



Legislative Assembly Statistical Summary

41st Parliament 17 – 19 October 2023

Sitting times

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

Sitting time	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
- Weeks	1	2	16	52
- Days	3	6	48	151
- Hours	19:08	39:22	311:08	981:25
- Average hours	06:22	06:33	06:28	06:29

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	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Bills introduced:				
- Total	2	5	36	125
- Initiated in the Assembly	2	5	31	114
- Initiated in the Council	0	0	5	11
- Government bills	2	5	36	125
- 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	2	3	28	111
- Negatived	0	0	0	0
- Withdrawn	0	0	0	0
Bills amended:				
- Amended by the Assembly	2	2	7	16
- Amendments by the Council agreed to	0	1	3	7

Bill title	Introduced	Urgent Bill (SO 168)	Passed by Assembly	Negatived	Withdrawn	Amended by Assembly	Amendments by Council agreed to
Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023			18 Oct 2023			Further amendments 17/10/23	
Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2023	18 Oct 2023						
Western Australian Marine Amendment Bill 2023	18 Oct 2023						
Duties Amendment (Off-the-Plan Concession and Foreign Persons Exemptions) Bill 2023			19 Oct 2023			19 Oct 2023	
TOTAL	2	0	2	0	0	2	0

*Red text indicates bill initiated in the Legislative Council

Suspensions of Standing Orders

A motion to suspend Standing or Temporary Orders can be moved to enable action to be taken that would otherwise not be possible under the Standing Orders.

TOTALS	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Government suspensions				
- Notice given	1	1	3	15
- No notice given	0	0	3	14
- Moved	1	1	6	29
- Amended	0	0	0	0
- Agreed to	1	1	6	29
- Negatived	0	0	0	0
Opposition/Independent suspensions				
- Notice given	0	0	0	0
- No notice given	1	1	5	16
- Moved	1	1	5	16
- Amended	1	1	5	16
- Agreed to	1	1	5	16
- Negatived	0	0	0	0

Subject	Notice given	No notice given	Moved	Amended	Agreed	Negatived
Government suspensions						
To enable the third reading of the Duties Amendment (Off-the-Plan Concession and Foreign Persons Exemptions) Bill 2023 to be moved forthwith following consideration in detail	1		19 Oct 2023		19 Oct 2023	
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	1	0
Opposition/Independent suspensions						
To enable the following motion to be moved forthwith – Women's and Babies' Hospital		1	18 Oct 2023	18 Oct 2023	18 Oct 2023	
TOTAL	0	1	1	1	1	0

Motions

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

TOTALS	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
- Moved	3	4	31	113
- Amended	0	0	1	3
- Adjourned	1	2	16	53
- Agreed to	1	1	11	47
- Negatived	1	1	4	14

Motion subject	Moved	Amended	Adjourned	Agreed	Negatived
Business of the Assembly					
Government motions					
Private members' motions					
Women's and Babies' Hospital	18 Oct 2023				18 Oct 2023
The Management of WA's Health System	18 Oct 2023		18 Oct 2023		
Other motions					
Death of Alexander Donald Taylor AM – a former Member of the Legislative Assembly	18 Oct 2023			18 Oct 2023	
TOTAL	3	0	1	1	1

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	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Matters of Public Interest moved	1	2	15	45

Title	Moved	Amended	Adjourned	Agreed	Negatived
WA Leadership	17 Oct 2023	17 Oct 2023		17 Oct 2023	
TOTAL	1	1	0	1	0

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	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Questions without notice (Question Time):				
Government	15	30	257	766
Opposition/Independent	36	70	537	1721
TOTAL	51	100	794	2487
Questions on notice:				
Government	0	0	0	0
Opposition/Independent	9	32	281	944
TOTAL	9	32	281	944

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	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of divisions	4	5	33	108

Business type – subject	Date	Count:		Result
		Ayes	Noes	
Matter of Public Interest – WA Leadership, Amendment: That the words to be deleted, be deleted	17 Oct 2023	47	6	Agreed
Matter of Public Interest – WA Leadership, Amendment: That the motion, as amended, be agreed to	17 Oct 2023	47	6	Agreed
Motion – Women's and Babies' Hospital	18 Oct 2023	6	42	Negated
Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023 – Third Reading	18 Oct 2023	40	6	Agreed
TOTAL			4	

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	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of papers tabled	19	86	707	2449

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	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of petitions presented	1	1	9	46

Subject	Petition number	Date presented	Presenting member	Number of signatures
Lighting on Moorings and Moored Vessels	46	17 Oct 2023	Mr K.J.J. Michel	7800
TOTAL				1

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	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Committee inquiries initiated	0	0	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	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Committee reports tabled in the Assembly	2	3	12	46

Report title	Committee name	Date tabled
Report 4 – Annual Report 2022-23	CDJSC	19 Oct 2023
Report 6 – Annual Report 2022-23	EISC	19 Oct 2023
TOTAL		2

Government responses to Committee recommendations	17 – 19 October	October 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Government responses received	0	1	5	14

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

– 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 (JSCCC), on the Commissioner for Children and Young People (JSCCCYP), on Delegated Legislation (Del. Leg.), and the Joint Audit Committee (Audit)