



Legislative Assembly Statistical Summary

41st Parliament 15 – 17 August 2023

Sitting times

A sitting is when the Assembly meets. For more information, see: [Order of Business](#) and [Sitting Calendar](#)

Sitting time	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
- Weeks	1	2	11	47
- Days	3	6	33	136
- Hours	17:52	36:53	210:31	880:48
- Average hours	05:57	06:08	06:22	06:28

Bills

A bill is a draft Act – in other words, it is a proposal for a new law, or proposed amendments to an existing one. For more information, see: [Parliament of WA - Progress of bills](#)

TOTALS	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Bills introduced:				
- Total	1	5	27	116
- Initiated in the Assembly	1	5	22	105
- Initiated in the Council	0	0	5	11
- Government bills	1	5	27	116
- Private members' bills	0	0	0	0
Bills dealt with:				
- Bill dealt with urgently under Standing Order 168	0	0	2	7
- Passed by the Assembly	1	2	19	102
- Negatived	0	0	0	0
- Withdrawn	0	0	0	0
Bills amended:				
- Amended by the Assembly	0	0	3	12
- Amendments by the Council agreed to	0	0	2	6

Bill title	Introduced	Urgent Bill (SO 168)	Passed by Assembly	Negatived	Withdrawn	Amended by Assembly	Amendments by Council agreed to
Electricity Industry Amendment (Alternative Electricity Services) Bill 2023	16 Aug 2023						
Abortion Legislation Reform Bill 2023			17 Aug 2023				
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

*Red text indicates bill initiated in the Legislative Council

Motions

A motion is any proposal made to form a decision of the Assembly.

TOTALS	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
- Moved	2	5	21	103
- Amended	0	0	1	3
- Adjourned	1	3	11	48
- Agreed to	1	2	8	44
- Negatived	0	0	2	12

Motion subject	Moved	Amended	Adjourned	Agreed	Negatived
Business of the Assembly					
Government motions					
Private members' motions					
The Future of Energy in Western Australia	16 Aug 2023		16 Aug 2023		
Other motions					
Death of Tom Herzfeld – a former Member of the Legislative Assembly	16 Aug 2023			16 Aug 2023	
TOTAL	2	0	1	1	0

Matters of Public Interest

A type of motion moved (usually by the Opposition) relating a topic of public interest. There can only be one matter discussed per week (see Standing Order 145).

TOTALS	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Matters of Public Interest moved	1	2	10	40

Title	Moved	Amended	Adjourned	Agreed	Negatived
Matter of Public Interest – Women's and Babies Hospital	16 Aug 2023				16 Aug 2023
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	1

Questions

A question can be either 'without notice' (when asked during Question Time), or 'on notice' (a written question which is published in the Question Booklet and subsequently answered).

TOTALS	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Questions without notice (Question Time):				
Government	14	29	182	691
Opposition/Independent	35	71	362	1546
TOTAL	49	100	544	2237
Questions on notice:				
Government	0	0	0	0
Opposition/Independent	3	25	192	855
TOTAL	3	25	192	855

To access details on questions and answers, and for further information, see:

[Parliament of WA - Legislative Assembly Questions & Answers](#)

Divisions

A division is a vote of the Assembly where members indicate whether they are in favour or against the question before the House.

TOTALS	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of divisions	1	2	18	93

Business type – subject	Date	Count:		Result
		Ayes	Noes	
Abortion Legislation Reform Bill – Clause 8, Amendments: That the amendments be agreed to	15 Aug 2023	6	44	Negatived
Matter of Public Interest – Women's and Babies Hospital Site	16 Aug 2023	6	41	Negatived
TOTAL		2		

Tabled Papers

Tabled papers are any documents that are presented to Parliament, such as reports of departments and agencies and subsidiary legislation (legislation made under the authority of an Act of Parliament, not directly as an Act of Parliament). The term 'tabled' literally means that the document has been laid on the Table in the Chamber, but in practice it means that it is published and is publicly available.

TOTALS	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of papers tabled	18	136	445	2187

For further details on tabled papers and to access electronic copies, see:

[Parliament of WA - Assembly Tabled Papers](#)

Petitions

Petitions are formal requests by citizens for the Assembly to take specific action regarding a topic of their concern. Petitions are presented to the House by members, and must comply with the relevant Standing Orders (64-67).

TOTALS	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of petitions presented	0	0	5	42

Subject	Petition number	Date presented	Presenting member	Number of signatures
TOTAL				0

For further information on presenting petitions, see:

[Parliament of WA - Preparing a petition for the Legislative Assembly](#)

For information on petitions presented, see:

[Parliament of WA - Petitions](#)

Committee-related business

Committees are appointed by the Assembly (or by both the Assembly and the Council) to conduct inquiries relating to specific matters of policy and governance. There are different types of committees: Standing (formed for the life of the Parliament), Select (usually created for a specific purpose when the need arises), and Joint (report to both Houses). For more information, see: [Parliament of WA - About committees](#)

Committee inquiries launched	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Committee inquiries initiated	0	1	4	10
Number of Committee inquiries referred by the Assembly	0	0	0	2

Committee inquiry subject	Committee name	Date announced in the Assembly	Date report due
TOTAL		0	

Assembly-referred inquiry subject	Committee name	Date referred by the Assembly	Date report due
TOTAL		0	

Committee reports tabled	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Committee reports tabled in the Assembly	1	1	7	41

Report title	Committee name	Date tabled
Report 5 – A Long-Term Partnership: Developing Stronger Ties with Indonesia	EISC	17 Aug 2023
TOTAL	1	

Government responses to Committee recommendations	15 – 17 August	August 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Government responses received	0	2	4	13

Title of Committee report	Committee name	Government Response	Date received
TOTAL		0	

Assembly members currently sit on the following committees:

- Standing Committees: Procedure and Privileges Committee (PPC), Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Community Development and Justice Standing Committee (CDJSC), Education and Health Standing Committee (EHSC), and Economics and Industry Standing Committee (EISC)
- Joint Standing Committees: on the Corruption and Crime Commission (JSCCCC), on the Commissioner for Children and Young People (JSCCCYP), on Delegated Legislation (Del. Leg.), and the Joint Audit Committee (Audit)