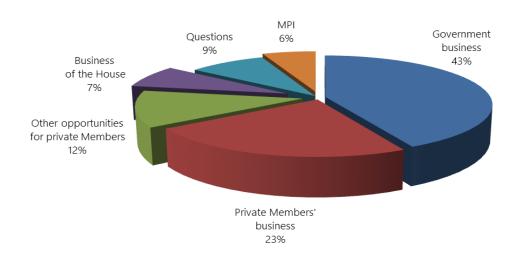
Includes advisory reports on bills.

Business conducted in the House of Representatives

20 to 30 March 2017



45th Parliament to date



Includes time spent in the Federation Chamber.

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 debates, grievance debates and debate on the 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.