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Statistical Digest

46th Parliament

No. 23, 3 to 12 August 2021

Legislation	3 to 12 August 2021	2021 to date	46th Parliament to date
Bills presented to the House	14	101	446
Government bills	10	73	348
Private Members' bills	1	16	60
Senate bills	3	12	38
Bills referred to the Federation Chamber	0	6	16
Bills passed by the House	15	87	348

Other business	3 to 12 August 2021	2021 to date	46th Parliament to date
Number of sitting days	7	43	136
Hours of sitting*			
House of Representatives Chamber	62 hrs 0 mins	381 hrs 0 mins	1,207 hrs 27 mins
Federation Chamber	0 mins	122 hrs 0 mins	417 hrs 5 mins

Business conducted in the House ⁺			
Government business	31 hrs 48 mins	240 hrs 28 mins	741 hrs 16 mins
Private Members' business	3 hrs 1 min	53 hrs 7 mins	169 hrs 40 mins
Other opportunities for private Members	7 hrs 4 mins	81 hrs 47 mins	288 hrs 35 mins
Questions without notice	8 hrs 29 mins	49 hrs 0 mins	152 hrs 26 mins
Matter of public importance	6 hrs 5 mins	35 hrs 34 mins	104 hrs 31 mins
Business of the House	5 hrs 33 mins	43 hrs 4 mins	168 hrs 4 mins
Private Members' motions moved and debated [~]	5	81	255
Matters of public importance discussed	6	35	104
Questions in writing	35	168	650
Questions without notice [#]	142	897	2,778
Petitions presented	73	413	1,220
Signatures to petitions	487,166	983,355	2,531,781
Divisions	8	200	740
Parliamentary committee reports presented ^	13	71	244

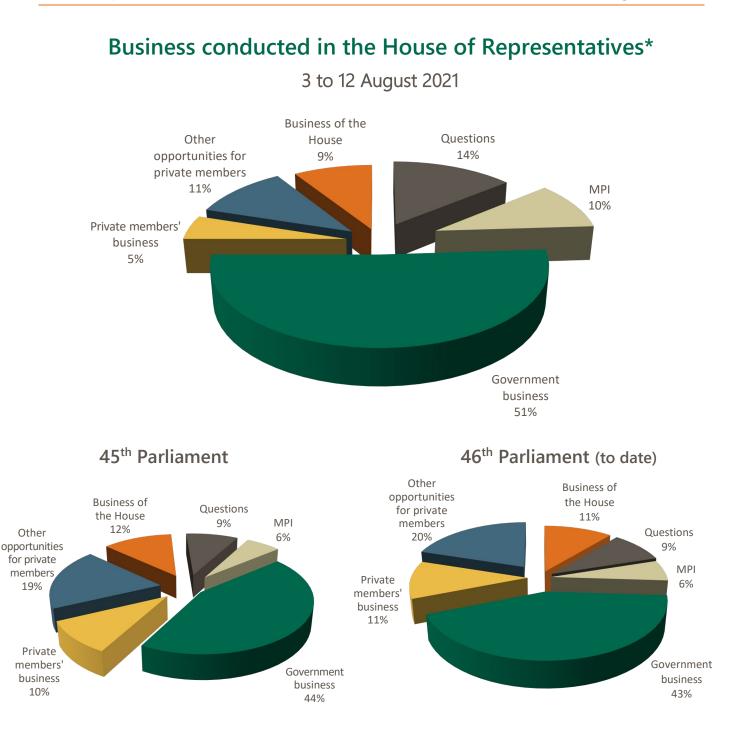
* Excludes suspension of sittings.

+ Includes Federation Chamber. See definitions on following page.

~ Excludes resumption of debate.

Excludes questions ruled out of order.

^ Includes advisory reports on bills.



Note: As at the beginning of the 46th Parliament, the allocation of items of business to categories represented in these graphs has 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.

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.