



Legislative Assembly

for the Australian Capital Territory



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The unique characteristics of the Legislative Assembly
for the Australian Capital Territory

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1.

Minority Government for 20 out of 24 years
(83.3%)





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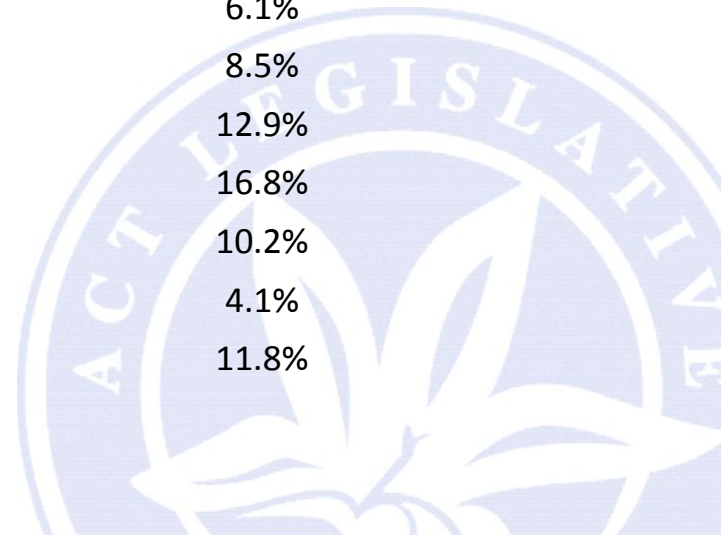
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2.

- High percentage of private Members Bills introduced
 - High proportion that are passed into law
 - One full day a week devoted to PMB

Year	% of Private Members Bills introduced	% of Private members Bills passed
1989-1991	18.6%	6.1%
1992-1994	18.1%	8.5%
1995-1997	18.4%	12.9%
1998-2001	25.8%	16.8%
2002-2004	26.6%	10.2%
2005-2008	19.6%	4.1%
2008-2012	22.8%	11.8%





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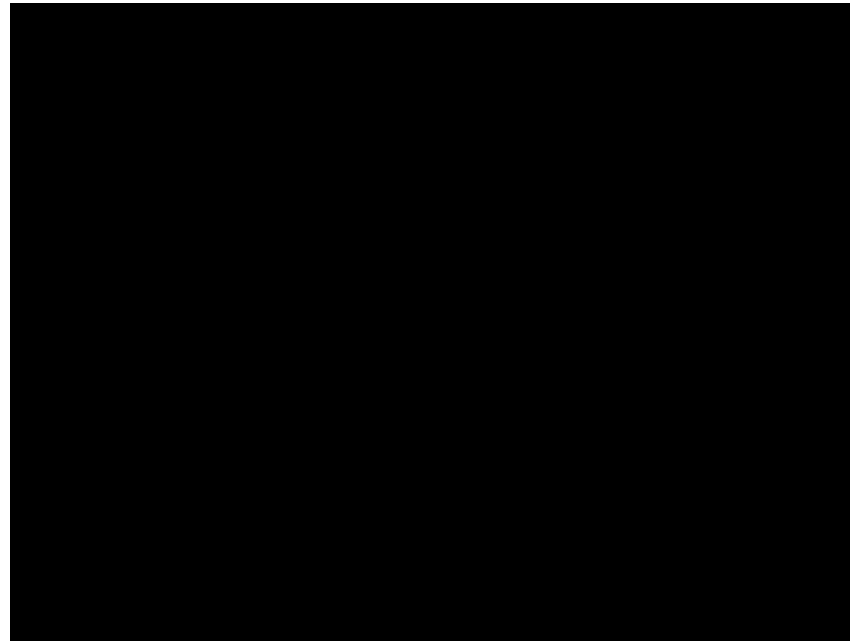
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3.

Question Time

We have 11 questions without notice and 33 supplementaries every day.





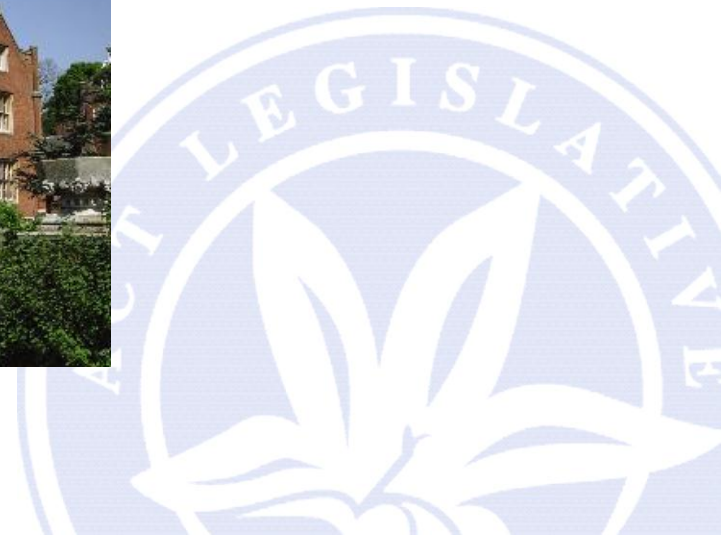
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4.

Adoption of Latimer House Principles as a continuing resolution December 2008





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5.

We are (almost) a Republic





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6.

We have created a statutory position entitled the
Reviewer of Campaign Advertising





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7.

Opposition Members Chair Committees





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8.

We have an Opposition Speaker (and previously a crossbench Speaker)





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9.

Assembly Committees can (a) scrutinise statutory appointments made by the Executive and (b) self refer matters to themselves





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10.

We have a Commissioner for Standards who investigates breaches of the Assembly's Code of Conduct

