



# HOUSE OF LORDS

## STATISTICS ON BUSINESS AND MEMBERSHIP

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Times are shown in the form hours:minutes

# BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

		2013-14	2012-13	2010-12	2009-10
<b>SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE IN THE SESSION</b>					
1.	Number of sitting days (excluding days when the House sat for swearing-in days)	149	137	293	68
2.	Number of weeks during which the House sat	39	35	74	18
3.	Number of hours for which the Chamber sat	1011:13	903:11	2106:00	445:12
4.	Average length of sittings in the Chamber	6:47	6:36	7:11	6:32
5.	Number of sittings continuing beyond 10pm	46	36	119	16
6.	Number of sittings continuing to midnight and beyond	4	1	18	1
7.	Number of days on which Grand Committees met	92	74	110	36
8.	Number of hours for which Grand Committees sat	310:19	240:31	339:03	109:52
9.	Number of Friday sittings	10	9	18	4
10.	Average daily attendance	497	484	475	388
<b>DIVISIONS (VOTES) IN THE SESSION</b>					
1.	Number of divisions	89	82	241	43
2.	Average number of Members voting per division	394	363	373	206
3.	Government victories in divisions	71 80%*	52 63%	188 78%	28 65%
4.	Government defeats in divisions	14 16%*	27 33%	48 20%	14 33%
5.	Unwhipped divisions	10 11%*	3 4%	5 2%	1 2%
<b>BUSINESS IN THE SESSION</b>					
1.	Total sitting time in the Chamber and in Grand Committee	1321:32	1143:42	2393:27	546:23
(a)	Bills	682:12 51.6%	519:45 45.4%	1360:11 56.8%	246:50 45.1%
(b)	Delegated legislation	88:31 6.7%	102:51 9.0%	144:15 6.0%	75:32 13.8%
(c)	Debates	398:05 30.1%	360:17 31.5%	589:48 24.6%	162:52 29.8%
(f)	Other	152:44 11.6%	160:49 14.1%	299:13 12.5%	61:09 11.2%

\* These percentages do not add up to 100 per cent because, unusually, the Government took a formal position on unwhipped divisions during the passage of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill 2013.

# BUSINESS IN THE CHAMBER

		2013-14	2012-13	2010-12	2009-10
<b>QUESTIONS — Number of:</b>					
1.	Oral Questions (up to four questions totalling 30 minutes are taken each day Monday - Thursday)	543	499	1080	248
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	9	10	5
4.	Questions for Written Answer	7007	6816	16980	3240
<b>DEBATES — Number of motions in each category:</b>					
1.	General back-bench debates (allocated by party/group)	31	26	68	15
2.	General back-bench debates (allocated by ballot and time-limited to 2½ hours)	12	14	24	8
3.	Other general back-bench debates (not on the normal debate day)	1	1	4	0
4.	General 'take note' debates initiated by the Government	10	14	19	4
5.	Questions for Short Debate - total	73	70	92	6
i)	Taken in normal time	36	44	36	3
ii)	Taken in the dinner/lunch break	30	26	56	3
iii)	Topical	7	-	-	-
6.	Debates on non-domestic Select Committee reports - total	24	14	31	8
i)	On European Union Committee reports	10	8	19	5
ii)	On other non-domestic Select Committee reports	14	6	12	3
7.	Motions to agree a resolution of the House (including agreeing non-domestic Select Committee reports)	9	5	11	2
8.	Motions to consider domestic Select Committee reports, including accompanying recommendations and consequential motions	15	10	41	12
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	1	0	2	0
<b>STATEMENTS — Number of:</b>					
1.	Ministerial Statements made and debated in the House	65	75	145	23
2.	Written Statements	1177	1153	2349	703

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<b>DELEGATED LEGISLATION — Number of:</b>					
1.	Motions to approve affirmative instruments	181	121	258	147
2.	Motions to annul negative instruments	2	1	8	2
3.	Other proceedings on delegated legislation	9	10	21	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)	16:42 1.7%	14:23 1.6%	31:07 1.5%	7:03 1.6%
2.	Introductions of new Members	3:33 0.3%	0:51 0.1%	11:25 0.5%	0:31 0.1%
3.	Oral Questions (up to four questions totalling 30 minutes are taken each day Monday - Thursday)	69:22 6.9%	63:41 7.1%	139:15 6.6%	31:18 7.0%
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)	1:33 0.2%	1:37 0.2%	1:45 0.1%	0:43 0.2%
6.	General back-bench debates (allocated by party/group)	75:24 7.5%	61:07 6.8%	167:06 7.9%	35:42 8.0%
7.	General back-bench debates (allocated by ballot)	25:54 2.6%	32:11 3.6%	54:24 2.6%	17:48 4.0%
8.	Other general back-bench debates (not on the normal debate day)	0:29 <0.1%	4:40 0.5%	18:28 0.9%	0:00 0%
9.	General 'take note' debates initiated by the Government	46:36 4.6%	44:59 5.0%	94:33 4.5%	13:51 3.1%
10.	Questions for Short Debate - total	76:32 7.6%	78:46 8.7%	97:01 4.6%	6:09 1.4%
i)	Taken in normal time	41:39 4.1%	53:40 5.9%	43:37 2.1%	3:13 0.7%
ii)	Taken in the dinner/lunch break	27:55 2.77%	25:06 2.8%	53:24 2.5%	2:56 0.7%
iii)	Topical	6:58 0.7%	-	-	-
11.	Debates on non-domestic Select Committee reports - total	46:11 4.6%	28:35 3.2%	62:37 3.0%	16:47 3.8%
i)	On European Union Committee reports	17:13 1.7%	15:52 1.8%	27:14 1.3%	8:56 2.0%
ii)	On Science and Technology Committee reports	1:28 0.2%	2:46 0.3%	4:44 0.2%	2:06 0.5%
iii)	On Economic Affairs Committee reports	6:36 0.7%	3:51 0.4%	2:38 0.2%	0:00 0%
iv)	On Constitution Committee reports	4:14 0.4%	2:19 0.3%	6:01 0.3%	0:00 0%

		<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2010-12</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
<b>v)</b>	On Communications Committee reports	1:17 0.1%	1:38 0.2%	6:36 0.3%	2:38 0.6%
<b>vi)</b>	On reports of ad hoc committees	15:23 1.5%	0:00 0%	13:23 0.6%	3:07 0.7%
<b>vii)</b>	On Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee or Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee reports	0:00 0%	2:09 0.2%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%
<b>12.</b>	Motions to agree a resolution of the House (including agreeing non-domestic Select Committee reports)	11:31 1.14%	5:40 0.6%	10:58 0.5%	2:01 0.5%
<b>13.</b>	Motions to agree domestic Select Committee reports, including accompanying recommendations	1:33 0.2%	6:22 0.7%	12:07 0.6%	8:21 1.9%
<b>14.</b>	Motion for an Address on the Queen's Speech	31:04 3.1%	34:07 3.8%	28:56 1.4%	33:48 7.6%
<b>15.</b>	Motions for an Address not on the Queen's Speech or on delegated legislation	0:10 <0.1%	0:00 0%	0:41 <0.1%	0:00 0%
<b>16.</b>	Ministerial Statements made and debated in the House	36:28 3.6%	48:26 5.4%	103:54 4.9%	15:22 3.4%
<b>17.</b>	Church of England Measures	0:15 <0.1%	0:31 0.1%	0:40 <0.1%	0:27 0.1%
<b>18.</b>	Public bills (details on pages 5-6)	532:22 52.6%	420:46 46.6%	1178:34 56.0%	209:38 47.1%
<b>19.</b>	Private bills	0:10 <0.1%	0:59 0.1%	3:27 0.2%	0:30 0.1%
<b>20.</b>	Approval of affirmative instruments	17:06 1.7%	22:46 2.5%	38:07 1.8%	27:41 6.2%
<b>21.</b>	Motions to annul negative instruments	2:14 0.2%	2:28 0.3%	9:26 0.4%	2:40 0.6%
<b>22.</b>	Other proceedings on delegated legislation	12:14 1.2%	10:22 1.1%	15:49 0.8%	6:44 1.5%
<b>23.</b>	Formal business (including tributes)	3:36 0.4%	5:43 0.6%	9:39 0.6%	3:23 0.8%
<b>24.</b>	Adjournments during pleasure (breaks during a sitting)	7:47 0.8%	12:56 1.4%	28:36 1.3%	3:03 0.7%

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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	532:22 52.6%	420:46 46.6%	1178:34 56.0%	209:38 47.1%
<b>2.</b>	Public bills according to House the bill was introduced into:				
<b>i)</b>	Bills which started in the Lords	130:34 12.9%	136:23 15.1%	221:03 10.5%	78:53 17.7%
<b>ii)</b>	Bills which started in the Commons	401:48 39.7%	284:23 31.5%	957:31 45.5%	130:45 29.4%
<b>3.</b>	Public bills according to type:				
<b>i)</b>	Government bills	489:13 48.4%	398:04 44.1%	1131:02 53.7%	188:49 42.4%
<b>ii)</b>	Private members' bills	43:09 4.3%	22:42 2.5%	47:32 2.3%	20:49 4.7%
<b>4.</b>	Time spent on each stage of bill proceedings (Formal motions and notification of Royal Assent not included):				
<b>i)</b>	First reading – total	0:29 <0.1%	0:34 0.1%	0:45 <0.1%	0:41 0.2%
<b>ii)</b>	Second reading – total	114:21 11.3%	93:49 10.4%	209:09 9.9%	72:13 16.2%
	Second reading according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	17:57 1.8%	20:39 2.3%	35:30 1.7%	9:58 2.2%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	68:51 6.8%	53:20 5.9%	137:20 6.5%	46:15 10.4%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	15:46 1.6%	11:19 1.3%	33:25 1.6%	12:31 2.8%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	11:47 1.2%	8:31 0.9%	2:54 0.1%	3:29 0.8%
<b>iii)</b>	Committee stage – total excluding time in Grand Committee	201:18 19.9%	163:25 18.1%	555:44 26.4%	95:06 21.4%
	Committee stage according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	44:21 4.4%	55:43 6.2%	74:29 3.5%	29:06 6.6%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	141:49 14.0%	105:22 11.7%	472:19 22.4%	62:18 14.0%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	1:55 0.2%	0:07 <0.1%	8:12 0.4%	3:40 0.8%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	13:13 1.3%	2:13 0.2%	0:44 0.1%	0:02 <0.1%

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<b>iv)</b>	Report stage – total	174:58 17.3%	123:30 13.7%	325:35 15.5%	33:33 7.5%
	Report stage according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	37:17 3.7%	31:31 3.5%	51:14 2.4%	17:21 3.9%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	137:41 13.6%	91:58 10.2%	273:04 13%	16:10 3.6%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	0:00 0.0%	0:00 0%	1:17 0.1%	0:02 <0.1%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	0:00 0.0%	0:01 <0.1%	0:00 0%	0:00 0%
<b>v)</b>	Third reading and passing – total	24:53 2.5%	15:09 1.7%	44:50 2.1%	5:33 1.3%
	Third reading and passing according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	5:14 0.5%	4:25 0.5%	8:37 0.4%	3:38 0.8%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	19:31 1.9%	10:33 1.2%	35:35 1.7%	1:21 0.3%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	0:04 <0.1%	0:04 <0.1%	0:35 <0.1%	0:34 0.2%
	d) Private members' bills which started in the Commons	0:04 <0.1%	0:07 <0.1%	0:03 <0.1%	0:00 0%
<b>vi)</b>	Consideration of bills returned from the House of Commons – total	15:55 1.6%	24:08 2.7%	42:31 2.1%	2:32 0.6%
	Consideration of bills returned from the House of Commons according to type:				
	a) Government bills which started in the Lords	7:35 0.7%	12:12 1.4%	7:15 0.4%	1:53 0.4%
	b) Government bills which started in the Commons	8:20 0.8%	11:56 1.3%	35:09 1.7%	0:39 0.2%
	c) Private members' bills which started in the Lords	0:00 0%	0:00 0%	0:07 <0.1%	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.

		2013-14	2012-13	2010-12	2009-10
	Number of days on which Grand Committees met	92	74	110	36
	Number of hours for which Grand Committees sat	310:19	240:31	339:03	109:52
<b>1.</b>	Number of public bill committee stages taken in Grand Committee	9	7	11	6
	Time spent	148:01 47.7%	96:45 40.2%	176:16 52%	37:32 34.1%
<b>2.</b>	Number of Law Commission bill second reading debates taken in Grand Committee	1	1	2	0
	Time spent	1:39 0.5%	1:15 0.5%	1:54 0.6%	0:00 0%
<b>3.</b>	Number of delegated legislation instruments considered in Grand Committee	174	161	205	92
	Time spent	56:57 18.4%	67:16 28%	80:53 23.8%	38:23 35%
<b>4.</b>	Number of debates taken in Grand Committee	92	53	48	19
	Time spent	90:12 29.1%	69:13 28.8%	57:29 17%	28:25 25.9%
<b>i)</b>	Number of Questions for Short Debate taken in Grand Committee	84	34	30	12
	Time spent	76:41 24.7%	33:19 13.9%	28:21 8.4%	10:52 10.0%
<b>ii)</b>	Number of debates on Select Committee reports taken in Grand Committee	8	16	8	2
	Time spent	12:25 4%	29:13 12.1%	14:48 4.4%	4:08 3.8%
<b>iii)</b>	Number of other debates	2	3	10	5
	Time spent	3:03 1%	6:41 2.8%	14:20 4.2%	13:24 12.2%
<b>5.</b>	Other	13:30 4.35%	6:02 2.5%	22:31 6.6%	5:32 5.0%
<b>i)</b>	Formal business	0:02 <0.1%	0:10 0.1%	0:56 0.3%	0:19 0.3%
<b>ii)</b>	Adjournments (breaks during a sitting)*	13:28 4.33%	5:52 2.4%	21:35 6.3%	5:13 4.7%

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



## COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSE AT THE END OF SESSION 2013–14 (14 May 2014)

### *By Party/Group*

Party/Group	Life Peers	Excepted Hereditary Peers*	Bishops	Total
Conservative	171	49	0	<b>220</b>
Labour	214	4	0	<b>218</b>
Liberal Democrat	95	4	0	<b>99</b>
Crossbench	151	30	0	<b>181</b>
Archbishops and Bishops	0	0	25	<b>25</b>
Other parties	14	1	0	<b>15</b>
Non-affiliated (current Member)	20	0	0	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>778</b>

**NB** The table excludes 44 peers on leave of absence, 8 disqualified as senior members of the judiciary, 1 disqualified as an MEP and 2 suspended from the service of the House.

\*This includes 75 peers elected by parties and groups and 15 peers elected by the whole House.

### *By Type*

	Men	Women	Total
Archbishops and bishops	25	0	<b>25</b>
Life Peers under the Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1876	22	1	<b>23</b>
Life Peers under the Life Peerages Act 1958	504	189	<b>693</b>
Excepted hereditary Peers under the House of Lords Act 1999	90	2	<b>92</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>833</b>