

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 115

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

In relation to each Bill or legislative instrument, please provide details of the drafting timetable including specifically any urgent bills or legislative instruments.

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

OPC does not draft any legislative instruments.

The drafting timetable for Bills is determined by the category allocated by the Parliamentary Business Committee – bills are categorised as T, A, B or C Bills. The attached document sets out information about all of the Bills introduced from 24 November 2007 to 18 October 2008 and shows:

- the name of the Bill
- the date on which the Bill was introduced
- whether the Bill was urgent or not (urgent includes all time-critical bills which have been classified as category T Bills).

The table does not include information about the category for each bill as this information is cabinet-in-confidence.