



# HOUSE OF LORDS

## INFORMATION

### STATISTICS ON BUSINESS AND MEMBERSHIP

Session 2012–13: 9 May 2012 to 25 April 2013

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# BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

		2012-13	2010-12	2009-10	2008-09
<b>SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE IN THE SESSION</b>					
1.	Number of sitting days (excluding days when the House sat for swearing-in days)	137	293	68	134
2.	Number of weeks during which the House sat	35	74	18	32
3.	Number of hours for which the Chamber sat*	903:11	2106:00	445:12	907:22
4.	Average length of sittings in the Chamber*	6:36	7:11	6:32	6:46
5.	Number of sittings continuing beyond 10pm	36	119	16	37
6.	Number of sittings continuing to midnight and beyond	1	18	1	1
7.	Number of Friday sittings	9	18	4	11
8.	Average daily attendance	484	475	388	400
<b>DIVISIONS (VOTES) IN THE SESSION</b>					
1.	Number of divisions	82	241	43	89
2.	Average number of Members voting per division	363	373	206	194
3.	Government victories in divisions	52 63%	188 78%	28 65%	61 69%
4.	Government defeats in divisions	27 33%	48 20%	14 33%	25 28%
5.	Unwhipped divisions (in which the Government in the Lords has not taken a formal position)	3 4%	5 2%	1 2%	3 3%

## NOTES

### Dates of Sessions:

2012-13	9 May 2012 to 25 April 2013
2010-12	25 May 2010 to 1 May 2012
2009-10	18 November 2009 to 8 April 2010
2008-09	3 December 2008 to 12 November 2009

\* Time is shown in the form hours:minutes. Time shown includes adjournments during pleasure (breaks during a sitting). See page 4 for details.

# BUSINESS IN THE CHAMBER

		2012-13	2010-12	2009-10	2008-09
<b>QUESTIONS — Number of:</b>					
1.	Oral Questions (up to four questions totalling 30 minutes are taken each day Monday - Thursday)	499	1080	248	484
2.	Questions to Secretaries of State	-	-	18	-
3.	Private Notice Questions (oral questions on urgent matters, up to 10 minutes of questions and answers)	9	10	5	7
4.	Questions for Written Answer	6816	16980	3240	6339
<b>DEBATES — Number of motions in each category:</b>					
1.	General back-bench debates (allocated by party/group)	26	68	15	27
2.	General back-bench debates (allocated by ballot and time-limited to 2½ hours)	14	24	8	12
3.	Other general back-bench debates (not on the normal debate day)	1	4	0	0
4.	General 'take note' debates initiated by the Government	13	19	4	3
5.	Questions for Short Debate - total	70	92	6	38
i)	Taken in normal time	44	36	3	11
ii)	Taken in the dinner/lunch break	26	56	3	27
6.	Debates on non-domestic Select Committee reports - total	14	31	8	16
i)	On European Union Committee reports	8	19	5	6
ii)	On other non-domestic Select Committee reports	6	12	3	10
7.	Motions to agree a resolution of the House (including agreeing non-domestic Select Committee reports)	5	13	4	1
8.	Motions to agree domestic Select Committee reports, including accompanying recommendations	9	38	10	9
9.	Motion for an Address on the Queen's Speech	1	1	1	1
10.	Motions for an Address not on the Queen's Speech or on delegated legislation	0	2	0	0
<b>STATEMENTS — Number of:</b>					
1.	Ministerial Statements made and debated in the House	75	145	23	66
2.	Written Statements	1153	2349	703	1112

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<b>DELEGATED LEGISLATION — Number of:</b>					
1.	Motions to approve affirmative instruments	121	258	147	187
2.	Motions to annul negative instruments	1	8	2	3
3.	Other proceedings on delegated legislation	10	21	9	9
<b>THE TIME OF THE HOUSE was spent approximately as follows (with percentages of total sitting time):</b>					
1.	Prayers (six minutes at the start of each sitting day)	14:23 1.6%	31:07 1.5%	7:03 1.6%	12:15 1.4%
2.	Introductions of new Members	0:51 0.1%	11:25 0.5%	0:31 0.1%	1:28 0.2%
3.	Oral Questions (up to four questions totalling 30 minutes are taken each day Monday - Thursday)	63:41 7.1%	139:15 6.6%	31:18 7.0%	61:31 6.8%
4.	Questions to Secretaries of State	-	-	1:34 0.4%	-
5.	Private Notice Questions (oral questions on urgent matters, up to 10 minutes of questions and answers)	1:37 0.2%	1:45 0.1%	0:43 0.2%	1:19 0.1%
6.	General back-bench debates (allocated by party/group)	61:07 6.8%	167:06 7.9%	35:42 8.0%	70:03 7.7%
7.	General back-bench debates (allocated by ballot and time-limited to 2½ hours)	32:11 3.6%	54:24 2.6%	17:48 4.0%	25:06 2.8%
8.	Other general back-bench debates (not on the normal debate day)	4:40 0.5%	18:28 0.9%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%
9.	General 'take note' debates initiated by the Government	42:42 4.7%	92:53 4.4%	13:51 3.1%	13:08 1.4%
10.	Questions for Short Debate - total	78:46 8.7%	97:01 4.6%	6:09 1.4%	37:29 4.1%
i)	Taken in normal time	53:40 5.9%	43:37 2.1%	3:13 0.7%	11:29 1.3%
ii)	Taken in the dinner/lunch break	25:06 2.8%	53:24 2.5%	2:56 0.7%	26:00 2.8%
11.	Debates on non-domestic Select Committee reports - total	28:35 3.2%	59:01 2.8%	16:47 3.8%	26:10 2.9%
i)	On European Union Committee reports	15:52 1.8%	25:34 1.2%	8:56 2.0%	10:29 1.1%
ii)	On Science and Technology Committee reports	2:46 0.3%	4:44 0.2%	2:06 0.5%	1:57 0.2%
iii)	On Economic Affairs Committee reports	3:51 0.4%	1:16 0.1%	0:00 0%	2:25 0.3%
iv)	On Constitution Committee reports	2:19 0.3%	6:01 0.3%	0:00 0%	3:59 0.4%

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v)	On Communications Committee reports	1:38 0.2%	6:36 0.3%	2:38 0.6%	3:48 0.4%
vi)	On Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee or Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee reports	2:09 0.2%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%	1:49 0.2%
vii)	On reports of ad hoc committees	0:00 0%	13:23 0.6%	3:07 0.7%	1:43 0.2%
12.	Motions to agree a resolution of the House (including agreeing non-domestic Select Committee reports)	4:41 0.5%	10:13 0.5%	2:10 0.5%	0:37 0.1%
13.	Motions to agree domestic Select Committee reports, including accompanying recommendations	4:54 0.5%	9:43 0.5%	8:12 1.8%	2:13 0.2%
14.	Motion for an Address on the Queen's Speech	34:07 3.8%	28:56 1.4%	33:48 7.6%	33:22 3.7%
15.	Motions for an Address not on the Queen's Speech or on delegated legislation	0:00 0%	0:41 <0.1%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%
16.	Ministerial Statements made and debated in the House	48:26 5.4%	103:54 4.9%	15:22 3.4%	51:36 5.7%
17.	Church of England Measures	0:31 0.1%	0:40 <0.1%	0:27 0.1%	0:33 0.1%
18.	Public bills (details on pages 5-6)	420:46 46.6%	1178:34 56%	209:38 47.1%	510:20 56.3%
19.	Private bills	0:59 0.1%	3:27 0.2%	0:30 0.1%	2:01 0.2%
20.	Approval of affirmative instruments	22:46 2.5%	38:07 1.8%	27:41 6.2%	27:44 3.0%
21.	Motions to annul negative instruments	2:28 0.3%	9:26 0.4%	2:40 0.6%	5:41 0.6%
22.	Other proceedings on delegated legislation	10:22 1.1%	15:49 0.8%	6:44 1.5%	6:29 0.7%
23.	Formal business	5:43 0.6%	9:39 0.5%	3:23 0.8%	3:54 0.4%
24.	Adjournments during pleasure (breaks during a sitting)	12:56 1.4%	28:36 1.3%	3:03 0.7%	14:00 1.5%
25.	Other (tributes, unusual events and procedures)	6:39 0.7%	1:57 0.1%	0:09 <0.1%	0:39 0.1%

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<b>PUBLIC BILLS</b> (excludes time spent in Grand Committee – see page 7)					
The time spent on bills (with percentages of total sitting time) was as follows:					
<b>1.</b>	Public bills – total	420:46 46.6%	1 178:34 56%	209:38 47.1%	510:20 56.3%
<b>2.</b>	Public bills according to House the bill was introduced into:				
<b>i)</b>	Bills which started in the Lords	136:23 15.1%	221:03 10.5%	78:53 17.7%	225:28 24.9%
<b>ii)</b>	Bills which started in the Commons	284:23 31.5%	957:31 45.5%	130:45 29.4%	284:52 31.4%
<b>3.</b>	Public bills according to type:				
<b>i)</b>	Government bills	398:04 44.1%	1 131:02 53.7%	188:49 42.4%	478:57 52.8%
<b>ii)</b>	Private members' bills	22:42 2.5%	47:32 2.3%	20:49 4.7%	31:23 3.5%
<b>4.</b>	Time spent on each stage of bill proceedings (notification of Royal Assent not included):				
<b>i)</b>	First reading – total	0:34 0.1%	0:45 <0.1%	0:41 0.2%	0:24 <0.1%
<b>ii)</b>	Second reading – total	93:49 10.4%	209:09 9.9%	72:13 16.2%	95:15 10.5%
	Second reading according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	20:39 2.3%	35:30 1.7%	9:58 2.2%	26:05 2.9%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	53:20 5.9%	137:20 6.5%	46:15 10.4%	41:42 4.6%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	11:19 1.3%	33:25 1.6%	12:31 2.8%	23:28 2.6%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	8:31 0.9%	2:54 0.1%	3:29 0.8%	4:04 0.4%
<b>iii)</b>	Committee stage – total excluding time in Grand Committee	163:25 18.1%	555:44 26.4%	95:06 21.4%	251:21 27.7%
	Committee stage according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	55:43 6.2%	74:29 3.5%	29:06 6.6%	97:00 10.7%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	105:22 11.7%	472:19 22.4%	62:18 14.0%	150:38 16.6%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	0:07 <0.1%	8:12 0.4%	3:40 0.8%	3:39 0.4%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	2:13 0.2%	0:44 0.1%	0:02 <0.1%	0:04 <0.1%

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<b>iv)</b>	Report stage – total	123:30 13.7%	325:35 15.5%	33:33 7.5%	133:38 14.7%
	Report stage according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	31:31 3.5%	51:14 2.4%	17:21 3.9%	63:19 7.0%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	91:58 10.2%	273:04 13%	16:10 3.6%	70:19 7.7%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	0:00 0%	1:17 0.1%	0:02 <0.1%	0:00 0%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	0:01 <0.1%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%
<b>v)</b>	Third reading and passing – total	15:09 1.7%	44:50 2.1%	5:33 1.3%	15:32 1.7%
	Third reading and passing according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	4:25 0.5%	8:37 0.4%	3:38 0.8%	4:49 0.5%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	10:33 1.2%	35:35 1.7%	1:21 0.3%	10:43 1.2%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	0:04 <0.1%	0:35 <0.1%	0:34 0.2%	0:00 0%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	0:07 <0.1%	0:03 <0.1%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%
<b>vi)</b>	Consideration of bills returned from the House of Commons – total	24:08 2.7%	42:31 2.1%	2:32 0.6%	14:10 1.6%
	Consideration of bills returned from the House of Commons according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	12:12 1.4%	7:15 0.4%	1:53 0.4%	6:51 0.8%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	11:56 1.3%	35:09 1.7%	0:39 0.2%	7:19 0.8%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	0:00 0%	0:07 <0.1%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	0:00 0%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%

# BUSINESS IN GRAND COMMITTEES

The Grand Committee, which meets in the Moses Room, operates as a “second chamber” for the consideration of various types of business, including: committee stages of bills; consideration of delegated legislation instruments; Questions for Short Debate; debates on Select Committee and other reports and on national policy statements; and second reading debates on Law Commission bills. All peers may participate in Grand Committees, and proceedings mirror those in the Chamber on comparable business, with the exception that no divisions may take place.

		2012-13	2010-12	2009-10	2008-09
	Number of days on which Grand Committees met	74	110	36	62
	Number of hours for which Grand Committees sat	240:31	339:03	109:52	198:31
<b>1.</b>	Number of public bill committee stages taken in Grand Committee	7	11	6	6
	Time spent	96:45 40.2%	176:16 52%	37:32 34.1%	120:44 61.0%
<b>2.</b>	Number of Law Commission bill second reading debates taken in Grand Committee	1	2	0	1
	Time spent	1:15 0.5%	1:54 0.6%	0:00 0%	1:19 0.6%
<b>3.</b>	Number of delegated legislation instruments considered in Grand Committee	161	205	92	124
	Time spent	67:16 28%	80:53 23.8%	38:23 35%	41:39 21.0%
<b>4.</b>	Number of debates taken in Grand Committee	53	48	19	25
	Time spent	69:13 28.8%	57:29 17%	28:25 25.9%	26:08 13%
<b>i)</b>	Number of Questions for Short Debate taken in Grand Committee	34	30	12	18
	Time spent	33:19 13.9%	28:21 8.4%	10:52 10.0%	15:59 8.0%
<b>ii)</b>	Number of debates on Select Committee reports taken in Grand Committee	16	8	2	6
	Time spent	29:13 12.1%	14:48 4.4%	4:08 3.8%	8:32 4.3%
<b>iii)</b>	Number of other debates	3	10	5	1
	Time spent	6:41 2.8%	14:20 4.2%	13:24 12.2%	1:37 0.8%
<b>5.</b>	Other	6:02 2.5%	22:31 6.6%	5:32 5.0%	8:41 4.4%
<b>i)</b>	Formal business	0:10 0.1%	0:56 0.3%	0:19 0.3%	0:21 0.2%
<b>ii)</b>	Adjournments (breaks during a sitting)*	5:52 2.4%	21:35 6.3%	5:13 4.7%	8:20 4.2%

\*Adjournments in the Grand Committee are typically for divisions in the Chamber.



## COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSE AT THE END OF SESSION 2012–13 (25 April 2013)

### *By Party/Group*

Party/Group	Life Peers	Excepted Hereditary Peers*	Bishops	Total
Conservative	163	49	0	212
Labour	218	4	0	222
Liberal Democrat	85	4	0	89
Crossbench	150	31	0	181
Archbishops and Bishops	0	0	25	25
Other parties	15	1	0	16
Non-affiliated (current Member)	17	0	0	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>762</b>

**NB** The table excludes 37 peers on leave of absence, 10 disqualified as senior members of the judiciary, 1 disqualified as an MEP.

\*This includes 74 peers elected by parties and groups and 15 peers elected by the whole House.

### *By Type*

	Men	Women	Total
Archbishops and bishops	25	0	25
Life Peers under the Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1876	22	1	23
Life Peers under the Life Peerages Act 1958	493	177	670
Excepted hereditary Peers under the House of Lords Act 1999	90	2	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>810</b>