

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

**Question No. 232**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:**

How many Bills have been completed but not approved by the Minister in time for introduction during the sittings concerned?

a) Which Ministers?

b) Which bills?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

Although OPC's Annual Report refers to a range of reasons why Bills may not be introduced, OPC does not necessarily know what the precise reason was in all cases. This is because OPC is not directly involved in the process of obtaining Ministerial or other policy approval.