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1 PUBLICATION

- 1.1 The Legislative Council Procedure Office has compiled these statistics on the operation of the Council Chamber for the information of Members and the public. This publication is for the calendar year 2007. The sitting period during 2007 was from 20 March 2007 to 6 December 2007. This period continues the first session of the 37th Parliament which followed the State general election on 26 February 2005.
- 1.2 This report augments the statistics provided in the Annual Report of the Department of the Legislative Council.¹ The statistical information in this report is based on the calendar year rather than the financial year information contained in the annual report.
- 1.3 The decision to provide statistical information on the basis of a calendar year rather than for each session of Parliament was prompted by the Government's decision not to prorogue the annual sessions of Parliament since 2003. For many years the Houses of Parliament were prorogued in August of each year. Since the decision in 2003, prorogation only occurs prior to the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly in preparation for a State general election (as occurred in 2005). As such, the usual four year parliament will comprise just one session rather than four.
- 1.4 The addition of calendar year reporting of statistical information also mirrors the way in which Bills are treated once passed and have become Acts of Parliament on receiving the Royal Assent. Acts are numbered in accordance with the calendar year in which they are passed and not by session.
- 1.5 This report also contains a summary of some significant procedural and other matters that occurred in 2007. Some of these procedural issues from the first half of the parliamentary year are contained in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the Department of the Legislative Council.

2 FOCUS ON RESULTS

- 2.1 The Department's mission is to pursue excellence in supporting the Legislative Council. The Department achieves this by providing professional, advisory and

¹ Annual Reports of the Department of the Legislative Council can be viewed on the Parliament House website at www.parliament.wa.gov.au. Go to "Legislative Council" click on "Publications" and follow the link to the annual report.

administrative support to the Members and Officers of the Council. The gathering and analysing of statistical data assists the Department's ongoing efforts to provide improved services to Members and the public.

3 RULES OF THE HOUSE

3.1 The Legislative Council operates under rules (Standing Orders) which determines the amount of time allocated to particular matters and the hours and days on which the Council meets. These rules may be varied for particular lengths of time by the adoption of alternate sets of rules known as Sessional or Temporary Orders. As such, the annual statistics contained in this report may not be directly comparable to other years, as changes in the rules of House rules may significantly affect outcomes. The following information analyses the effect of different regimes on the business of the House.

3.2 The Council did not adopt a Sessional Order for 2007 but commenced its sittings on 20 March 2007 under its Standing Orders following the expiration of the 2006 Sessional Order. This brought to an end the Sessional Orders regime that had operated in various formats since 20 March 2003. The Sessional Orders first arose from recommendations of the *Report of the Select Committee on the Rules, Orders and Usages of the House*, tabled on 12 March 2003.²

3.3 The 2006 Sessional Orders, like the previous Sessional Orders, altered the schedule of sittings and times allocated for specific business under the Standing Orders with a view to providing for, amongst other things:

- i) additional Government business time;
- ii) specified times for opposition and non-official business while retaining similar total hours of sitting that occurred under the Standing Orders;
- iii) a balance between Members' parliamentary and electorate responsibilities; and
- iv) more 'family friendly' hours via a reduction of evening/late sittings.

4 STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

4.1 Sessional Orders have operated for 229 of the 460 sitting days since the Thirty-Sixth Parliament commenced on 1 May 2001. The tables, figures and text below attempt a comparative analysis between the various procedural regimes to determine whether the Sessional Orders have achieved their intended objectives.

² Tabled Paper No. 838. See also *Report of the Select Committee on the Rules, Orders and Usages of the House - interim report* - tabled on 5 March 2003 (Tabled Paper No. 793).

i) Increased Government business time

4.2 An analysis of times under the Standing Order and Sessional Order regimes indicates that Government business time increased during periods in which a Sessional Order has operated.

4.3 Three factors have contributed to this increase in Government business time under Sessional Orders. These are:

- a) increased time for orders of the day and total weekly sitting hours under Sessional Orders;
- b) additional business time available due to the decision not to prorogue Parliament annually; and
- c) decisions by government backbench members to proceed to Orders of the Day rather than take their allotted time for non-official business.

d) Increased time for Orders of the Day and total weekly sitting hours under Sessional Orders

4.4 All of the Sessional Orders regimes since 2003 were structured in a manner that provided increased blocks of time for Orders of the Day. Tuesdays were set aside for Orders of the Day, other than a period for formal business, question time and members statements (which replaced the traditional Adjournment debate).

4.5 Under Standing Orders, the Orders of the Day comprised approximately 8.75 hours of a standard 14.25 hour sitting week. By contrast, under Sessional Orders in their various forms, the Orders of the Day have comprised approximately 10 to 13 hours of an 18 hour sitting week.

4.6 As a result of the return to Standing Orders in 2007, the House spent significantly less time dealing with Orders of the Day for the 2007 sitting period when compared to the 2006 Sessional Orders.

4.7 Matters that may be debated during Orders of the Day include not only Government business but also disallowance motions and debate on the Address-in-Reply following an opening of a new session of Parliament. Government business therefore constitutes only a portion of total time devoted to Orders of the Day.

4.8 Table 1 below shows the periods over which the Standing, Sessional and Temporary Orders have operated and the total number of hours and total time devoted to Government business.

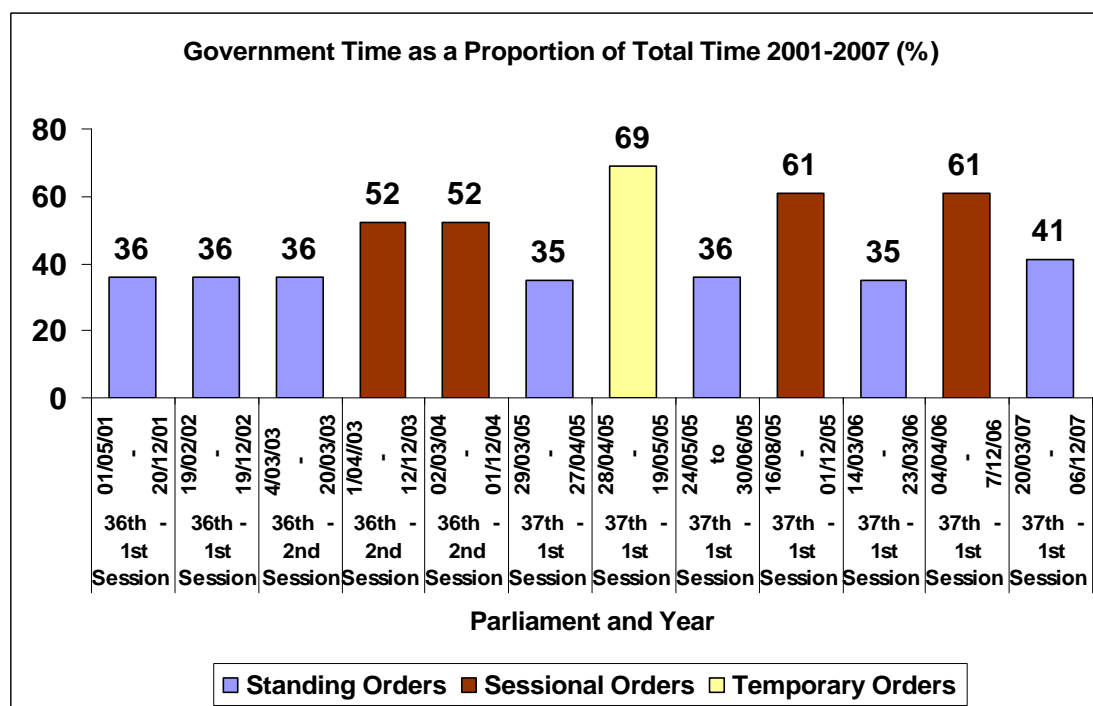
Table 1

Sitting Hours under Rules of the House 2001 to 2007

PARLIAMENT/SESSION/YEAR	PERIOD	SITTING DAYS	SITTING HOURS	GOVT. HOURS (APPROX)
36 th Parliament - 1 st Session under Standing Orders (2001)	01/05/01 - 20/12/01	58	325	117
36 th Parliament - 1 st Session and part 2 nd Session under Standing Orders (2002)	19/02/02 - 19/12/02	75	455	164
36 th Parliament - 2 nd Session under Standing Orders (2003)	4/03/03 - 20/03/03	9	47	17
36 th Parliament - 2 nd Session under Sessional Orders MKI (2003)	1/04/03 - 12/12/03	63	388	202
36 th Parliament - 2 nd Session under Sessional Orders MKII (2004)	02/03/04 - 01/12/04	70	423	220
37 th Parliament - 1 st Session under Standing Orders (2005)	29/03/05 - 27/04/05	8	34	12
37 th Parliament - 1 st Session under Temporary Order (2005)	28/04/05 - 19/05/05	8	74	51
37 th Parliament - 1 st Session under Standing Orders (2005)	24/05/05 - 30/06/05	9	44	16
37 th Parliament - 1 st Session under Sessional Orders MKIII (2005)	16/08/05 - 01/12/05	30	190	115
37 th Parliament - 1 st Session under Standing Orders (2006)	14/03/06 - 23/03/06	6	31	11
37 th Parliament - 1 st Session under Sessional Orders MKIV(2006)	4/04/06 - 7/12/06	59	362	222
37 th Parliament - 1 st Session under Standing Orders (2007)	20/03/07 - 6/12/07	59	301	126

4.9 Figure 1 (below) shows Government business time as a proportion of total time under the three procedural regimes in place from 2001-2007.

Figure 1



Government time (2006 vs 2007)

4.10 The return to Standing Orders in 2007 resulted in a decrease in time devoted to Government business when compared to 2006. For example, in 2006³ over 222 hours (61%) of a total 362 sitting hours were devoted to the Government's legislative agenda whereas in 2007, 126 hours (41%) of a total 301 sitting hours were devoted to dealing with government business.

4.11 The Government's decision to support the introduction of Sessional Orders in 2006, combined with the additional time gained from not proroguing Parliament annually, resulted in significant gains for Government business time when compared with the Standing Orders regime.

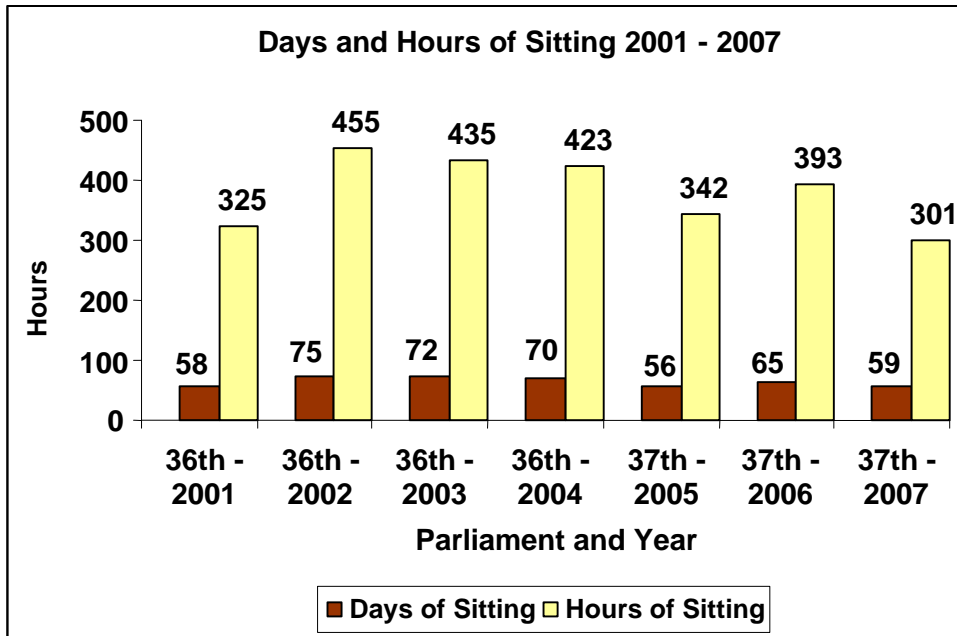
ii) Days and Hours of Sitting

4.12 An analysis of hours under Standing Orders and Sessional Orders from the commencement of the ALP Government in 2001 indicates that the average number of sitting days and hours have only increased marginally under Sessional Orders.

³ In 2006, the Council operated under Sessional Orders for 20 of the 22 sitting weeks. The Council operated under its Standing Orders for the first two sitting weeks.

4.13 Figure 2 shows the total days and hours of sitting from 2001 to 2007.

Figure 2



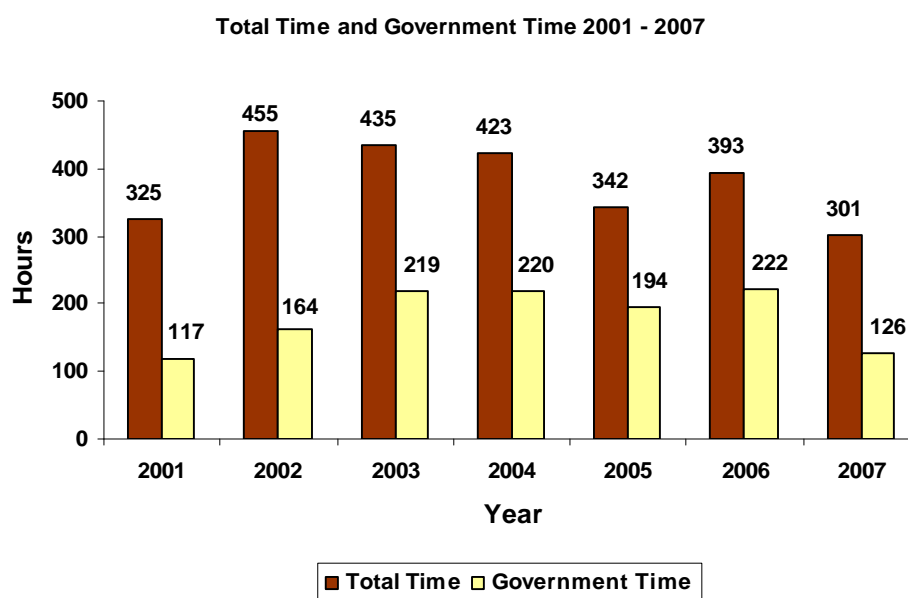
4.14 Sitting hours per day⁴ averaged 6 hours under Sessional Orders and 4.75 under Standing Orders. Consequently, the total number of sitting hours increased under the Sessional Orders when compared with years under the Standing Orders, though this was also a result of additional sitting days under Sessional Orders.

4.15 The previous Sessional Orders have, on average, provided for an additional two sitting weeks in the calendar sitting schedule. The House sat six additional days or 92 more hours in 2006 than in 2007.

⁴ The calculation of sitting hours for this purpose excludes meal breaks and time allocated for Members' Statements or the Adjournment debate.

4.16 Figure 3 below shows Government business time compared with total sitting time from 2001 to 2007.

Figure 3



iii) Balance between Member's parliamentary and electorate responsibilities

4.17 An intent of the original Sessional Order was to assist Members with their electorate responsibilities by alternating two weeks of sittings with a two week recess. This was largely abandoned in 2006 with three periods of three consecutive sitting weeks and four occasions where only a one week break separated sitting periods. Similarly, in 2007 in May/June, immediately prior to the winter recess, the House sat for six out of nine weeks broken by a two and then one week recess.

iv) More 'family friendly' hours

4.18 The pattern of sittings of the House are not regarded as 'family friendly', primarily due to the late night sittings.

4.19 The previous Sessional Orders regimes appear to have reduced the prevalence of very late night sittings (beyond midnight). All of the Sessional Orders specified a finish time for daily sittings (10.25pm).

4.20 The Standing Orders provide for an adjournment time of 10.00pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 5.00 pm on Thursdays. Following the Adjournment, members have an opportunity to speak for 10 minutes each during the 40 minutes allocated for the adjournment debate, meaning the sitting day concludes between 10.00pm and 10.40pm.

- 4.21 During 2007 a practice developed whereby messages from the Assembly would be read into the House immediately prior to the adjournment. If the practice of reading in bills and messages prior to the adjournment continues, there is the added potential that longer sitting hours and later rising times for the House could result.
- 4.22 The times the House has sat after midnight in the previous 12 years are listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2.

YEAR	NUMBER OF TIMES HOUSE SAT AFTER MIDNIGHT
1996	15
1997	7
1998	8
1999	3
2000	1
2001	2
2002	4
2003	0
2004	0
2005	4
2006	0
2007	0

- 4.23 In the seven year period from 1996 to 2002, when Standing Orders operated, the House sat beyond midnight on 40 occasions. For the five years from 2003 when Sessional Orders first came into operation, this has occurred only four times.⁵ All of these instances were during the period when the House was dealing with the Government's electoral reform legislation and operated under Temporary Orders.

⁵ 27/04/05, 29/04/05, 3/05/05 and 4/05/05.

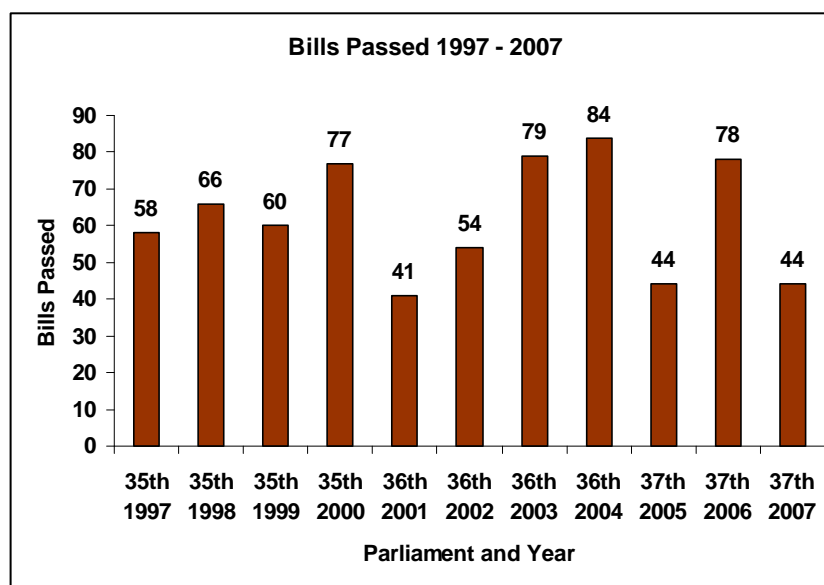
Bills passed and relationship with Sessional Orders

4.24 The number of bills passed in 2007 declined to levels similar to those traditionally associated with election years and new sessions of Parliament. It is difficult to determine whether there is any direct correlation between the establishment of the Sessional Orders regime and the volume of Bills passed by the House. This is due to many factors that impact on the Council's capacity to pass Bills. These include the number of Bills introduced, their length and complexity, the degree to which a particular Bill is contentious, whether a Bill requires amendment or referral to a committee and the political composition of the Chamber.

4.25 During the four years (2003-2006) that Sessional Orders have operated, the Council has passed an average of 71 Bills per annum. This is well above the average achieved between 1997 and 2002 (until the commencement of Sessional Orders in 2003). During this six year period the Council passed an average of just over 59 Bills per annum.

4.26 Figure 3 below shows the number of Bills passed by the Council from 1997 to 2007.⁶

Figure 3.



Suspension of Standing Orders

4.27 During 2007 the Standing Orders were suspended on four occasions. One of these occasions was to allow Hon Louise Pratt to make her valedictory speech to the Council prior to her election to a seat to the Senate.

⁶ The average number of Bills passed by the Council each year during 1993-2006 (13 years) is 68.5.

5 AMENDMENTS

- 5.1 The role of the House and its committees in scrutinising proposed legislation results in a considerable number of amendments being proposed. These amendments are listed on Supplementary Notice Papers (SNPs) issued in respect of each Bill. The capacity of Members to move amendments from the floor of the House during the Committee of the Whole stage is not excluded, but these amendments are not usually listed on the SNP. Given the volume of amendments proposed in the Council, the use of SNPs assists the orderly consideration of amendments and provides some degree of notice to Members (and to the Government) of the issues to be raised in debate during the Committee of the Whole House stage.
- 5.2 The political composition of the House during 2007, in which no party commanded an absolute majority of votes, resulted in the need for the Government to obtain the support of the Greens (WA), or Members of the Opposition to enable it to pass its legislative program. This provided more opportunity for non-government Members, the official opposition, or the Greens (WA) to negotiate with Government on proposed amendments.
- 5.3 In 2007 the Procedure Office gathered statistical information on the number of amendments published in SNPs proposed by Government, and each of the parties represented in the Chamber. These are shown in Appendix 3.

6 BILLS

- 6.1 In 2007 the Council passed 44 Bills, 39 of which became Acts of Parliament. Of the 44 Bills, the Council amended 15. This compares with 78 Bills passed in 2006 following the introduction of the 2006 Sessional Orders.⁷ The number of Bills passed by the Council in a year is not necessarily an accurate measure of the productivity of the House. The scrutiny and passage of legislation is only one, albeit very significant, activity of the House.
- 6.2 It is important to note that Bills may vary considerably in their length and complexity. As such, the number of Bills passed only provides a rough measure of performance. The number of pages of legislation arguably provides a better indication of performance, although this too ignores factors such as complexity or level of community concern, which may prolong debate.

⁷ The 2006 Sessional Orders provided for additional government business time to deal with the Government's legislative agenda. The Sessional Orders provided for a percentage increase from approximately 35% of the total sitting hours devoted to the passage of legislation to approximately 61% of the total time.

- 6.3 The Procedure Office is now including in its statistical summary the number of pages of legislation passed to enable a quantitative comparison of the volume of legislation with future years. These and other statistics relevant to Bills are contained in Appendix 3.

Bills Proceeding to Third Reading by Leave

- 6.4 Leave was granted on 11 occasions to dispense with Committee of the Whole stage and to proceed to the Third Reading of the Bill. They were:

- *Racing and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2006;*
- *Racing and Wagering Western Australia Tax Amendment Bill 2006;*
- *Gas and Electricity Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2006;*
- *Racing, Wagering and Betting Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2007;*
- *Wills Amendment Bill 2006;*
- *Child Support (Adoption of Laws) Amendment Bill 2007;*
- *Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Amendment Bill 2007;*
- *Electricity Industry Amendment Bill 2007;*
- *Judges' Salaries and Pensions Amendment Bill 2007;*
- *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment (Smoke Alarms) Bill 2007; and*
- *Criminal Code Amendment (Drink and Food Spiking) Bill 2007.*

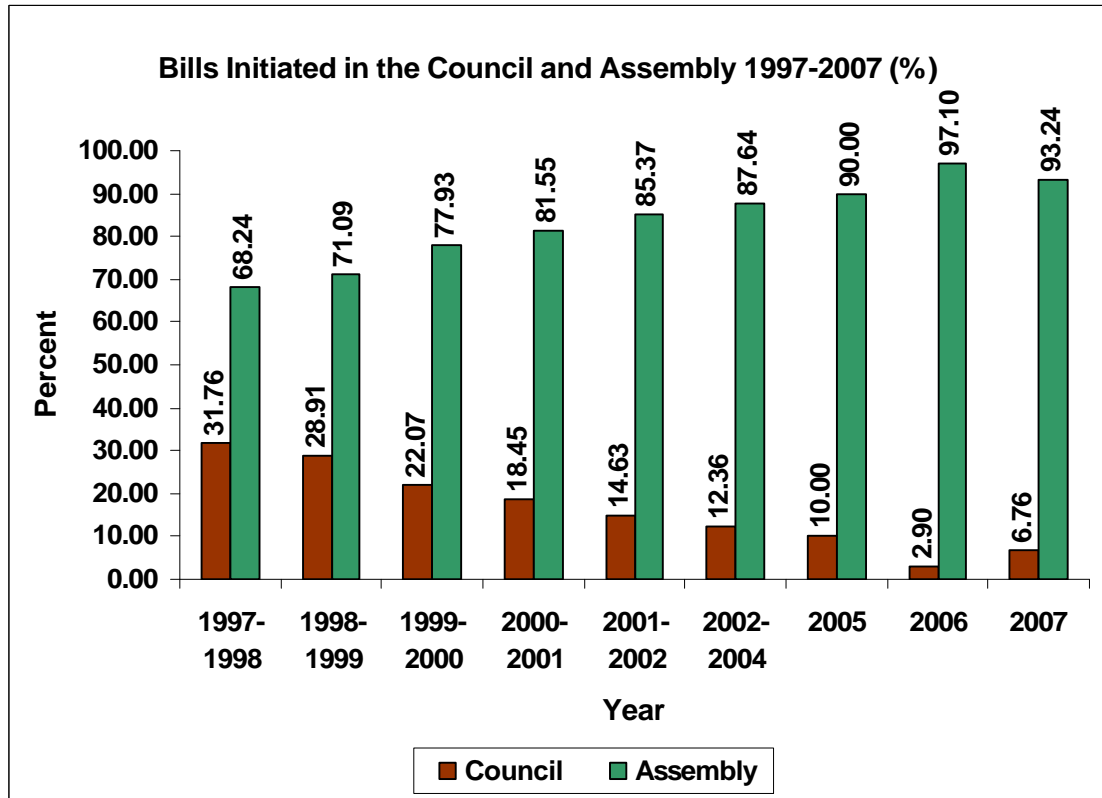
- 6.5 Leave was granted on eight occasions to proceed to the Third Reading of the Bill on the same sitting day as the Committee of the Whole stage was concluded. The Bills were:

- *Local Government (Official Conduct) Amendment Bill 2005;*
- *Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2006;*
- *Fiona Stanley Hospital Construction Account Bill 2007;*
- *Fines Legislation Amendment Bill 2006;*
- *Petroleum Amendment Bill 2007;*
- *Police Amendment Bill 2007;*
- *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bill 2007; and*
- *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Bill 2007.*

Initiation of Bills

- 6.6 Figure 4 below shows the percentage of Bills initiated in the Council and the Assembly from 1997 as a proportion of total Bills introduced. 2007 saw a slight increase in this figure, partially due to the introduction of private members' bills.

Figure 4



7 PROCEDURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Select Committee of Privilege

Report of the Select Committee of Privilege on a Matter Arising in the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations

7.1 On 13 November 2007 Hon Murray Criddle presented the Report of the Select Committee of Privilege on a Matter Arising in the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations⁸ (the ‘Select Committee’). The Select Committee was established in March 2007 to inquire into and report on possible unauthorised disclosures of confidential information from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations.

⁸ See Tabled Paper No. 3466 of 2007.

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- 7.2 The Select Committee was established as a consequence of allegations raised during hearings of the W.A. Corruption and Crime Commission ('CCC') earlier in the year. During the course of the Select Committee's inquiry, the CCC provided audio intercept and surveillance evidence to assist the inquiry. The Committee also retained legal counsel to ask questions on behalf of the Committee during the course of the evidence hearings it conducted - this had not occurred previously in W.A. parliamentary committee operations.
- 7.3 The Select Committee made a number of findings in relation to unauthorised disclosures of the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations and false evidence given during hearings conducted by the Select Committee. The Committee's final report contained 35 recommendations relating to these findings and matters pertaining to the operations of the House and its committees.
- 7.4 The Select Committee's recommendations were considered by the House in November 2007. In relation to the unauthorised disclosures, the House directed that two members apologise 'whilst standing in their place' to the House (i.e. during the course of proceedings) and that three persons provide an unreserved written apology to the House. The findings against the two members and several other persons for giving false evidence to the Select Committee were referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for his consideration of further action under *The Criminal Code*.
- 7.5 Correspondence was received from or on behalf of the three persons directed to provide an unreserved written apology to the House. This correspondence was referred to the Legislative Council's Procedure and Privileges Committee (PPC), for it to consider the compliance or otherwise with the resolution of the House. A report back to the House from the PPC, and further action in relation to the other matters arising from the Select Committee's report, is expected in early 2008.

Joint Sitting of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly - Senate vacancy

- 7.6 On 5 June 2007 the President was notified that a vacancy had occurred in the representation of the State of Western Australia in the Australian Senate. In response, a joint sitting was arranged for 19 June 2007 in the Legislative Council Chamber to elect a replacement to the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Ian Gordon Campbell.
- 7.7 During the Joint Sitting of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, members met in the Legislative Council Chamber where the Premier, Hon Alan Carpenter, proposed that Mathias Hubert Paul Cormann be elected in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act*. The question was resolved without dissent.

Messages from the Legislative Assembly - Proceeding Before Another House

- 7.8 On 22 November 2007, Legislative Assembly Messages Nos 276 and 279 were received by the Legislative Council, advising that the Assembly had passed two motions in relation to two Council members. These motions pertained to Hon Shelley Archer and Hon Anthony Fels, and expressed the Legislative Assembly's view that neither was "a fit or proper person to be a Member of Parliament". The debate in the Legislative Assembly arose from the findings of the Legislative Council's Select Committee of Privilege on a Matter Arising in the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations (see paragraph 7.1 above).
- 7.9 These resolutions and their communication from the Legislative Assembly to the Legislative Council are highly unusual. The maintenance of comity between the Houses is a fundamental principle for any bicameral parliament, and the operations of both Houses normally reflect this common value. To this end, Legislative Council Standing Orders 94 and 97 respectively prohibit the allusion to debates of the Assembly, and references to improper motives or reflections on any member of either of the two Houses.
- 7.10 Upon receipt of Legislative Assembly Message No. 276 (relating to Hon Shelley Archer), the President stated to the House that it was in the interests of both Houses that this comity be maintained, found that the message grossly offended against this principle, and accordingly ruled the message out of order. The President similarly ruled on Message No. 279 upon its receipt later on the same day.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Procedure Office welcomes feedback from Members on the material presented in this report.
- 8.2 Should you have any suggestions for improvement or wish to discuss any aspect of the procedural or statistical summaries presented in this report please telephone Donald Allison, Clerk Assistant (House), on 9222 7376 or Grant Hitchcock, Parliamentary Officer (Projects), on 9222 7891.



Mr Malcolm Peacock
Clerk of the Legislative Council
27 May 2008

APPENDIX 1
CHAMBER PUBLICATIONS 2007

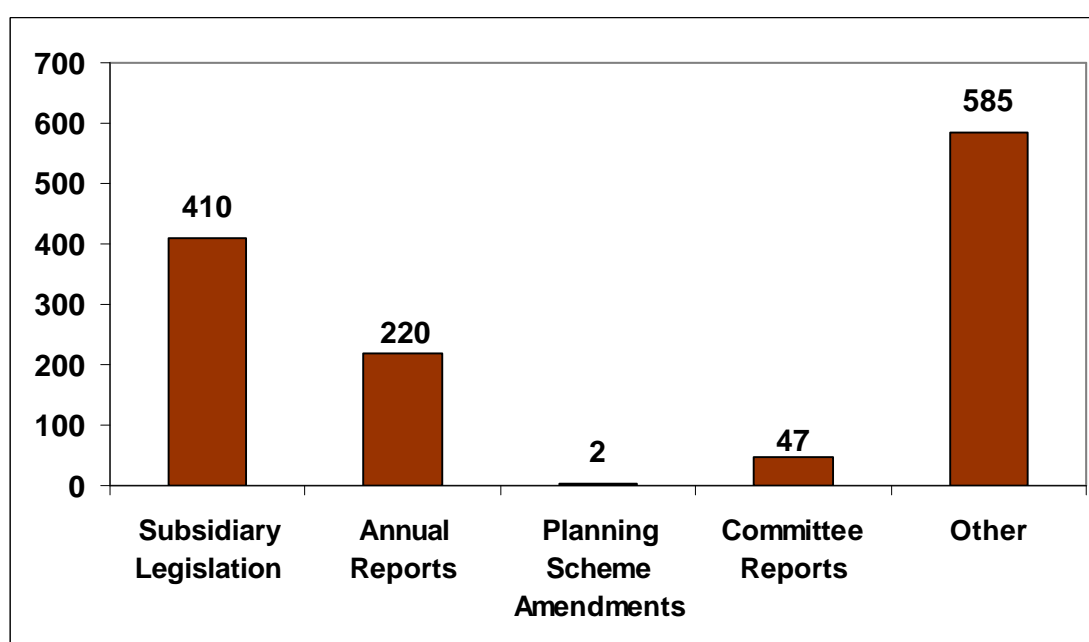
Chamber Publications 2007

Chamber Publications 2007	Number
Weekly Bulletins	20
Business Programs	59
Daily Notice Papers	59
Minutes of Proceedings	59
Tabled Papers Lists	57⁹
Supplementary Notice Papers (Amendments)	53
Questions Book (Questions on Notice)	59

⁹ On two occasions, no papers were tabled on a sitting day.

Tabled Papers 2007

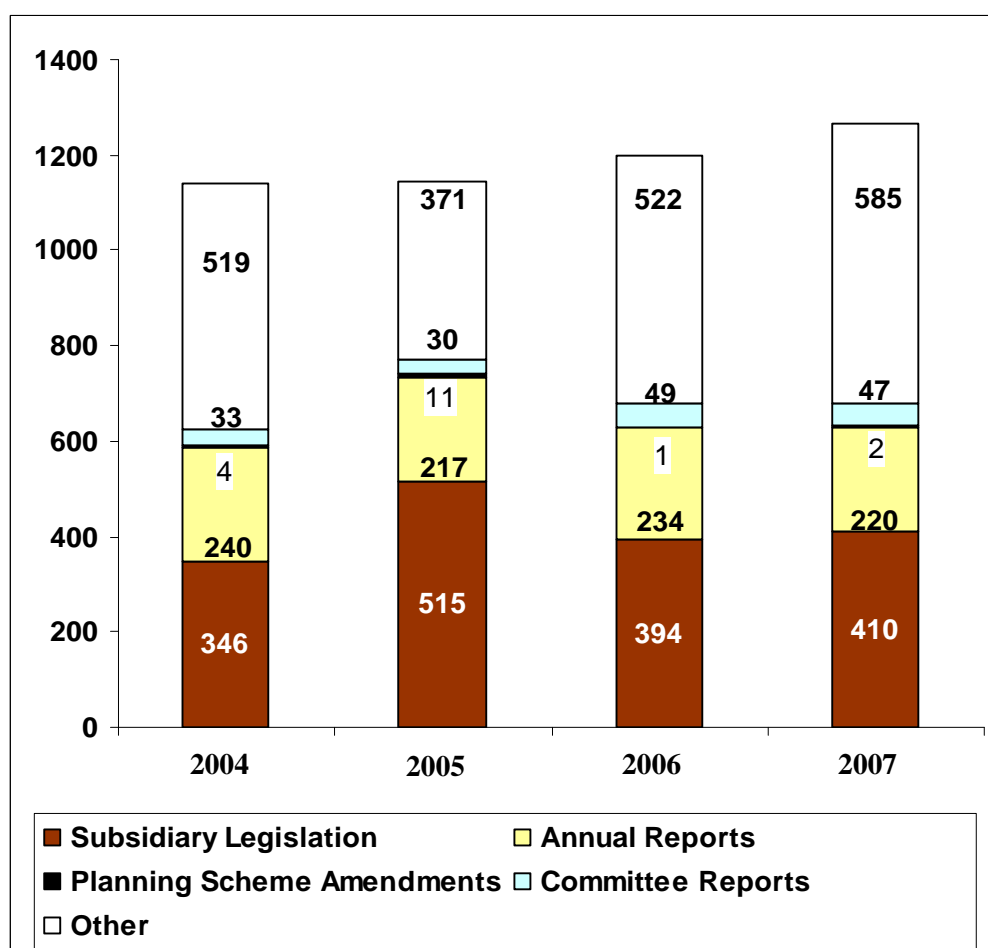
	2007
Subsidiary Legislation	410
Annual Reports	220
Planning Scheme Amendments	2
Committee Reports**	47
Other	585
TOTAL	1264



** Committee Reports includes committees administered by both Houses (Committees on the Corruption and Crime Commission, and Delegated Legislation). ‘Special reports’ comprising a request for an extension of time or a notification to the House of a committee’s resolution to commence an inquiry have been excluded.

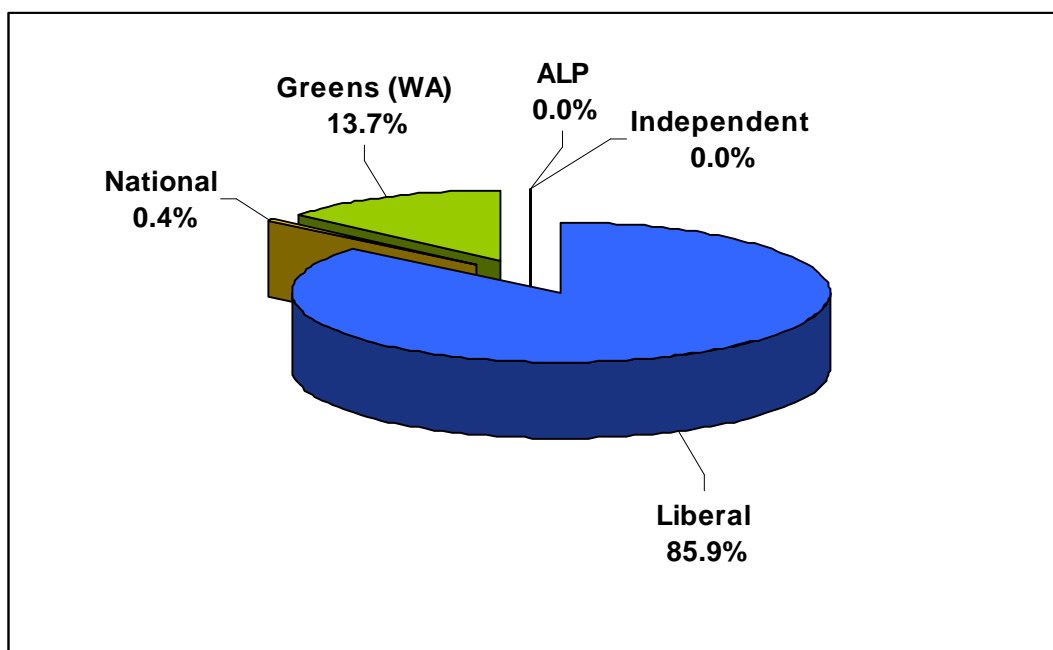
Tabled Papers 2004 - 2007

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Subsidiary Legislation	346	515	394	410
Annual Reports	240	217	234	220
Planning Scheme Amendments	4	11	1	2
Committee Reports	33	30	49	47
Other	519	371	522	585
TOTAL	1142	1144	1200	1264



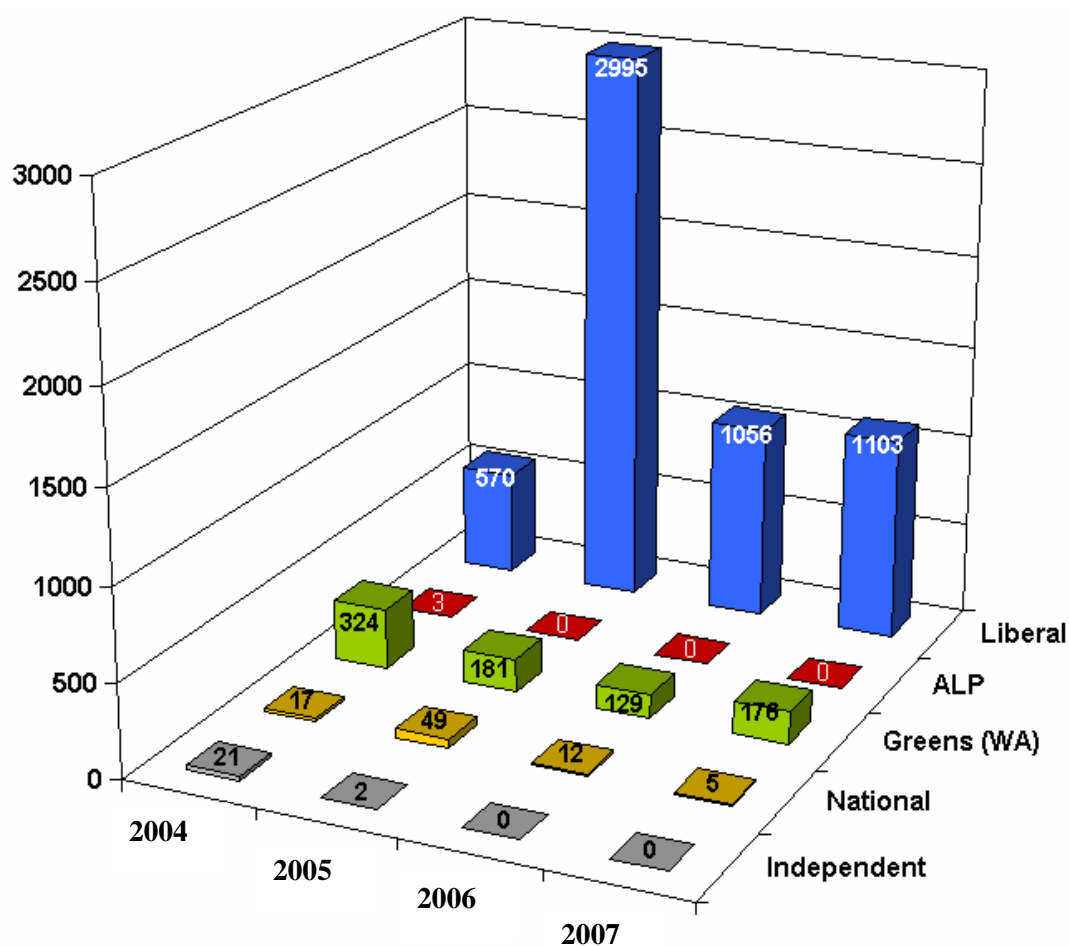
Questions on Notice 2007

Questions asked by	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Leader of the Opposition	1	2	4	4	7	4	2	3	1	28
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	8
Liberal	240	16	141	18	426	96	26	34	70	1067
National	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	5
Greens (WA)	15	21	45	30	12	12	18	17	6	176
Labor (ALP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	256	40	190	54	446	115	46	59	78	1284



Questions on Notice 2004 - 2007

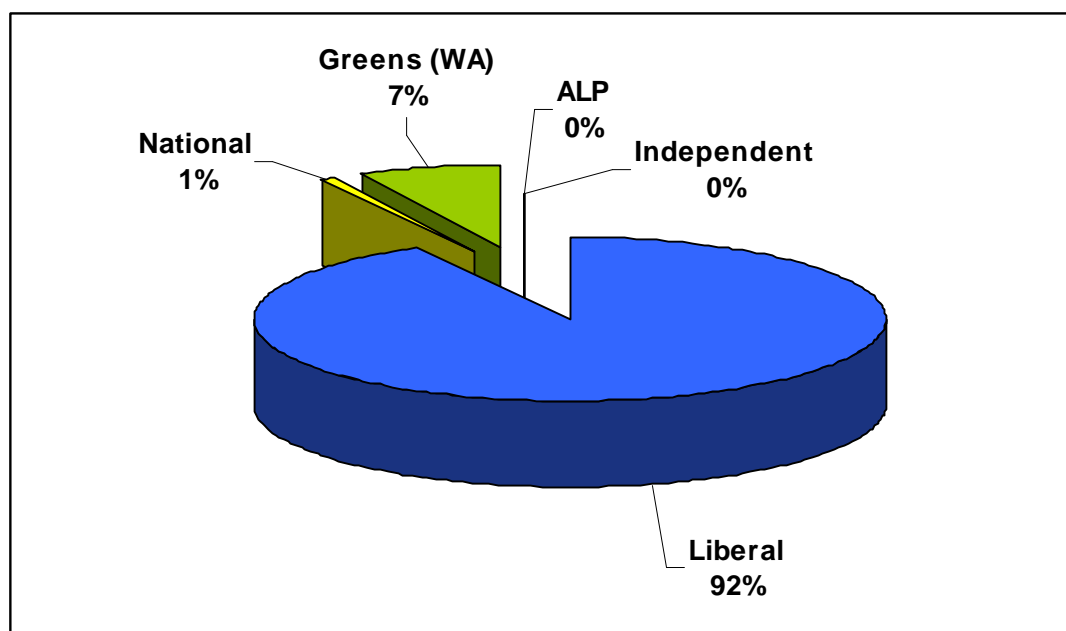
Questions asked by	2004	2005	2006	2007
Leader of the Opposition	71	21	59	28
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	28	139	30	8
Liberal	471	2835	967	1067
National	17	49	12	5
Greens (WA)	324	181	129	176
Labor (ALP)	3	0	0	0
Independent ¹⁰	21	0	0	0
TOTAL	935	3227	1197	1284



¹⁰ Includes statistics for the One Nation Party.

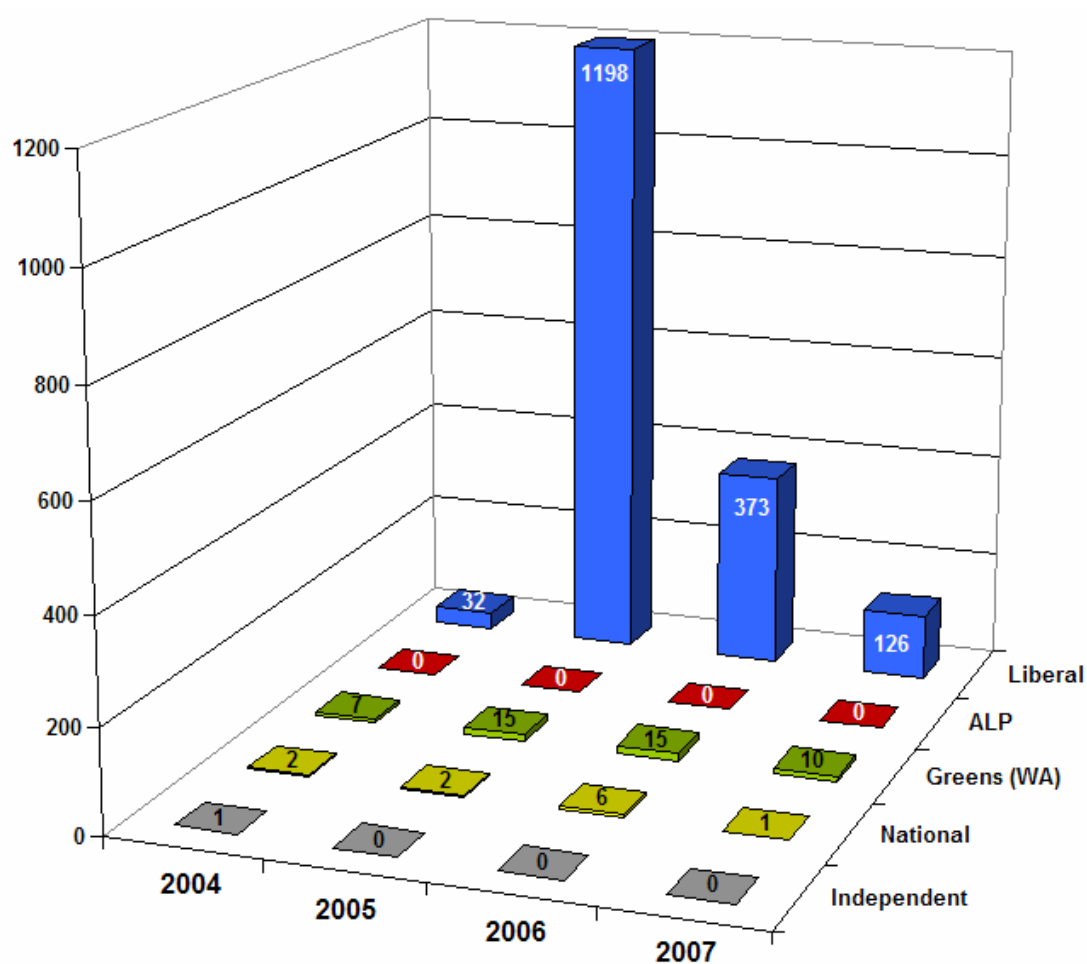
Questions on Notice Not Answered Within 9 Sitting Days 2007

Questions asked by	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Leader of the Opposition	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	4
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberal	48	0	0	4	0	57	6	5	2	122
National	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Greens (WA)	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	1	3	10
Labor (ALP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	48	0	1	9	0	62	6	6	5	137



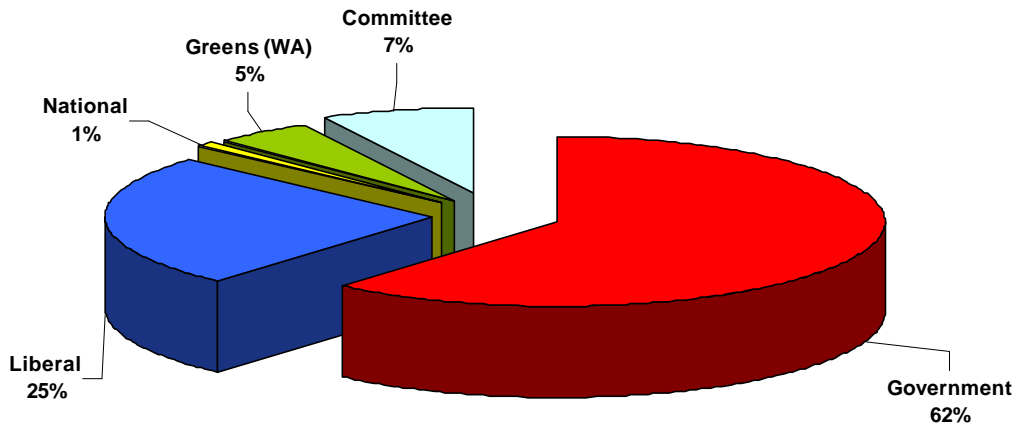
Questions on Notice Not Answered Within 9 Sitting Days 2004 - 2007

Questions asked by	2004	2005	2006	2007
Liberal	32	1198	373	126
National	2	2	6	1
Greens (WA)	7	15	15	10
Labor (ALP)	0	0	0	0
Independent	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	43	1207	394	137



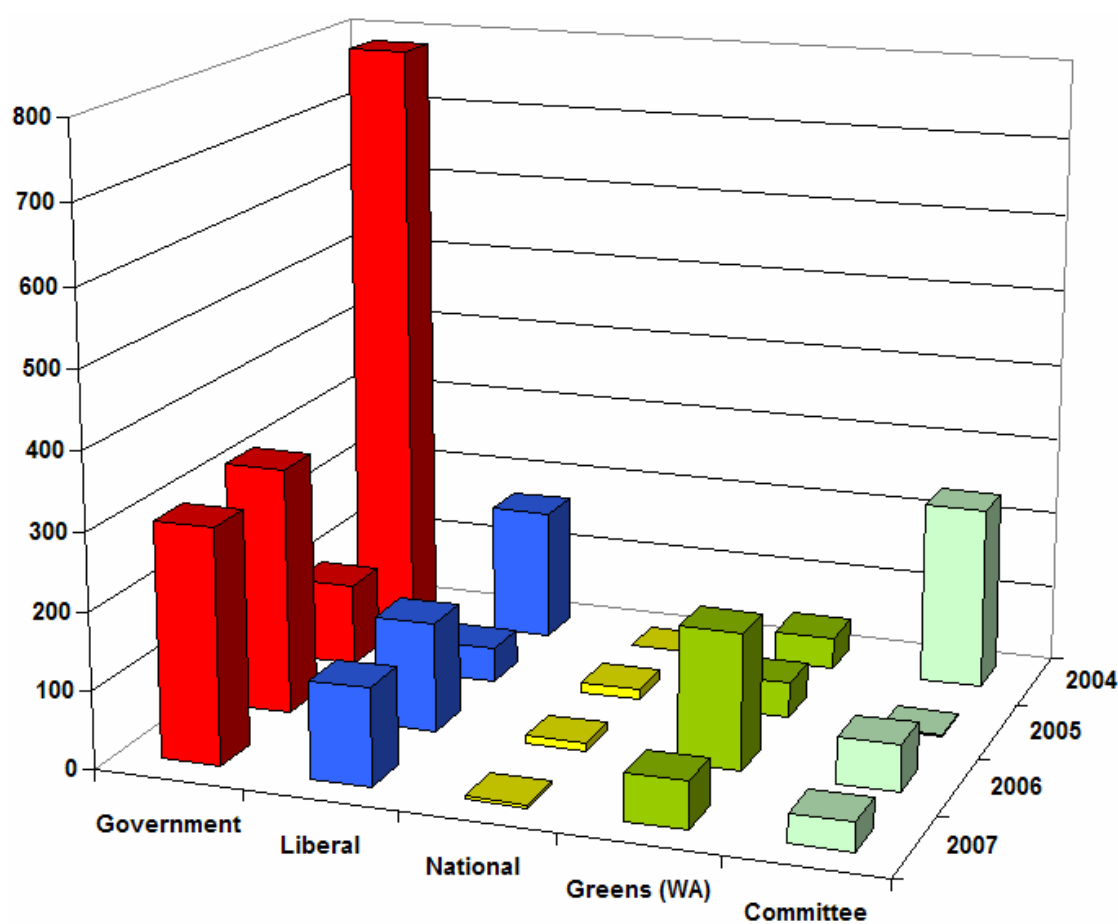
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GOVERNMENT (ALP)	LIBERAL	NATIONAL	GREENS (WA)	COMMITTEE	TOTAL
304	125	4	25	37	495



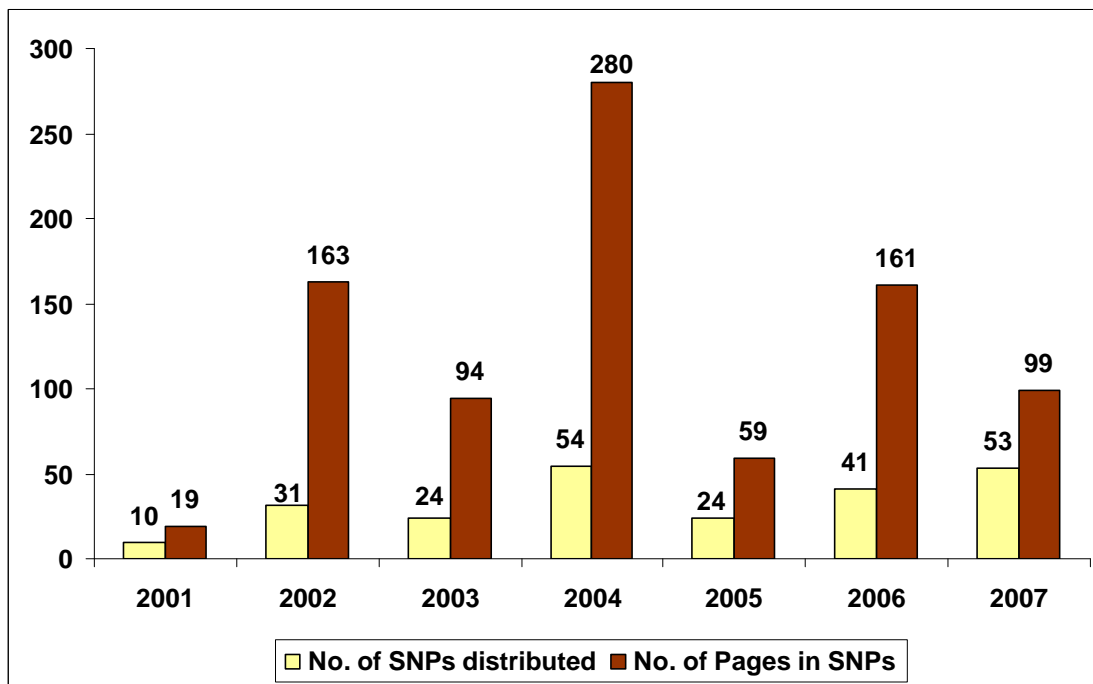
Amendments Contained in Supplementary Notice Papers 2004-2007

	Amendments Proposed 2004	Amendments Proposed 2005	Amendments Proposed 2006	Amendments Proposed 2007
Government (ALP)	784	108	320	304
Liberal	170	45	142	125
National	0	13	10	4
Greens (WA)	42	46	176	25
Committee	236	3	60	37
TOTAL	1232	215	708	495



Sets of Amendments Circulated 2001-2007

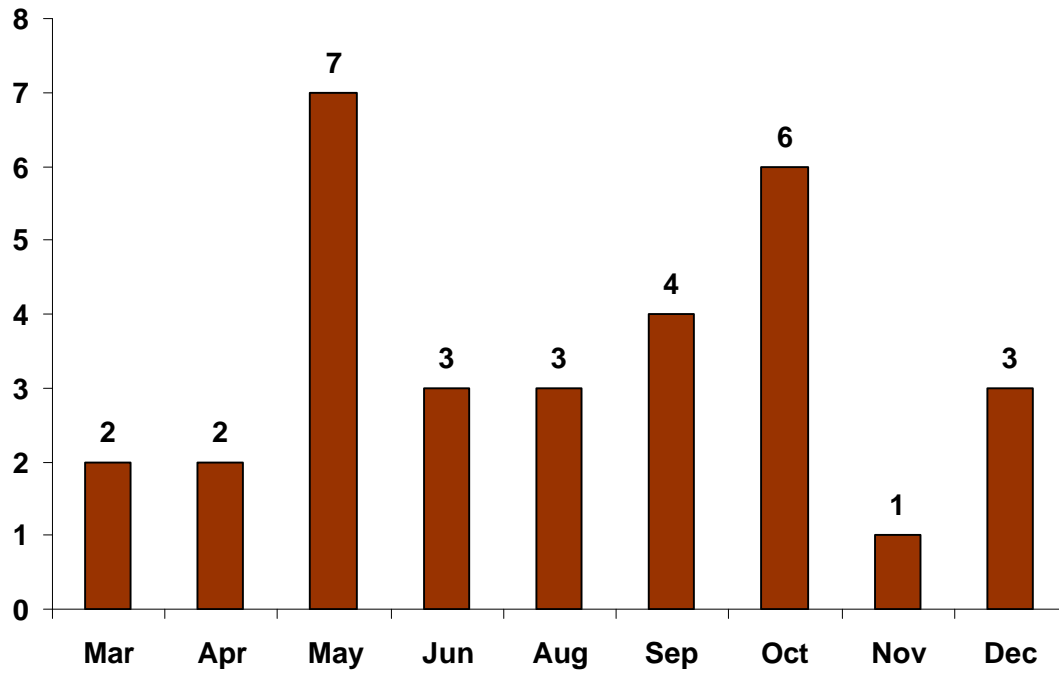
Year	Total number of Supplementary Notice Papers distributed	Total number of pages
2001	10	19
2002	31	163
2003	24	94
2004	54	280
2005	24	59
2006	41	161
2007	53	99



APPENDIX 2
PROCEDURES IN THE HOUSE

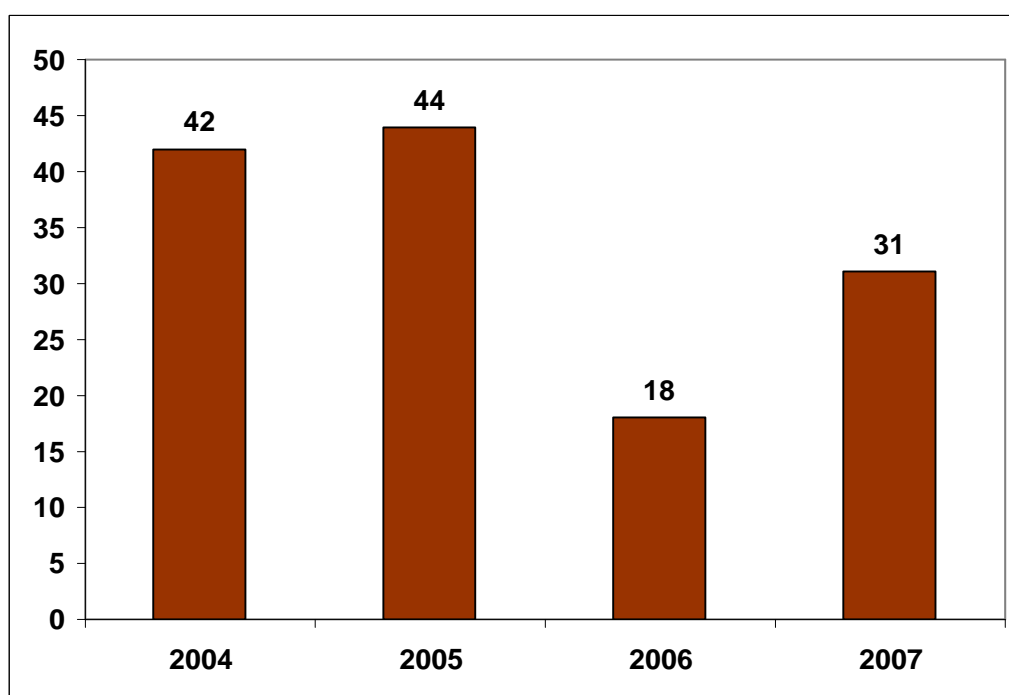
Statements by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries 2007

Statements by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries 2007								
Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2	2	7	3	3	4	6	1	3



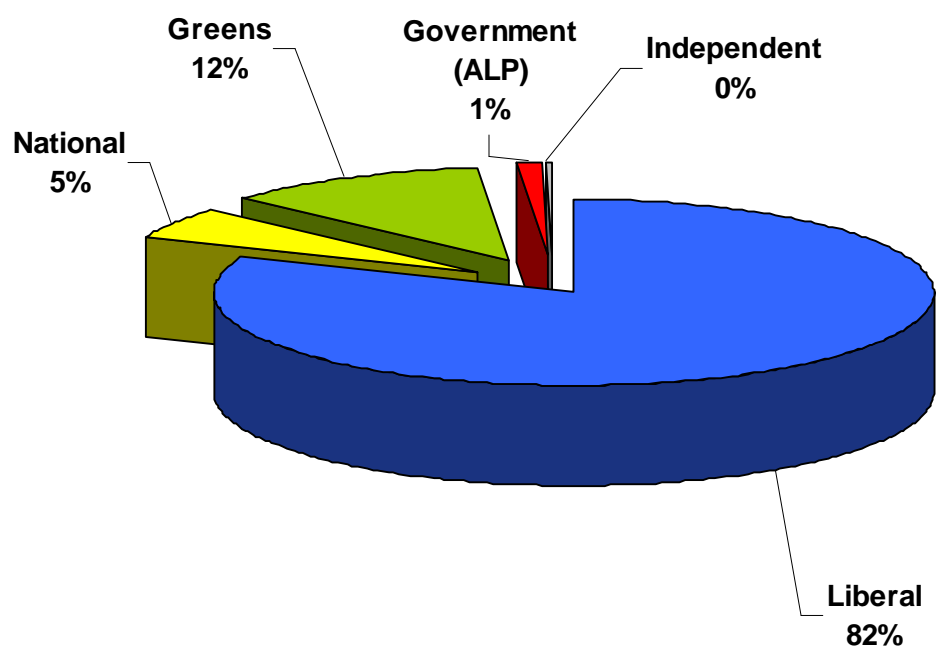
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Statements by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries 2004-2007			
2004	2005	2006	2007
42	44	18	31



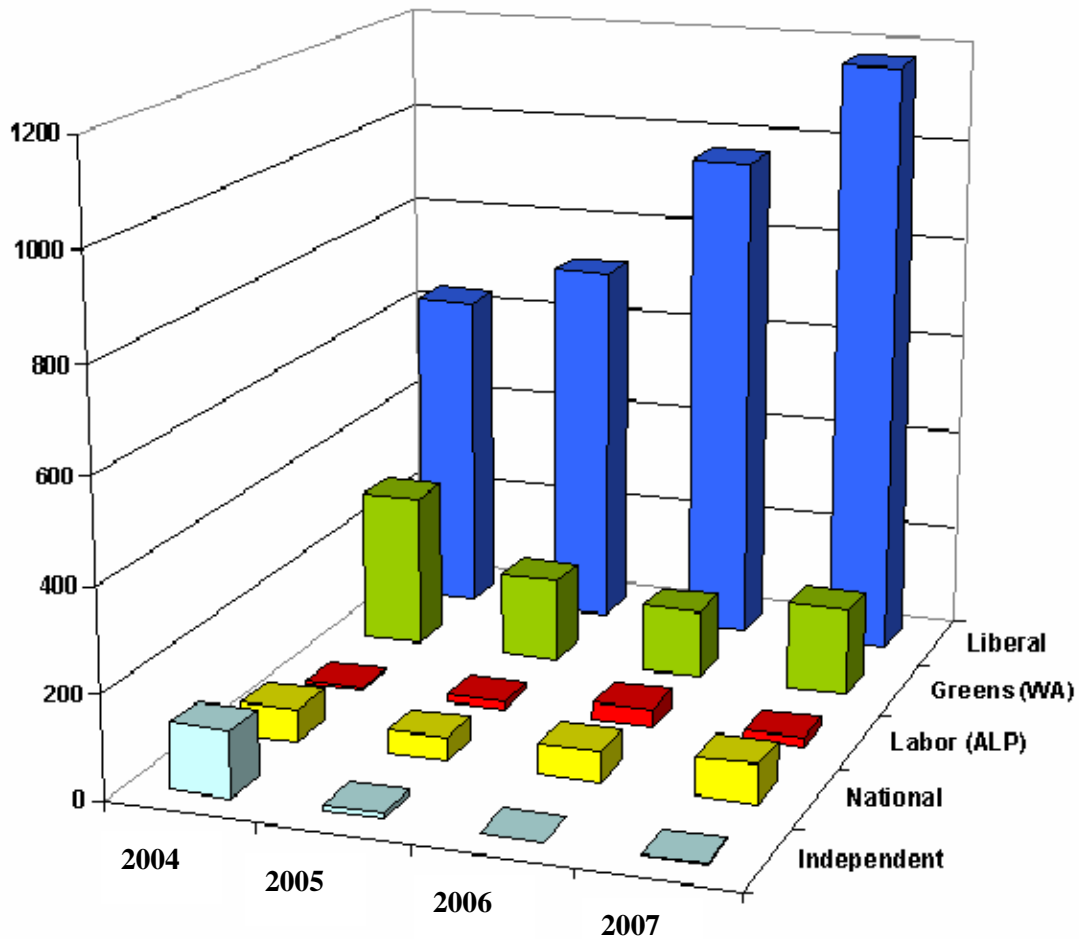
Questions without Notice 2007

Questions asked by	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Leader of the Opposition	17	3	32	28	41	17	10	22	7	177
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	9	5	19	11	23	12	9	14	2	104
Liberal	88	37	173	102	171	97	59	130	37	894
National	7	4	15	8	20	6	6	7	1	74
Greens (WA)	20	7	33	18	37	17	10	22	8	172
Labor (ALP)	3	0	2	4	0	3	1	3	2	18
Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
TOTAL	144	56	274	171	292	152	95	198	61	1443



Questions without Notice 2004 - 2007

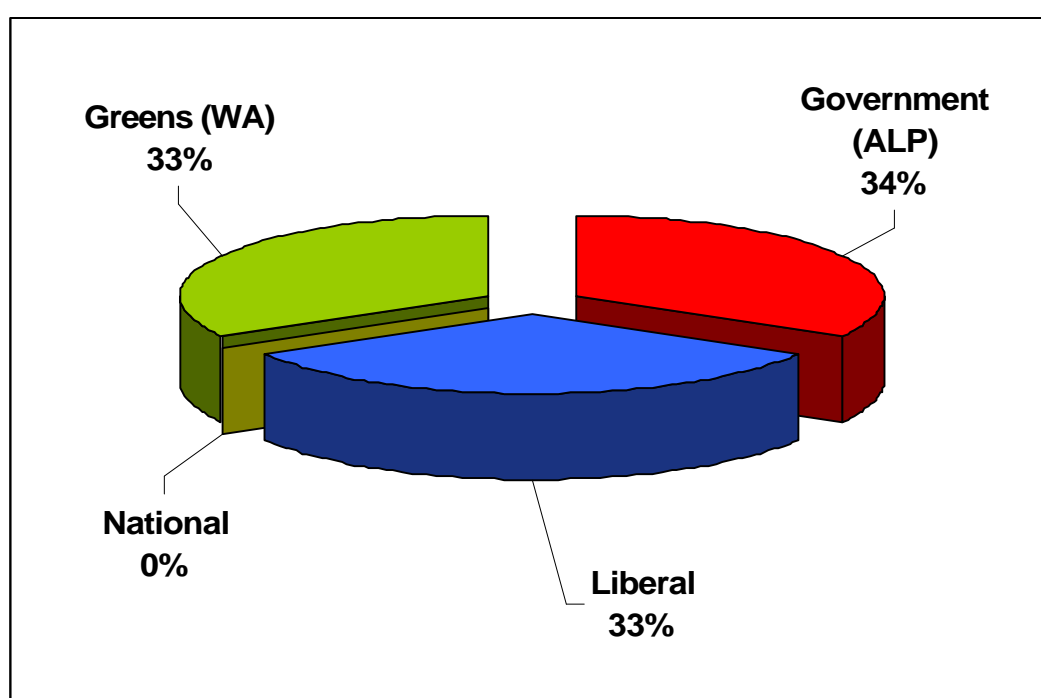
Questions asked by	2004	2005	2006	2007
Leader of the Opposition	166	131	168	177
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	27	80	96	104
Liberal	443	509	704	894
National	63	47	59	74
Greens (WA)	301	163	134	172
Labor (ALP)	6	14	35	18
Independent ¹¹	127	13	0	4
TOTAL	1133	957	1196	1443



¹¹ Includes statistics for the One Nation Party.

Motions on Notice 2007

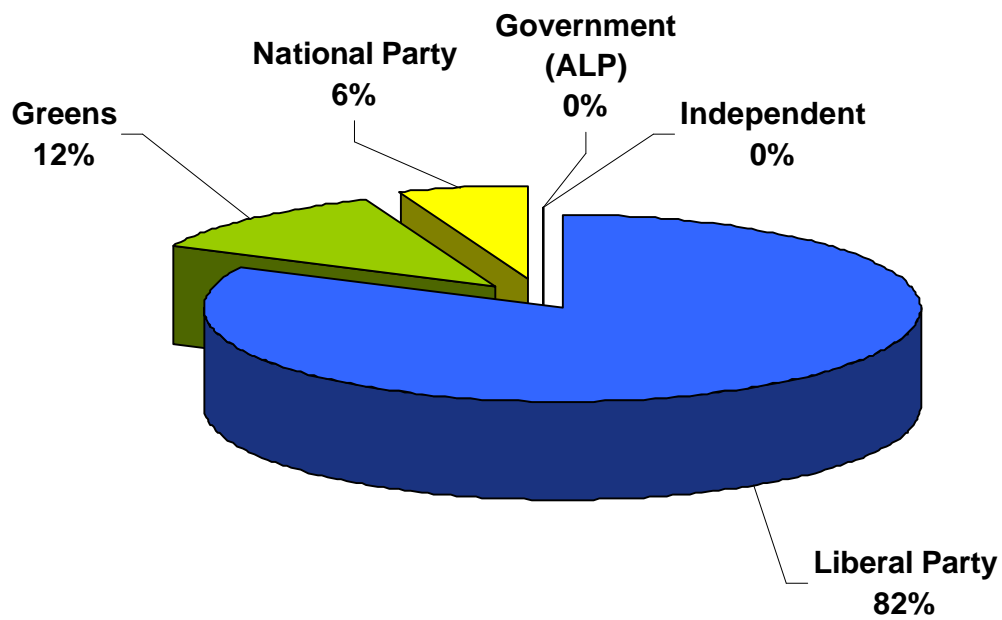
	No. of Motions Moved
Government (ALP)	3
Liberal	3
National	0
Greens (WA)	3
TOTAL	9



NOTE: MOTIONS ON NOTICE ARE THOSE MOTIONS PUBLISHED IN THE NOTICE PAPER UNDER THE "MOTIONS" HEADING.

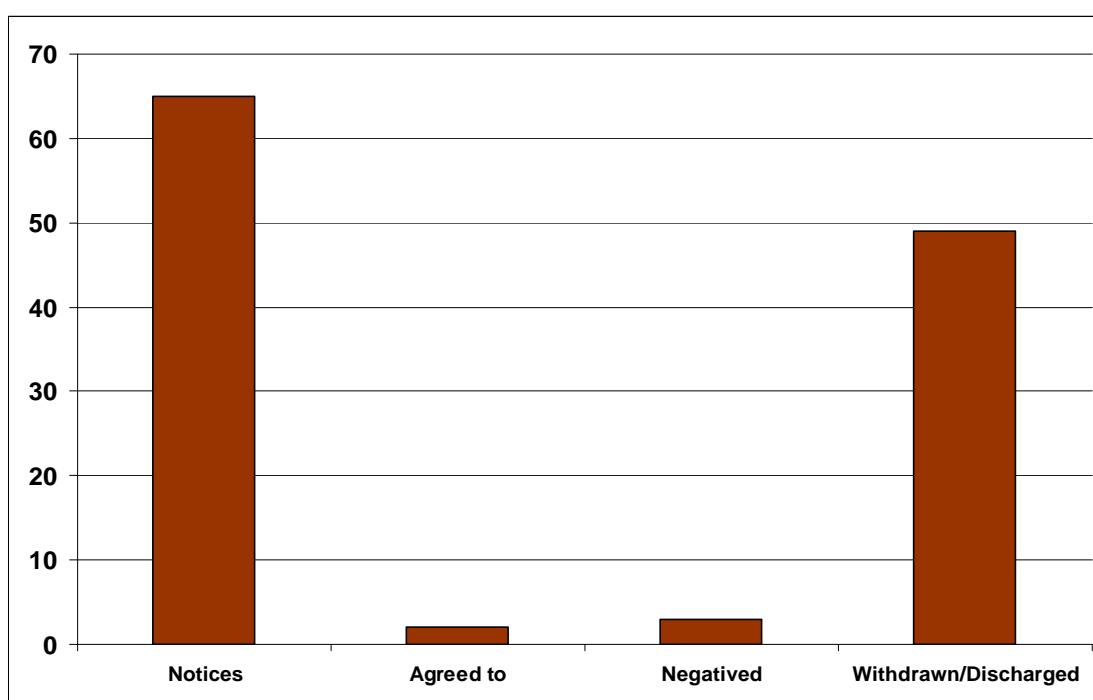
Urgency Motions 2007

	Total
Government (ALP)	0
Liberal	14
Greens (WA)	2
National	1
Independent	0



Disallowance Motions 2007¹²

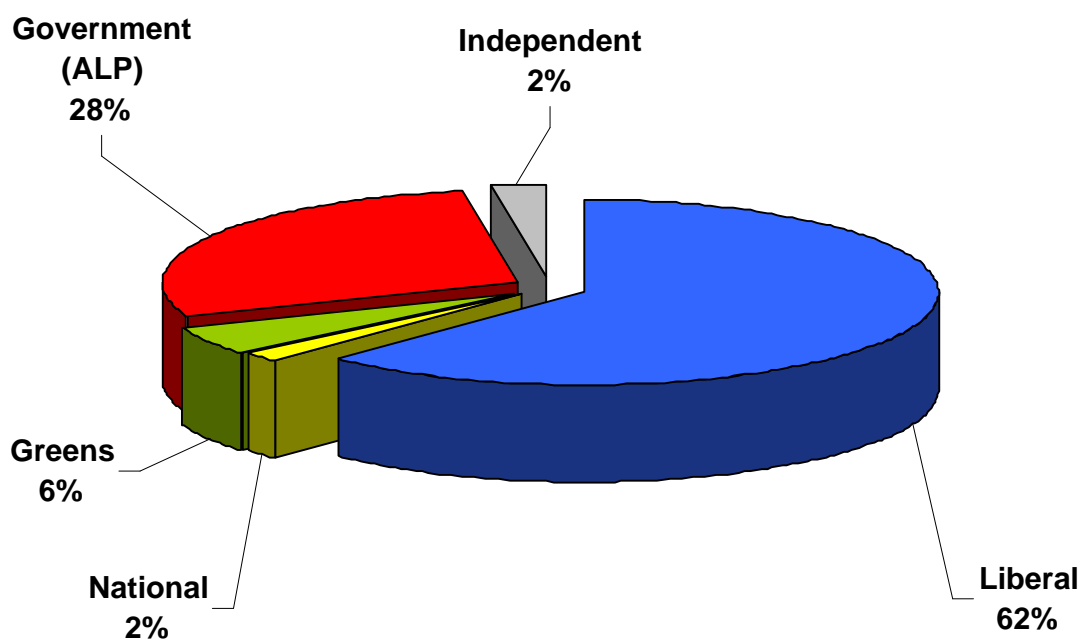
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Disallowance Motions (Notices)	2	0	25	6	0	7	13	8	4	65
Agreed to	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Negatived	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Withdrawn/Discharged	3	1	1	21	4	0	1	16	2	49



¹² Figures detailed exclude motions carried forward from 2006.

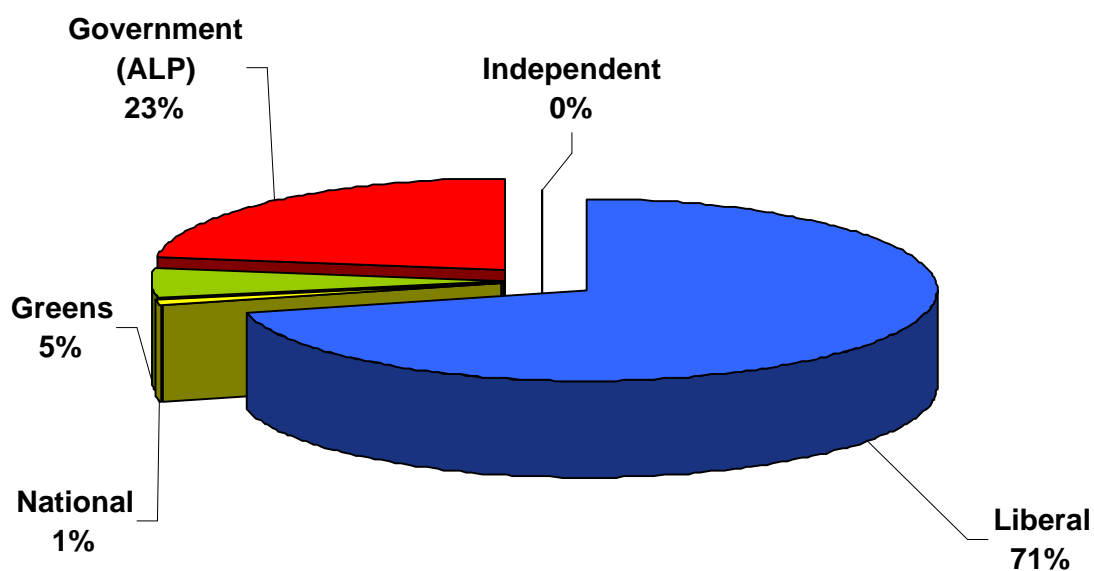
Number of Speakers during Adjournment Debate/Members' Statements 2007

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Liberal	7	0	7	9	12	17	7	13	7	79
National	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Greens (WA)	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	7
Government (ALP)	3	1	5	8	3	7	2	3	4	36
Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
TOTAL	11	1	13	19	16	26	9	19	13	127



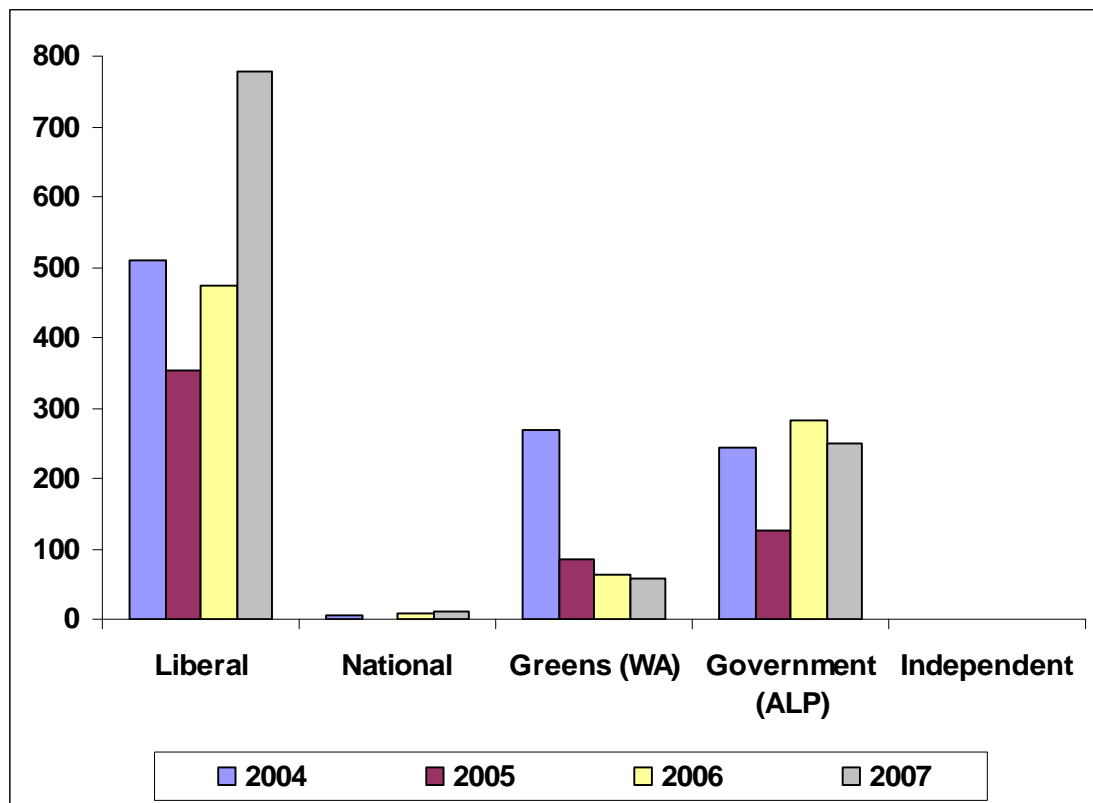
Time Spent in Adjournment Debate/Members' Statements 2007 (minutes)

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Liberal	67	0	168	67	102	135	56	114	68	777
National	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	10
Greens (WA)	10	0	8	20	0	15	0	0	5	58
Government (ALP)	8	8	61	49	22	38	4	21	39	250
Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	85	8	237	136	132	188	60	135	114	1095



Time Spent in Adjournment Debate/Members' Statements 2004-2007 (minutes)

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Liberal	510	353	475	777
National	6	0	9	10
Greens (WA)	269	86	64	58
Government (ALP)	243	126	281	250
Independent	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1028	565	829	1095



APPENDIX 3
BILLS AND AMENDMENTS

Bills Passed 2007

	BILL NO.	BILLS PASSED 2007	ASSENT DATE
1.	LA 204-1	Appropriation (Consolidated Account) Bill (No.1) 2007	29/06/2007
2.	LA 205-1	Appropriation (Consolidated Account) Bill (No.2) 2007	29/06/2007
3.	LA 111-1	Appropriation (Consolidated Fund) Bill (No.3) 2005	29/06/2007
4.	LA 112-1	Appropriation (Consolidated Fund) Bill (No.4) 2005	29/06/2007
5.	LA 117-1	Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Repeal and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006	12/10/2007
6.	LA 118-2	Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Bill 2006	12/10/2007
7.	LA 119-1	Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Rates and Charge Bill 2006	12/10/2007
8.	LA 121-1	Chemistry Centre (WA) Bill 2006	29/06/2007
9.	LA 208-1	Child Care Services Bill 2007	3/07/2007
10.	LA 200-1	Child Support (Adoption of Laws) Amendment Bill 2007	31/10/2007
11.	LA 218-1B	Criminal Code Amendment (Drink and Food Spiking) Bill 2007	21/12/2007
12.	LA 211-1	Election of Senators Amendment Bill 2007	4/09/2007
13.	LA 224-1	Electricity Industry Amendment Bill 2007	21/12/2007
14.	LA 202-1	Fiona Stanley Hospital Construction Account Bill 2007	3/10/2007
15.	LA 148-1	Fish Resources Management Amendment Bill 2007	26/10/2007
16.	LA 030-1C	Gas and Electricity Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	18/04/2007
17.	LA 214-2	Judges' Salaries and Pensions Amendment Bill 2007	21/12/2007
18.	LA 203-1	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment (Smoke Alarms) Bill 2007	21/12/2007
19.	LA 089-1	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Bill 2005	29/06/2007
20.	LA 104-2	Local Government (Official Conduct) Amendment Bill 2005	28/03/2007
21.	LA 180-1	Local Government Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006	25/06/2007
22.	LA 176-2	Owner-Drivers (Contracts and Disputes) Bill 2006	6/06/2007
23.	LA 227-1	Petroleum Amendment Bill 2007	21/12/2007
24.	LA 167-1	Racing and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	28/03/2007
25.	LA 168-1	Racing and Wagering Western Australian Tax Amendment Bill 2006	28/03/2007
26.	LA 189-1	Racing, Wagering and Betting Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2007	13/06/2007

	BILL NO.	BILLS PASSED 2007	ASSENT DATE
27.	LA 208-1	Revenue Laws Amendment (Assessment) Bill 2007	29/06/2007
28.	LA 207-1	Revenue Laws Amendment (Taxation) Bill 2007	29/06/2007
29.	LA 171-1	Road Traffic Amendment (Drugs) Bill 2006	23/05/2007
30.	LA 220-1	Road Traffic Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007	21/12/2007
31.	LA 177-1	Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2006	11/04/2007
32.	LA 219-2	State Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007	16/10/2007
33.	LA 187-2	Taxi Amendment Bill 2007	16/10/2007
34.	LC 015-1B	Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Western Australia) Bill 2005	6/12/2007
35.	LA 152-1	Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bill 2007	21/12/2007
36.	LA 153-1	Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Bill 2007	21/12/2007
37.	LA 138-2	Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	21/12/2007
38.	LA 216-1B	Western Australian College of Teaching Amendment Bill 2007	3/07/2007
39.	LA 125B-1	Wills Amendment Bill 2007	26/10/2007

BILLS PASSED IN THE COUNCIL (2007) - RETURNED TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

40.	LA 213-1	Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Amendment Bill 2007	
41.	LA 161-2	Fines Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	
42.	LA 041-1	Parental Support and Responsibility Bill 2005	
43.	LA 184-1	Police Amendment Bill 2006	
44.	LA 102-2	Public Trustee and Trustee Companies Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	

Bills that did not Complete Passage 2007

BILLS ON NOTICE PAPER THAT DID NOT COMPLETE PASSAGE IN THE COUNCIL 2006			
NO.	BILL NO	BILL NAME	STAGE REACHED
1.	LA 149-2	Acts Amendment (Consent to Medical Treatment) Bill 2006	Committee Progress clause 11 (Thursday, 15 November 2007)
2.	LA 231-1	Acts Amendment (Justice) Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 21 November 2007)
3.	LA 070-1B	Alcohol and Drug Authority Repeal Bill 2005	Second reading continuation of remarks Hon Helen Morton (Thursday, April 6 2006)
4.	LA 066-1	ANZAC Day Amendment Bill 2005	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, November 8 2005)
5.	LA 243-1	Appropriation (Consolidated Account) Bill (No. 5) 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 4 December 2007)
6.	LA 244-1	Appropriation (Consolidated Account) Bill (No. 6) 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 4 December 2007)
7.	LA 217-2	Bail Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 29 November 2007)
8.	LC 001-1	Constitution Amendment Bill 2005	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, March 30 2005)
9.	LA 240-1	Contractual Benefits Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 13 November 2007)
10.	LA 145-2	Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill 2006	Second reading continuation of remarks Hon Giz Watson (Tuesday, 20 March 2007)
11.	LA 236-1	Cross-border Justice Bill 2007	Discharged to Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review (Wednesday, 21 November 2007)
12.	LA 113-2B	Dental Bill 2005	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, May 11 2006)
13.	LA 199-1	Eastern Goldfields Transport Board Repeal Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 30 August 2007)
14.	LA 239-1	Employment Dispute Resolution Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 13 November 2007)
15.	LA 173-1	Equal Opportunity Amendment Bill 2006	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 21 March 2007)
16.	LA 110-2	Food Bill 2005	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, June 22 2006)

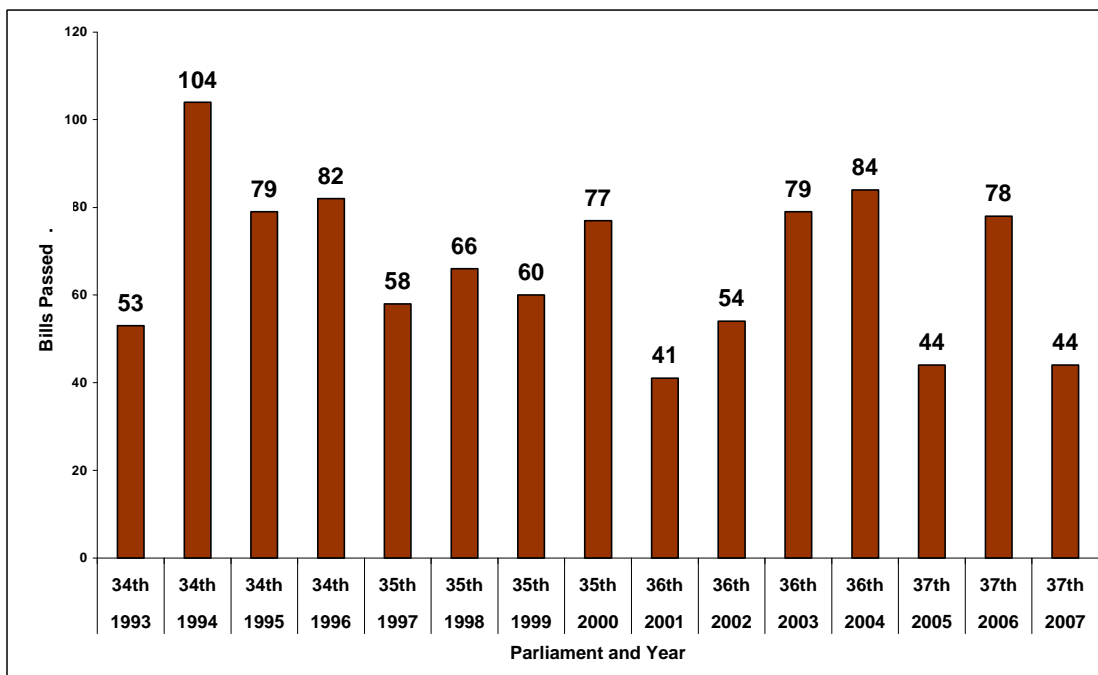
BILLS ON NOTICE PAPER THAT DID NOT COMPLETE PASSAGE IN THE COUNCIL 2006			
NO.	BILL NO	BILL NAME	STAGE REACHED
17.	LA 191-1B	Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 4 December 2007)
18.	LA 018-1	Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2005	Third reading adjourned (Tuesday, June 13 2006)
19.	LA 194-1	Human Reproductive Technology Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading continuation of remarks Hon Ed Dermer (Thursday, 6 December 2007)
20.	LA 237-1	Indigenous Conservation Title Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 22 November 2007)
21.	LA 238-2	Industrial and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 14 November 2007)
22.	LA 193-1	Information Privacy Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 4 December 2007)
23.	LA 234-1	Inheritance (Family and Dependants Provision) Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 21 November 2007)
24.	LA 245-1	Legal Profession Bill 2007	Discharged to Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review (Wednesday, 21 November 2007)
25.	LA 183-2	Medical Practitioners Bill 2006	Discharged to Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review (Wednesday, 21 November 2007)
26.	LA 122-1	Minerals and Energy Research Amendment Bill 2006	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, June 29 2006)
27.	LA 210-1	Mines Safety and Inspection Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 6 October 2007)
28.	LA 188-1	National Environment Protection Council (Western Australia) Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 5 September 2007)
29.	LA 212-1	Nuclear Facilities Prohibition Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 15 November 2007)
30.	LA 223-1	Occupational Safety and Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 6 October 2007)
31.	LA 041-1	Parental Support and Responsibility Bill 2005	Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Assembly Message (Tuesday, 18 September 2007)
32.	LA 185-2	Pharmacists Bill 2006	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 3 May 2007)
33.	LA 226-2	Prostitution Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday,

BILLS ON NOTICE PAPER THAT DID NOT COMPLETE PASSAGE IN THE COUNCIL 2006			
NO.	BILL NO	BILL NAME	STAGE REACHED
			14 November 2007)
34.	LC 008-1	Public Notaries Amendment Bill 2005	Second reading continuation of remarks Hon Peter Foss (Thursday, April 7 2005)
35.	LA 201-1	Rottneest Island Authority Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 5 September 2007)
36.	LA 241-1	Security and Related Activities (Control) Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 22 November 2007)
37.	LC 209-1	Seeds Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 29 August 2007)
38.	LA 225-1	State Supply Commission Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Tuesday, 6 October 2007)
39.	LC 170-1	Statutes (Repeals and Minor Amendments) Bill 2006	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 18 October 2006)
40.	LA 137-1B	Sunset Hospital Site Bill 2006	Second reading adjourned - continuation of remarks Hon Ken Travers on the motion of Hon Giz Watson (Thursday, November 2 2006)
41.	LA 190-2	Surrogacy Bill 2007	Discharged to Standing Committee on Legislation (Wednesday, 14 November 2007)
42.	LA 215-1	Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Amendment Bill 2007	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 5 September 2007)
		PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS	
43.	LC 002-1	Integrity of Parliamentary Process Bill 2005 <i>Hon Peter Foss</i>	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, March 30 2005)
44.	LC 198-1	Uranium Mining (Implementation of Government Commitments) Bill 2007 <i>Hon Giz Watson</i>	Second reading adjourned (Wednesday, 4 April 2007)
45.	LC 246-1	Daylight Saving Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2007 <i>Hon Norman Moore</i>	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 25 October 2007)
46.	LC 264-1	Water Services Licensing (Water Conservation Targets) Amendment Bill 2007 <i>Hon Paul Llewellyn</i>	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 6 December 2007)
47.	LC 263-1	Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction (Hot Water Systems) Bill 2007 <i>Hon Paul Llewellyn</i>	Second reading adjourned (Thursday, 6 December 2007)

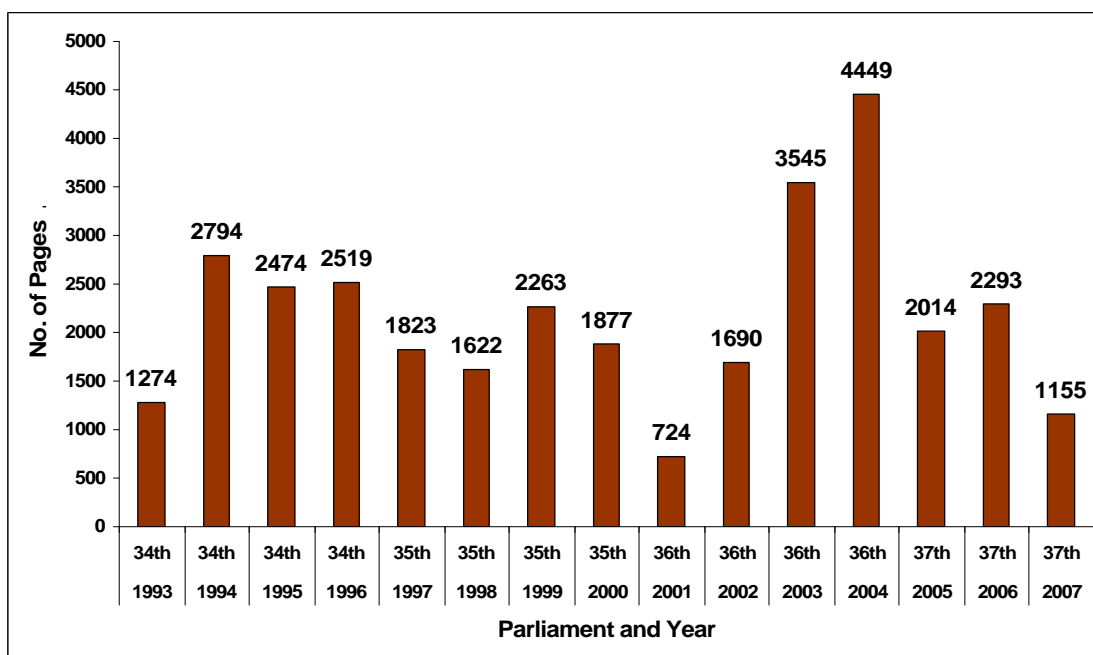
Bills Passed and Legislation Volume Comparison 1993-2007

Bills Passed and Pages of Legislation Considered 1993-2007			
Year	Parliament	Pages of Legislation	Bills Passed
1993	34th	1274	53
1994	34th	2794	104
1995	34th	2474	79
1996	34th	2519	82
TOTAL	34th	9061	318
1997	35th	1823	58
1998	35th	1622	66
1999	35th	2263	60
2000	35th	1877	77
TOTAL	35th	7585	261
2001	36th	724	41
2002	36th	1690	54
2003	36th	3545	79
2004	36th	4449	84
TOTAL	36th	10408	258
2005	37th	2014	44
2006	37th	2293	78
2007	37th	1155	44
TOTAL (to date)	37th	5462	166

Bills Passed 1993-2007

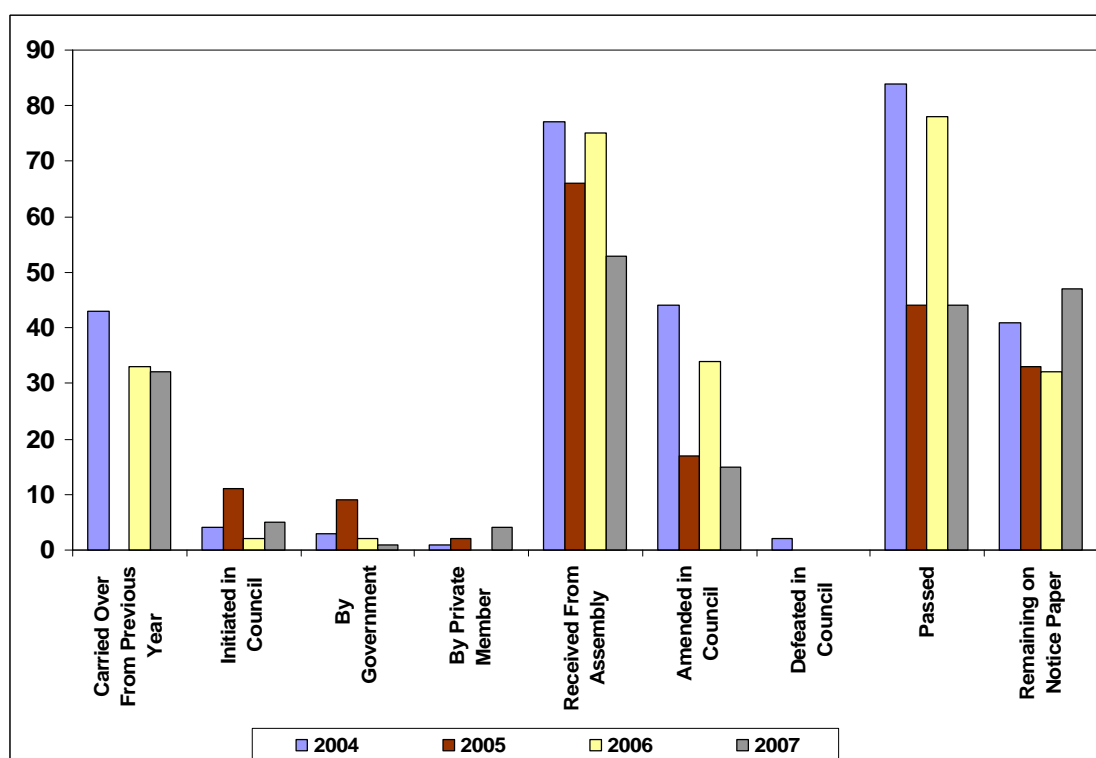


Pages of Legislation Considered 1993-2007



Bills 2004 - 2007 Comparison

Particulars	2004	2005	2006	2007
Carried Over From Previous Year	44	0	33	32
Initiated in Council	4	11	2	5
By Government	3	9	2	1
By Private Member	1	2	0	4
Received From Assembly	77	66	75	53
Amended in Council	44	19	34	15
Defeated in Council	2	0	0	0
Passed	84	44	78	44
Remaining on Notice Paper	41	33	32	47



BILLS WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED IN SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE PAPERS (2007)								
	BILL No.	BILL SHORT TITLE	Proposed amendments in published Supplementary Notice Papers (SNPs)					TOTAL
			GOVT. (ALP)	LIBERAL.	NATIONAL.	GREENS (WA)	COMMITTEE.	
1	LA 149-2	Acts Amendment (Consent to Medical Treatment) Bill 2006	22	7				29
2	LA 117-1	Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Repeal and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006	36					36
3	LA 118-2	Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Bill 2006	149			5		154
4	LA 121-1	Chemistry Centre (WA) Bill 2006	19					19
5	LA 145-2	Criminal Law and Evidence Amendment Bill 2006	11			1		12
6	LA 113-2B	Dental Bill 2005		106				106
7	LA 161-2	Fines Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	6					6
8	LA 194-1	Human Reproductive Technology Amendment Bill 2007		4				4
9	LA 089-1	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2005	2					2
10	LA 122-1	Minerals and Energy Research Amendment Bill 2006				1		1
11	LA 176-2	Owner-Drivers (Contracts and Disputes) Bill 2006	2					2
12	LA 041-1	Parental Support and Responsibility Bill 2005	22				38	60
13	LA 227-1	Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2007				1		1
14	LA 185-2	Pharmacists Bill 2006				10		10
15	LA 184-1	Police Amendment Bill 2007	3			1		4
16	LA 102-2	Public Trustee and Trustee Companies Legislation Amendment Bill 2006				1		1
17	LA 171-1	Road Traffic Amendment (Drugs) Bill 2006		2				2

BILLS WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED IN SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE PAPERS (2007)								
	BILL No.	BILL SHORT TITLE	Proposed amendments in published Supplementary Notice Papers (SNPs)					TOTAL
			GOVT. (ALP)	LIBERAL.	NATIONAL.	GREENS (WA)	COMMITTEE.	
18	LA 220-1	Road Traffic Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007	1					1
19	LA 177-1	Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2006		1				1
20	LA 219-2	State Superannuation Amendment Bill 2007	1	3				4
21	LA 190-2	Surrogacy Bill 2007		1		1		2
22	LA 187-2	Taxi Amendment Bill 2007	7	2	4			13
23	LC 015-1B	Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Bill 2005	4					4
24	LA 138-2	Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	25	2		4		31
TOTAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY PARTY(S) IN SNPs			310	128	4	25	38	505

APPENDIX 4
SITTING SCHEDULE 2007

Sitting Schedule 2007



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING DATES 2007

WEEK 1	Tuesday, 20 March	—	Thursday, 22 March
WEEK 2	Tuesday, 27 March	—	Thursday, 29 March
WEEK 3	Tuesday, 3 April	—	Thursday, 5 April
RECESS 3 WEEKS			
WEEK 4	Tuesday, 1 May	—	Thursday, 3 May
WEEK 5	Tuesday, 8 May	—	Thursday, 10 May
RECESS 2 WEEKS			
WEEK 6	Tuesday, 29 May	—	Thursday, 31 May
WEEK 7	Tuesday, 5 June	—	Thursday, 7 June
RECESS 1 WEEK			
WEEK 8	Tuesday, 19 June	—	Thursday, 21 June *
WEEK 9	Tuesday, 26 June	—	Thursday, 28 June
RECESS 6 WEEKS			
WEEK 10	Tuesday, 14 August	—	Thursday, 16 August
RECESS 1 WEEK			
WEEK 11	Tuesday, 28 August	—	Thursday, 30 August
WEEK 12	Tuesday, 4 September	—	Thursday, 6 September
RECESS 1 WEEK			
WEEK 13	Tuesday, 18 September	—	Thursday, 20 September
WEEK 14	Tuesday, 25 September	—	Thursday, 27 September
RECESS 2 WEEKS			
WEEK 15	Tuesday, 16 October	—	Thursday, 18 October
WEEK 16	Tuesday, 23 October	—	Thursday, 25 October
RECESS 2 WEEKS			
WEEK 17	Tuesday, 13 November	—	Thursday, 15 November
WEEK 18	Tuesday, 20 November	—	Thursday, 22 November
WEEK 19	Tuesday, 27 November	—	Thursday, 29 November
WEEK 20	Tuesday, 4 December	—	Thursday, 6 December

* Budget Estimates hearings were held in the Legislative Council Chamber on Thursday, 21 June 2007. This date is not recorded as a sitting day in the statistics.