



Legislative Assembly Statistical Summary

41st Parliament 19 – 21 September 2023

Sitting times

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

Sitting time	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
- Weeks	1	2	14	50
- Days	3	6	42	145
- Hours	21:54	41:51	271:46	942:03
- Average hours	07:18	06:58	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	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Bills introduced:				
- Total	1	1	31	120
- Initiated in the Assembly	1	1	26	109
- Initiated in the Council	0	0	5	11
- Government bills	1	1	31	120
- 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	4	25	108
- Negatived	0	0	0	0
- Withdrawn	0	0	0	0
Bills amended:				
- Amended by the Assembly	1	2	5	14
- 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Bill title	Introduced	Urgent Bill (SO 168)	Passed by Assembly	Negatived	Withdrawn	Amended by Assembly	Amendments by Council agreed to
Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023	20 Sep 2023						
Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023			21 Sep 2023			20 Sep 2023	
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	0	1	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	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Government suspensions				
- Notice given	1	1	2	14
- No notice given	0	0	3	14
- Moved	1	1	5	28
- Amended	0	0	0	0
- Agreed to	1	1	5	28
- Negatived	0	0	0	0
Opposition/Independent suspensions				
- Notice given	0	0	0	0
- No notice given	0	1	4	15
- Moved	0	1	4	15
- Amended	0	1	4	15
- Agreed to	0	1	4	15
- Negatived	0	0	0	0

Subject	Notice given	No notice given	Moved	Amended	Agreed	Negatived
Government suspensions						
To enable Private Members' Business to have priority from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 20 September 2023	1		20 Sep 2023		20 Sep 2023	
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	1	0
Opposition/Independent suspensions						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Motions

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

TOTALS	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
- Moved	2	5	27	109
- Amended	0	0	1	3
- Adjourned	1	2	14	51
- Agreed to	1	2	10	46
- Negatived	0	1	3	13

Motion subject	Moved	Amended	Adjourned	Agreed	Negatived
Business of the Assembly					
Government motions					
Private members' motions					
Primary Industries in Western Australia	20 Sep 2023		20 Sep 2023		
Other motions					
Death of Christopher Baker – a former Member of the Legislative Assembly	20 Sep 2023			20 Sep 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	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Matters of Public Interest moved	1	2	13	43

Title	Moved	Amended	Adjourned	Agreed	Negatived
Community Safety	19 Sep 2023				19 Sep 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	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Questions without notice (Question Time):				
Government	15	30	227	736
Opposition/Independent	35	69	467	1651
TOTAL	50	99	694	2387
Questions on notice:				
Government	0	0	0	0
Opposition/Independent	10	34	249	912
TOTAL	10	34	249	912

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	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of divisions	3	7	28	103

Business type – subject	Date	Count:		Result
		Ayes	Noes	
Matter of Public Interest – Community Safety	19 Sep 2023	6	44	Negated
Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023 – Motion to split the Bill	19 Sep 2023	6	42	Negated
Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023 – Clause 13, Amendment: That the amendment be agreed to	20 Sep 2023	5	33	Negated
TOTAL		3		

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	19 – 21 September	September 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	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Committee reports tabled in the Assembly	2	2	9	43

Report title	Committee name	Date tabled
Report No. 9 – Annual Report 2022-2023	PAC	21 Sep 2023
Report No. 5 – Annual Report 2022-2023	EHSC	21 Sep 2023
TOTAL	2	

Government responses to Committee recommendations	19 – 21 September	September 2023	2023 to date	41st Parliament to date
Number of Government responses received	0	0	4	13

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)