

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Question No. 165

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

For those category T bills not completed at 31 October 2005, was the reason (a) lack of drafting instructions or (b) insufficient work teams available to complete the work?

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

There are various reasons that some category T bills were not completed by 31 October. In a limited number of cases there was a lack of complete drafting instructions. In other cases there was a reallocation of resources to other priority legislation. Some bills were larger and more complex than originally estimated and required more time including further discussion with instructing agencies