



Appendix C: Statistics on petitions to the House of Representatives

Petitions presented 1973-2013 House of Representatives and Senate

Year	<i>House</i>				<i>Senate</i>
	Number of petitions	Signatures	Ministerial response letters	% Ministerial responses	Number of petitions
1973	1677				119
1974	883				477
1975	2043				677
1976	1987				558
1977	1420				470
1978	1340				578
1979	2366				742
1980	1923				701
1981	2900				669
1982	2094				1014
1983	1885				860
1984	2315				870
1985	2955				1093
1986	5528				1262
1987	3622				1291
1988	1289				780
1989	1690				882
1990	564				404
1991	824				779
1992	843	365155	3	0.4%	607
1993	547	734785	0	0.0%	539
1994	540	360462	0	0.0%	464

Year	House				Senate
	Number of petitions	Signatures	Ministerial response letters	% Ministerial responses	Number of petitions
1995	431	456923	3	0.7%	589
1996	430	283163	5	1.2%	464
1997	633	322085	1	0.2%	476
1998	336	251466	0	0.0%	218
1999	232	139741	0	0.0%	194
2000	289	1411278	0	0.0%	102
2001	250	168226	0	0.0%	103
2002	319	362599	0	0.0%	99
2003	369	381083	1	0.3%	129
2004	471	214315	0	0.0%	180
2005	235	230190	1	0.4%	86
2006	276	250091	0	0.0%	161
2007	250	118596	1	0.4%	77
2008	109	96769	56	51.4%	53
2009	150	281600	94	62.7%	48
2010 ¹	136	253476	80	58.8%	27
2011	195	704954	136	69.7%	54
2012	120	241587	83	69.2%	40
2013	59	172894	38	64.4%	6

1 Petitions Presented: 93 and 43 in the 42nd and 43rd Parliaments respectively. Signatures: 185 689 and 67 787 in 42nd and 43rd Parliaments respectively.

Petitions presented 2005-2013 House of Representatives

Year	Number of petitions	Signatures	Ministerial response		Number presented by Members		Out of order petitions
			letters ²	%	Members	%	
2005	235	230190	1	0.4%	7	3.0%	50
2006	276	250091	0	0.0%	11	4.0%	80
2007	250	118596	1	0.4%	8	3.2%	51
2008	109	96769	56	51.4%	20	18.3%	39
2009	150	281600	94	62.7%	51	34.0%	20
2010	136	253476	80	58.8%	26	19.1%	34
2011	195	704954	136	69.7%	52	26.7%	80
2012	120	241587	83	69.2%	29	24.2%	52
2013	59	172894	38	64.4%	6	10.2%	12

2 Ministerial response letters may respond to more than one petition.
Ministerial response letters may respond to petitions presented in the previous year.

Petitions presented by Members
House of Representatives and Main Committee
42nd Parliament

Year	Grievance debate	Adj. debate-House	Adj. debate-Main Committee	90 second statements³	3 minute statements	Other⁴	Total
2008	0	4	4	0	11	1	20
2009	1	20	5	6	18	1	51
2010	0	3	2	1	12	1	19
Total	1	27	11	7	41	3	90

3 90 second statements were scheduled in the Main Committee on Monday evenings.

4 2008: presented by leave after MPI
 2009: presented by leave after Petitions presented
 2010: presented by leave on the last sitting day of the 42nd Parliament

Petitions presented by Members
House of Representatives and Federation Chamber
43rd Parliament

Year	Grievance debate	Adj. debate-House	Adj. debate-Federation Chamber	90 second statements⁵	3 minute statements	Other	Total
2010	0	1	2	0	4	0	7
2011	1	15	8	13	15	0	52
2012	0	9	4	10	6	0	29
2013	1	6	0	4	4	0	15
Total	2	31	14	27	29	0	103

3 90 second statements are scheduled in the House on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, before question time.

4 2008: presented by leave after MPI
 2009: presented by leave after Petitions presented
 2010: presented by leave on the last sitting day of the 42nd Parliament