

Report on the 2019 Budget Estimates Process

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1. Committee of the Legislative Assembly

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA or the committee) is a statutory committee established under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (POQA).

Section 84 of the POQA provides that the committee's areas of responsibility are as follows:

(a) the ethical conduct of Members;

Note—

However, under section 104C(2), a complaint about a particular member not complying with the code of ethical conduct for members may be considered only by the Assembly or the Ethics Committee.

(b) parliamentary powers, rights and immunities;

(c) standing rules and orders about the conduct of business by, and the practices and procedures of, the Assembly and its committees;

(d) any other matters for which the committee is given responsibility under the standing rules and orders;

(e) any matter referred to the committee by the Speaker.

Standing Order 135A Role of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly provides:

The Committee of the Legislative Assembly shall:

(a) monitor and review the business of the Legislative Assembly to aim for the effective and efficient discharge of business;

(b) monitor and review the operation of committees, particularly the referral of Bills to committees, appropriate vary the time for committees to report on Bills or vary the committee responsible for a Bill.

Each year, portfolio committees consider the Appropriation Bills and the estimates for the portfolio committees' areas of responsibility. This report summarises the estimates process in 2019.

2. Estimates Process

The examination of the Appropriation Bill 2019 and the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2019 (estimates) by the seven portfolio committees occurred between 23 July 2019 and 1 August 2019.

As in previous years, the estimates hearings were reported live by Parliamentary Reporting and Broadcasting Services staff, were broadcast and the transcripts were available progressively throughout each hearing day. A full transcript was available approximately two hours after the completion of a hearing.

3. Statistics

A statistical breakdown of how hearing time was allocated across the seven portfolio committees in 2019, including graphical representations, is at **Attachment A** which shows:

- length of hearing,
- length of Government questioning,
- length of non-Government questioning, and
- total number of Government and non-Government questions and to who questions were directed.

For comparison purposes a similar statistical breakdown of estimates processes from 2013 to 2018 is provided at **Attachment B**.

4. Recommendation

That the committee's report be noted.



Hon Curtis Pitt MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Chair

September 2019

Attachment A

2019 ESTIMATES
23 July 2019 to 1 August 2019

	Economics and Governance Committee 23/07	State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Committee 24/07	Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee 25/07	Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee 26/07	Transport and Public Works Committee 30/07	Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee 31/07	Education, Employment and Small Business Committee 01/08
Length of committee	608 minutes (10.14 hours)	514 minutes (8.56 hours)	448 minutes (7.46 hours)	570 minutes (9.50 hours)	442 minutes (7.37 hours)	361 minutes (6.01 hours)	448 minutes (7.46 hours)
Length of govt questioning	250 minutes (4.16 hours)	183 minutes (3.05 hours)	148 minutes (2.47 hours)	193 minutes (3.22 hours)	143 minutes (2.39 hours)	139 minutes (2.31 hours)	151 minutes (2.52 hours)
Length of non-govt questioning	305 minutes (5.09 hours)	301 minutes (5.03 hours)	247 minutes (4.11 hours)	317 minutes (5.29 hours)	251 minutes (4.19 hours)	152 minutes (2.54 hours)	245 minutes (4.08 hours)
Total No. of questions	195	160	143	182	126	141	162
Government:							
Total No. of govt questions	70	43	39	50	40	43	51

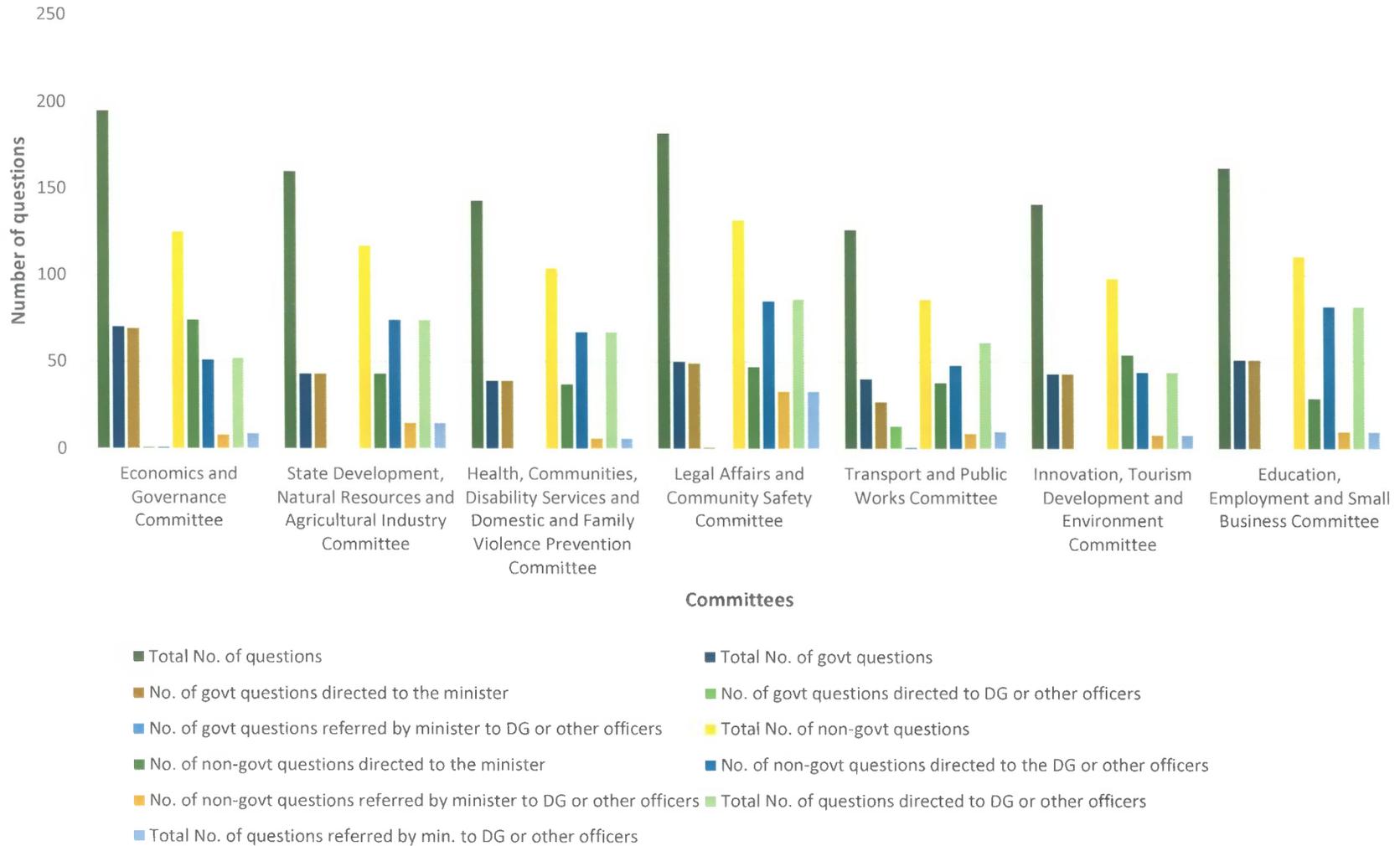
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No. of govt questions directed to the minister	69	43	39	49	27	43	51
No. of govt questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	1	0	0	1	13	0	0
No. of govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister to DG or other officers	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Non-Government:							
Total No. of non-govt questions	125	117	104	132	86	98	111
No. of non-govt questions directed to the minister	74	43	37	47	38	54	29
No. of non-govt questions <u>directed</u> to the DG or other officers	51	74	67	85	48	44	82

	Economics and Governance Committee 23/07	State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Committee 24/07	Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee 25/07	Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee 26/07	Transport and Public Works Committee 30/07	Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee 31/07	Education, Employment and Small Business Committee 01/08
No. of non-govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister to DG or other officers	8	15	6	33	9	8	10
DG & other officers:							
Total No. of questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	52	74	67	86	61	44	82
Total No. of questions <u>referred</u> by min. to DG or other officers	9	15	6	33	10	8	10
% of total questions to minister	73%	54%	53%	53%	52%	69%	49%
% of total questions directed to DG or other officers	27%	46%	47%	47%	48%	31%	51%

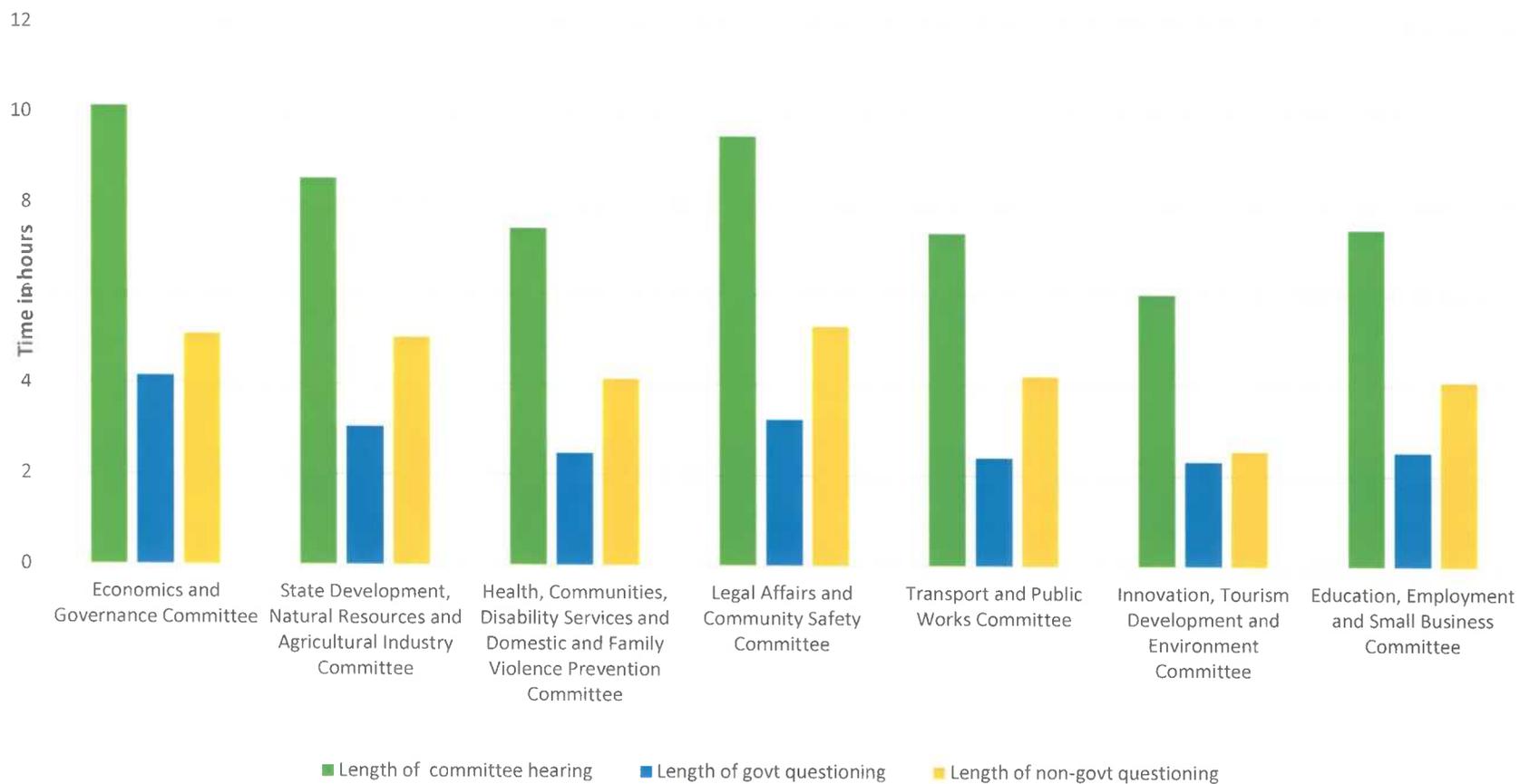
Note 1: Questions referred to the Assistant Minister are included in questions referred to Directors-General or other officers

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Committees Estimates Hearings 2019 - To whom questions were directed or referred



Committees Estimates Hearings 2019 - Length of hearing and allocation of questioning



Attachment B

2013 ESTIMATES

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
Length of committee	60 minutes (1 hour)	367 minutes (6.11 hours)	508 minutes (8.46 hours)	601 minutes (10.01 hours)	528 minutes (8.8 hours)	513 minutes (8.55 hours)	602 minutes (10.03 hours)	459 minutes (7.65 hours)
Length of govt questioning	26 minutes	152 minutes (2.53 hours)	195 minutes (3.25 hours)	243 minutes (4.05 hours)	229 minutes (3.82 hours)	229 minutes (3.82 hours)	214 minutes (3.57 hours)	202 minutes (3.37 hours)
Length of non-govt questioning	32 minutes	187 minutes (3.11 hours)	287 minutes (4.78 hours)	331 minutes (5.52 hours)	257 minutes (4.28 hours)	264 minutes (4.4 hours)	347 minutes (5.78 hours)	226 minutes (3.77 hours)
Total No. of questions	15	76	115	168	97	134	113	133
Government:								

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
Total No. of govt questions	9	32	53	67	50	53	45	72
No. of govt questions directed to the minister (or CLA members)	3	27	53	63	50	53	44	67
No. of govt questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	3	5	Nil	4	Nil	Nil	1	5
No. of govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister (or CLA member) to DG or other officers	3	Nil	1	2	Nil	2	7	Nil
Non-government:								
Total No. of non-govt questions	6	44	62	101	47	81	68	61

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
No. of non-govt questions directed to the minister (or CLA members)	3	34	58	49	39	65	52	50
No. of non-govt questions <u>directed</u> to the DG or other officers	2	10	4	52	8	16	16	11
No. of non-govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister to DG or other officers	2	3	10	12	2	27	11	8
DG & other officers:								
Total No. of questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	5	15	4	56	8	16	17	16

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
Total No. of questions referred by min. (or CLA members) to DG or other officers	4	3	11	14	2	29	18	8
% of total questions to minister	60%	80.3%	96.5%	66.7%	91.7%	88.15	85%	88%
% of total questions directed to DG or other officers	40%	19.7%	3.5	33.3%	8.3%	11.9%	15%	12%

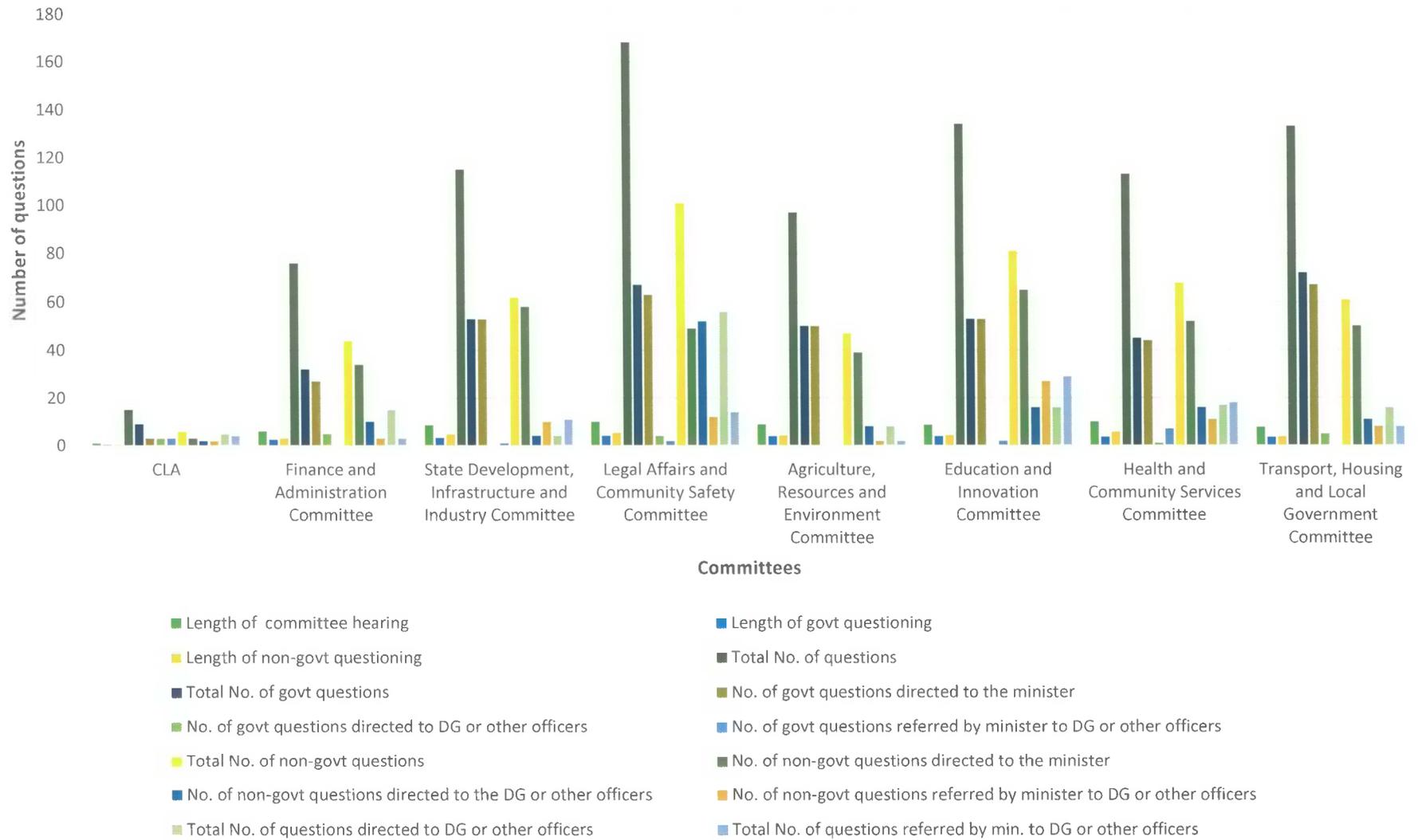
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Note 2: Questions referred to Assistance Ministers are included in questions referred to Directors-General or other officers

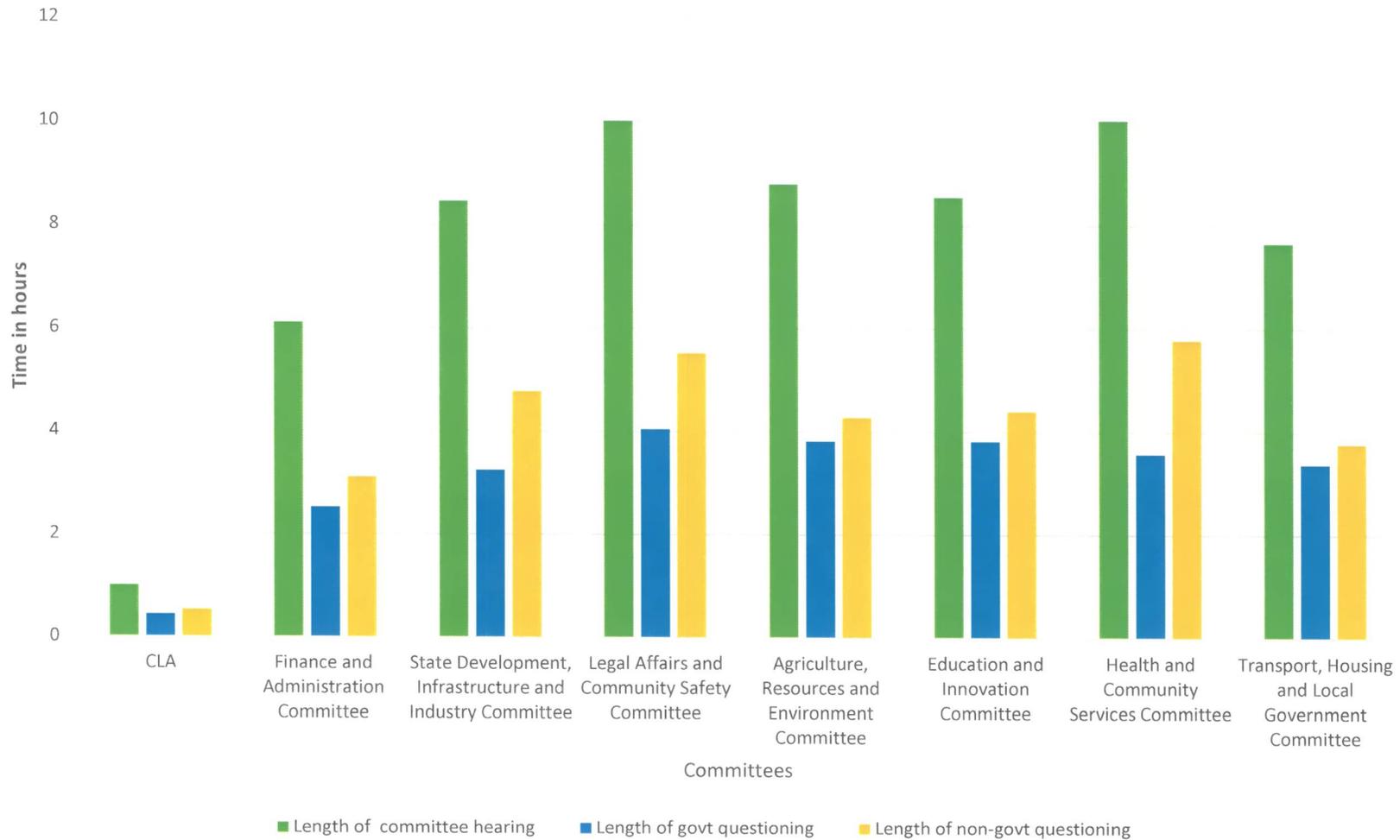
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Committees Estimates Hearings 2013 - To whom questions were directed or referred



Committees Estimates Hearings 2013 - Length of hearing and allocation of questioning



2014 ESTIMATES

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
Length of committee	1 hr 3 mins	15/7 = 5 hrs 47 mins 17/7 = 5 hrs 54 mins	15/7 = 6 hrs 3 mins 17/7 = 6 hrs 11 mins	15/7 = 6 hrs 30 mins 17/7 = 6 hrs 22 mins	15/7 = 6 hrs 5 mins 17/7 = 6 hrs 10 mins	15/7 = 5 hrs 55 mins 17/7 = 6 hrs 2 mins	15/7 = 6 hrs 1 min 17/7 = 6 hrs 4 mins	15/7 = 6 hrs 17/7 = 5 hrs 58
<i>Totals</i>		11 hrs 41 mins	12 hrs 14 mins	12 hrs 52 mins	12 hrs 15 mins	11 hrs 57 mins	12 hrs 5 mins	11 hrs 58 mins
Length of govt questioning	26 mins	15/7 = 2 hrs 53 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 33 mins	15/7 = 2 hrs 42 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 36 mins	15/7 = 3 hrs 53 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 57	15/7 = 3hrs 59 mins 17/7 = 3 hrs 02 mins	15/7 = 2 hrs 42 17/7 = 2 hrs 47	15/7 = 2hrs 26 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 23 mins	15/7 = 2 hrs 28 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 35 mins
<i>Totals</i>		5 hrs 26 mins	5 hrs 18 mins	6 hrs 50	7hrs 1 min	5 hrs 29	4 hrs 49 mins	5 hrs 3 mins

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
length of non-govt questioning	33 mins	15/7 = 2 hrs 28 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 35 mins	15/7 = 2 hrs 58 mins 17/7 = 3 hrs 13 mins	15/7 = 2 hr 10 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 59 mins	15/7 = 1 hr 57 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 50 mins	15/7 = 2 hrs 59 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 55 mins	15/7 = 3 hrs 17 mins 17/7 = 3 hrs 1 mins	15/7 = 2 hrs 58 mins 17/7 = 2 hrs 54 mins
<i>Totals</i>		5 hrs 3 mins	5 hrs 11 mins	5 hrs 9 mins	4 hrs 47 mins	5 hrs 54 mins	6 hrs 18 mins	5 hrs 52 mins
Total no. of questions	15	15/7 = 53 17/7 = 54	15/7 = 99 17/7 = 104	15/7 = 97 17/7 = 52	15/7 = 90 17/7 = 65	15/7 = 78 17/7 = 74	15/7 = 85 17/7 = 68	15/7 = 92 17/7 = 112
<i>Totals</i>		107	203	149	155	152	153	204
Government:								
Total No. of govt questions	9	15/7 = 21 17/7 = 25	15/7 = 30 17/7 = 41	15/7 = 58 17/7 = 23	15/7 = 55 17/7 = 32	15/7 = 34 17/7 = 33	15/7 = 45 17/7 = 27	15/7 = 42 17/7 = 60
<i>Totals</i>		46	71	81	87	67	72	102

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
No. of govt questions directed to the minister (or CLA members) *	9	15/7 = 21 17/7 = 22	15/7 = 30 17/7 = 38	15/7 = 52 17/7 = 19	15/7 = 55 17/7 = 32	15/7 = 34 17/7 = 33	15/7 = 44 17/7 = 27	15/7 = 42 17/7 = 60
<i>Totals</i>		43	68	71	87	67	71	102
No. of govt questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers **	0	15/7 = 0 17/7 = 3	15/7 = 0 17/7 = 3	15/7 = 6 17/7 = 4	15/7 = 0 17/7 = 0	15/7 = 0 17/7 = 0	15/7 = 1 17/7 = 0	15/7 = 0 17/7 = 0
<i>Totals</i>		3	3	10	0	0	1	0
No. of govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister (or CLA member) to DG or other officers	5	15/7 = 0 17/7 = 12	15/7 = 18 17/7 = 2	15/7 = 2 17/7 = 11	15/7 = 1 17/7 = 3	15/7 = 13 17/7 = 11	15/7 = 26 17/7 = 3	15/7 = 8 17/7 = 1
<i>Totals</i>		12	20	13	4	24	29	9

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
Non-government:								
Total No. of non-govt questions	6	15/7 = 32 17/7 = 29	15/7 = 69 17/7 = 63	15/7 = 39 17/7 = 29	15/7 = 35 17/7 = 33	15/7 = 44 17/7 = 41	15/7 = 40 17/7 = 41	15/7 = 50 17/7 = 52
<i>Totals</i>		61	132	68	68	85	81	102
No. of non-govt questions directed to the minister (or CLA members) *	4	15/7 = 18 17/7 = 19	15/7 = 61 17/7 = 54	15/7 = 18 17/7 = 20	15/7 = 33 17/7 = 32	15/7 = 35 17/7 = 38	15/7 = 27 17/7 = 37	15/7 = 39 17/7 = 43
<i>Totals</i>		37	115	38	65	73	64	82
No. of non-govt questions directed to the DG or other officers **	2	15/7 = 14 17/7 = 10	15/7 = 8 17/7 = 9	15/7 = 21 17/7 = 9	15/7 = 2 17/7 = 1	15/7 = 9 17/7 = 3	15/7 = 13 17/7 = 4	15/7 = 11 17/7 = 9
<i>Totals</i>		24	17	30	3	12	17	20

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No. of non-govt questions referred by minister to DG or other officers	4	15/7 = 0 17/7 = 6	15/7 = 5 17/7 = 12	15/7 = 1 17/7 = 14	15/7 = 3 17/7 = 1	15/7 = 18 17/7 = 26	15/7 = 7 17/7 = 15	15/7 = 4 17/7 = 5
<i>Totals</i>		6	17	15	4	44	22	9
DG & other officers:								
Total No. of questions directed to DG or other officers	2	15/7 = 14 17/7 = 13	15/7 = 8 17/7 = 12	15/7 = 27 17/7 = 13	15/7 = 2 17/7 = 1	15/7 = 9 17/7 = 3	15/7 = 14 17/7 = 4	15/7 = 11 17/7 = 9
<i>Totals</i>		27	20	40	3	12	18	20

	CLA	Finance and Administration Committee	State Development, Infrastructure and Industry	Legal Affairs and Community Safety	Agriculture, Resources and Environment	Education and Innovation	Health and Community Services	Transport, Housing and Local Government
Total No. of questions referred by min. (or CLA members) to DG or other officers		15/7 = 0 17/7 = 18	15/7 = 23 17/7 = 14	15/7 = 3 17/7 = 25	15/7 = 4 17/7 = 4	15/7 = 31 17/7 = 37	15/7 = 33 17/7 = 18	15/7 = 12 17/7 = 6
<i>Totals</i>		18	37	28	8	68	51	18
% of total questions to minister	86.7%	15/7 = 73.6% 17/7 = 75.9%	15/7 = 91.9% 17/7 = 88.5%	15/7 = 72.2% 17/7 = 75%	15/7 = 97.8% 17/7 = 98.5%	15/7 = 88.5% 17/7 = 95.9%	15/7 = 83.5% 17/7 = 94.1%	15/7 = 88% 17/7 = 92%
% of total questions directed to DG or other officers	13.3%	15/7 = 26.4% 17/7 = 24.1%	15/7 = 8.1% 17/7 = 11.5%	15/7 = 27.8% 17/7 = 25%	15/7 = 2.2% 17/7 = 1.5%	15/7 = 11.5% 17/7 = 4.1%	15/7 = 16.5% 17/7 = 5.9%	15/7 = 12% 17/7 = 8%

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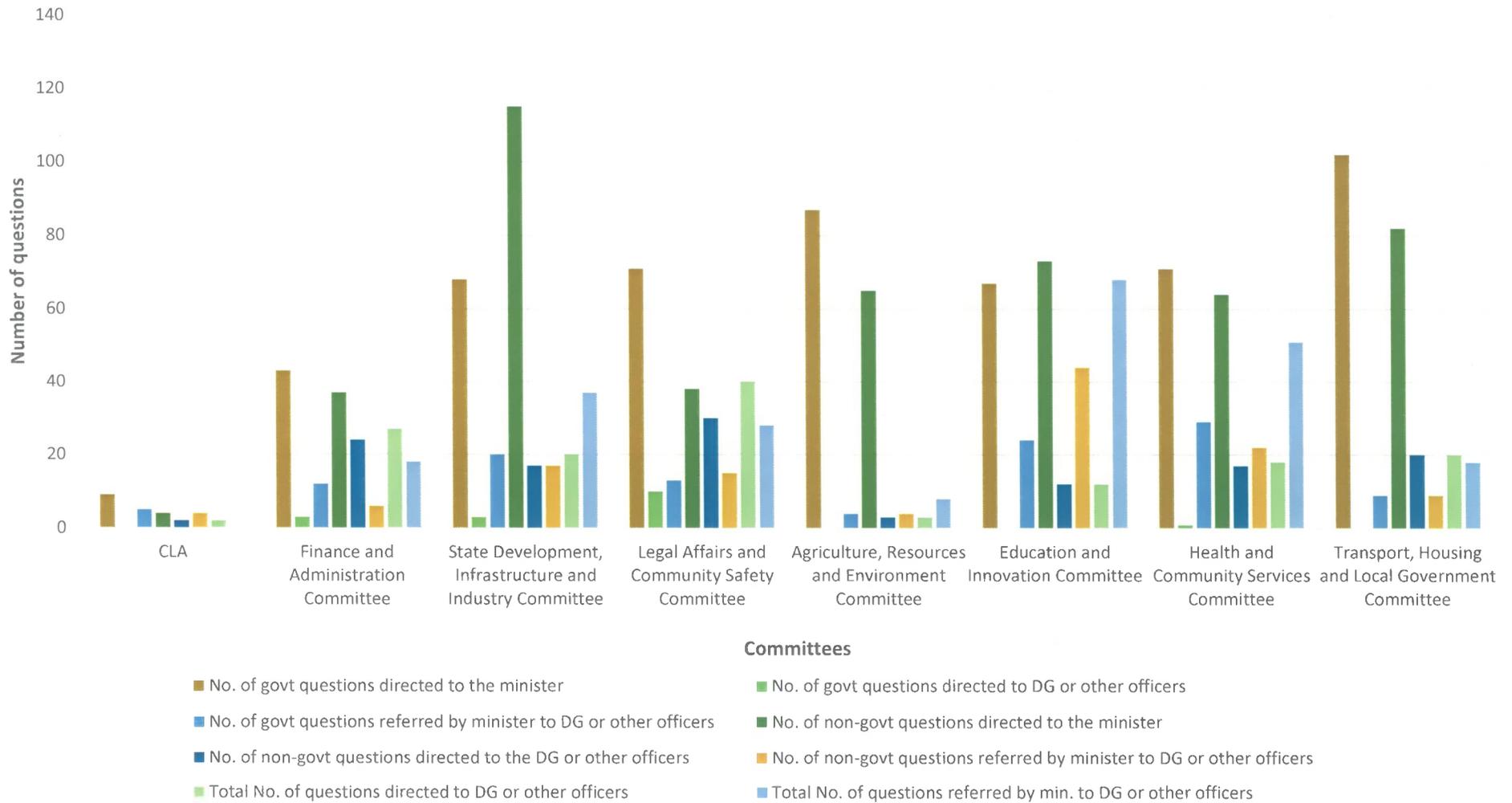
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Questions referred to DG or other officer' include questions either directly referred by the minister, in whole or in part, or instances in which the DG or other officer substantially adds to the answer provided by the minister.

Percentage for questions to minister is calculated by adding up the column marked with an * and dividing with the total number of questions.

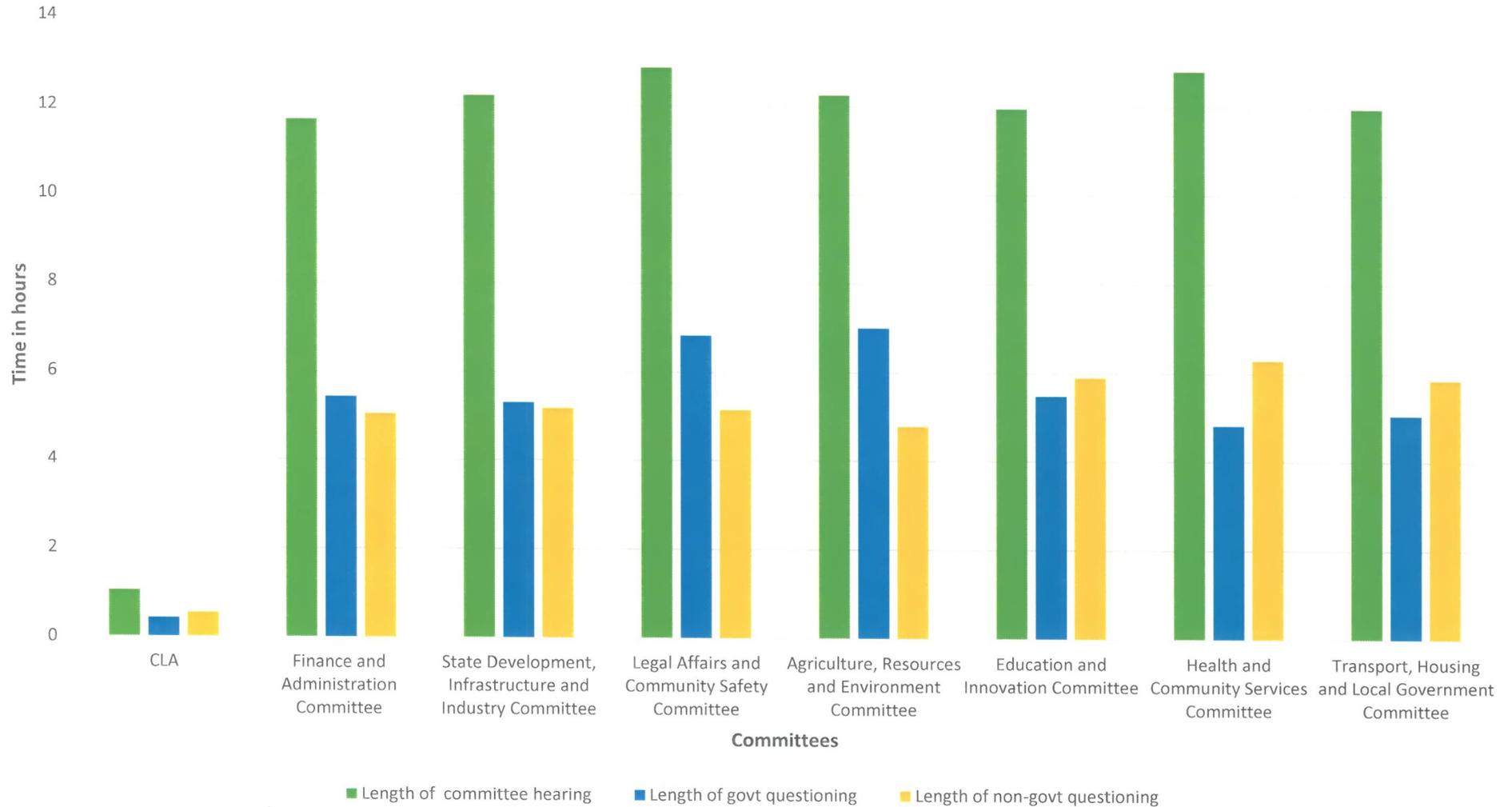
Percentage for questions to director-general is calculated by adding up the column marked with an ** and dividing with the total number of questions.

Committee Estimates Hearings 2014 - To whom questions were directed or referred



**As 2014 Estimates hearings ran over more than one day, this chart shows an average figure of both days*

Committee Estimates Hearings 2014 - Length of hearing and allocation of questioning



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2015 ESTIMATES

	Finance and Administration Committee	Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee	Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Agriculture and Environment Committee	Education, Tourism and Small Business Committee	Health and Ambulance Services Committee	Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee	Utilities, Science and Innovation Committee
Length of committee	525 minutes (8.75 hours)	508 minutes (8.47 hours)	484 minutes (8.07 hours)	454 minutes (7.57 hours)	408 minutes (6.8 hours)	356 minutes (5.93 hours)	365 minutes (6.08 hours)	428 minutes (7.13 hours)
Length of govt questioning	220 minutes (3.67 hours)	186 minutes (3.1 hours)	193 minutes (3.22 hours)	168 minutes (2.8 hours)	183 minutes (3.05 hours)	132 minutes (2.2 hours)	135 minutes (2.25 hours)	169 minutes (2.82 hours)
Length of non-govt questioning	277 minutes (4.62 hours)	304 minutes (5.07 hours)	240 minutes (4 hours)	261 minutes (4.35 hours)	202 minutes (3.37 hours)	200 minutes (3.33 hours)	204 minutes (3.4 hours)	236 minutes (3.93 hours)
Total No. of questions	132	147	132	143	115	89	95	140
Government:								
Total No. of govt questions	58	51	48	56	48	40	36	52

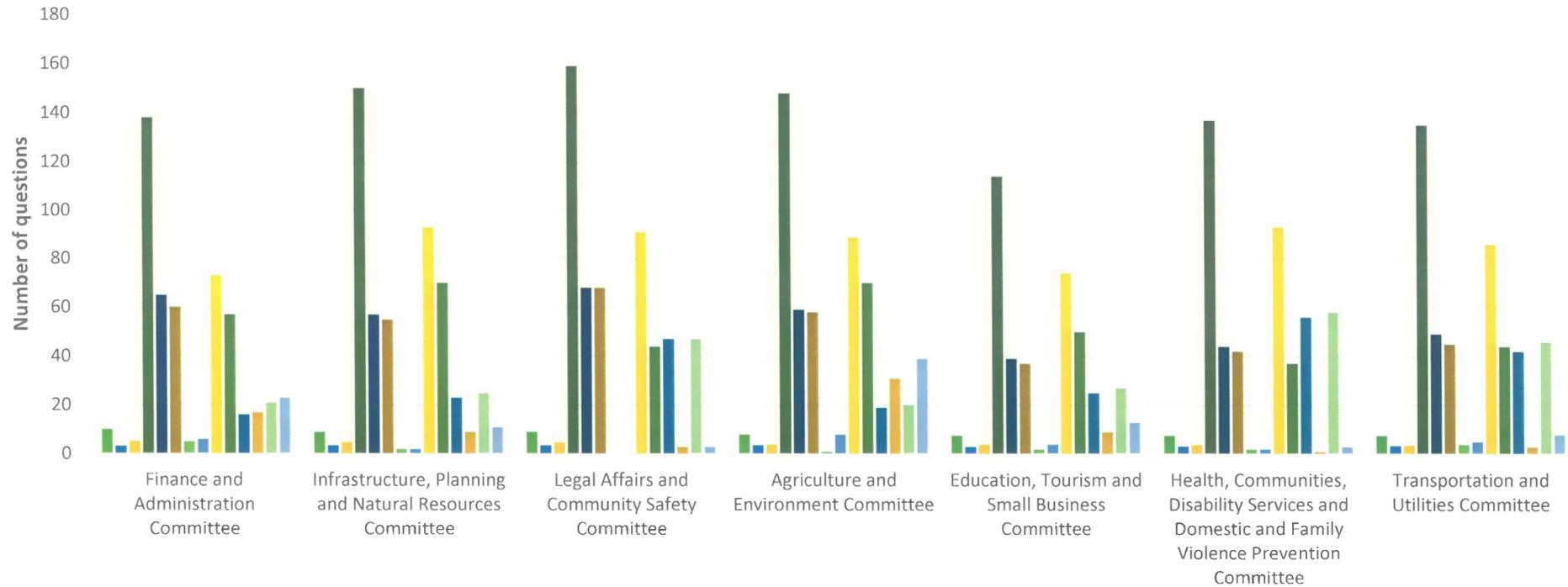
	Finance and Administration Committee	Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee	Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Agriculture and Environment Committee	Education, Tourism and Small Business Committee	Health and Ambulance Services Committee	Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee	Utilities, Science and Innovation Committee
No. of govt questions directed to the minister	58	51	41	56	48	40	36	50
No. of govt questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	2
No. of govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister to DG or other officers	3	0	1	2	5	0	0	1
Non-government:								
Total No. of non-govt questions	74	96	84	87	67	49	59	88
No. of non-govt questions directed to the minister	58	80	54	78	61	8	55	61
No. of non-govt questions <u>directed</u> to the DG or other officers	16	16	30	9	6	41	4	27

	Finance and Administration Committee	Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee	Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Agriculture and Environment Committee	Education, Tourism and Small Business Committee	Health and Ambulance Services Committee	Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee	Utilities, Science and Innovation Committee
No. of non-govt questions referred by minister to DG or other officers	13	14	9	26	12	0	8	13
DG & other officers:								
Total No. of questions directed to DG or other officers	16	16	37	9	6	41	4	29
Total No. of questions referred by min. to DG or other officers	16	14	10	28	17	0	8	14
% of total questions to minister	87.88%	89.12%	71.97%	93.70%	94.78%	53.93%	95.79%	79.29%
% of total questions directed to DG or other officers	12.12%	10.88%	28.03%	6.30%	5.22%	46.07%	4.21%	20.71%

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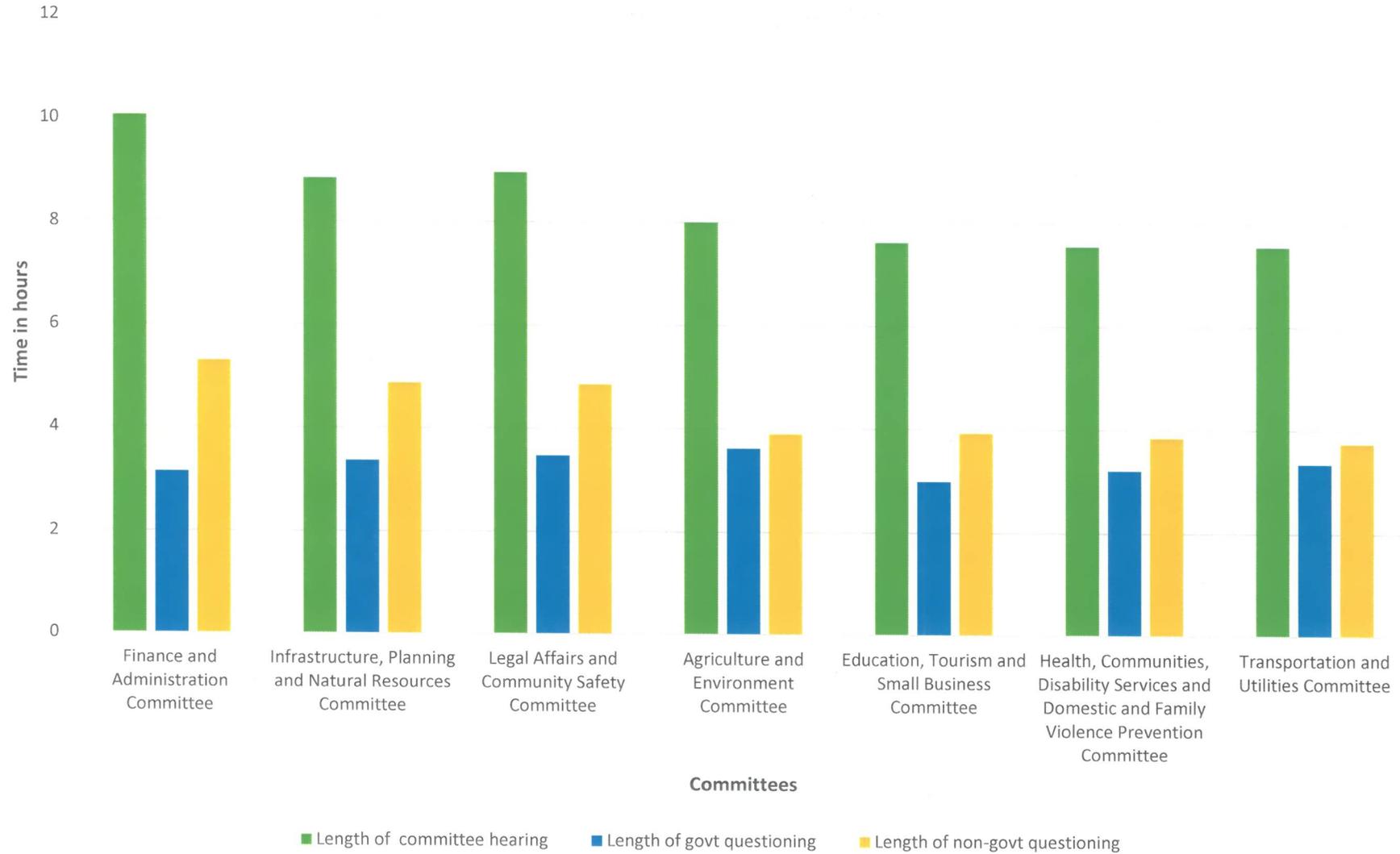
Committees Estimates Hearings 2016 - To whom questions were directed or referred



Committees

- Length of committee hearing
- Length of non-gov't questioning
- Total No. of gov't questions
- No. of gov't questions directed to DG or other officers
- Total No. of non-gov't questions
- No. of non-gov't questions directed to the DG or other officers
- Total No. of questions directed to DG or other officers
- Length of gov't questioning
- Total No. of questions
- No. of gov't questions directed to the minister
- No. of gov't questions referred by minister to DG or other officers
- No. of non-gov't questions directed to the minister
- No. of non-gov't questions referred by minister to DG or other officers
- Total No. of questions referred by min. to DG or other officers

Committees Estimates Hearings 2016 - Length of hearing and allocation of questioning



2017 ESTIMATES

	Finance and Administration Committee	Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee	Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Agriculture and Environment Committee	Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee	Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee	Transportation and Utilities Committee
Length of committee	620 minutes (10.34 hours)	567 minutes (9.45 hours)	543 minutes (9.05 hours)	482 minutes (8.04 hours)	542 minutes (9.04 hours)	438 minutes (7.3 hours)	434 minutes (7.23 hours)
Length of govt questioning	259 minutes (4.11 hours) 44%	208 minutes (3.46 hours) 40%	240 minutes (4.0 hours) 49%	193 minutes (3.22 hours) 44%	193 minutes (3.21 hours) 41%	190 minutes (3.16 hours) 48%	155 minutes (2.59 hours) 43%
Length of non-govt questioning	329 minutes (5.48 hours) 56%	310 minutes (5.16 hours) 60%	254 minutes (4.23 hours) 51%	248 minutes (4.14 hours) 56%	274 minutes (4.56 hours) 59%	203 minutes (3.39 hours) 52%	208 minutes (3.46 hours) 57%
Total No. of questions	137	156	117	135	148	131	104
Government:							
Total No. of govt questions	56	61	52	53	60	41	43

No. of govt questions directed to the minister	52	53	49	50	51	38	36
No. of govt questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	4	8	3	3	9	3	7
No. of govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister to DG or other officers	6	0	3	2	5	0	3
Non-government:							
Total No. of non-govt questions	81	95	65	82	88	90	61
No. of non-govt questions directed to the minister	63	65	41	73	43	36	42
No. of non-govt questions <u>directed</u> to the DG or other officers	18	30	24	9	45	54	19
No. of non-govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister to DG or other officers	26	9	7	18	11	7	9

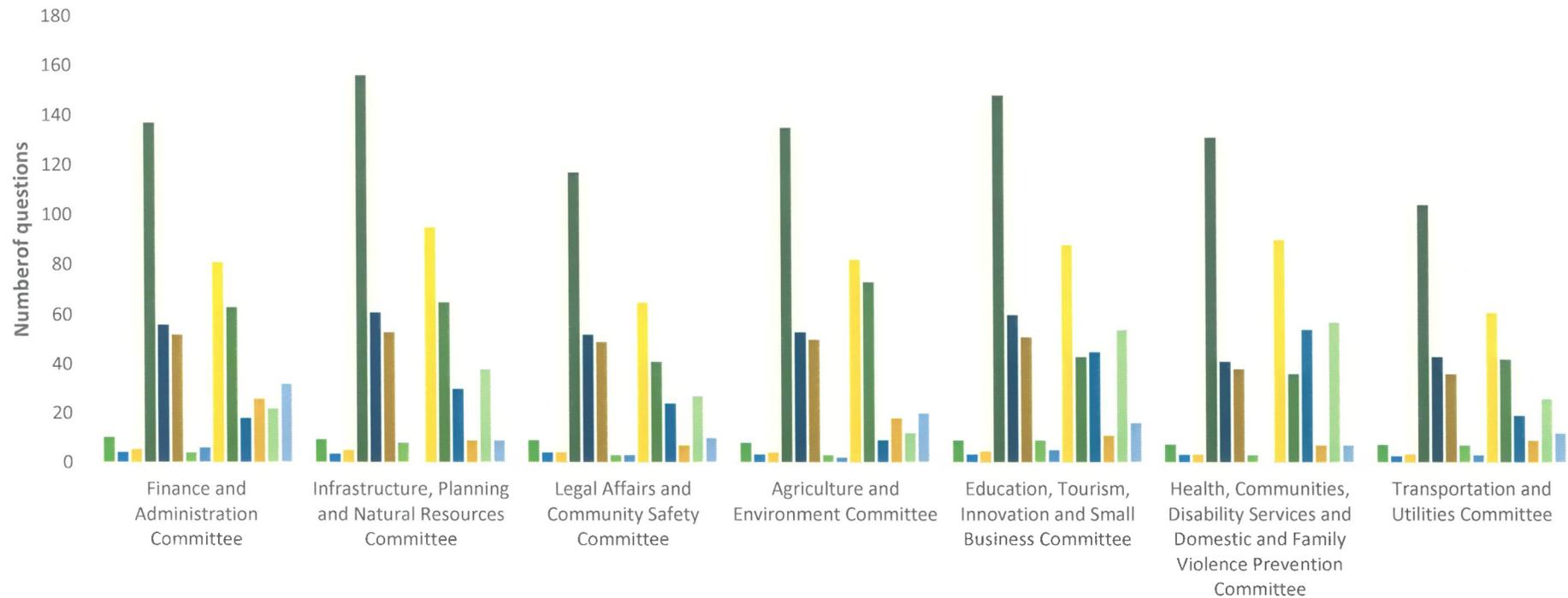
DG & other officers:							
Total No. of questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	22	38	27	12	54	57	26
Total No. of questions <u>referred</u> by min. to DG or other officers	32	9	10	20	16	7	12
% of total questions to minister	84%	76%	77%	91%	64%	56%	75%
% of total questions directed to DG or other officers	16%	24%	23%	9%	36%	44%	25%

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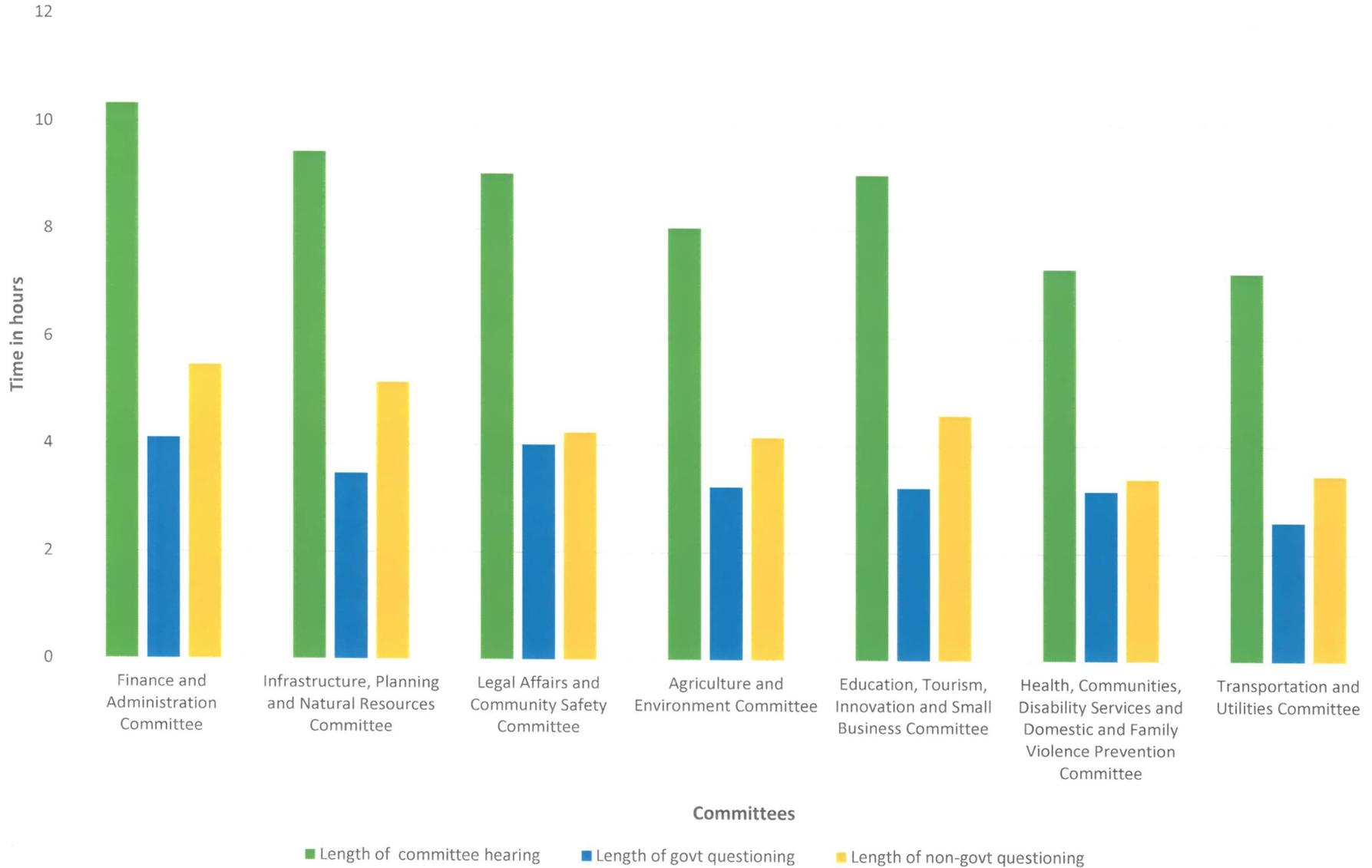
Committees Estimates Hearings 2017 - To whom questions were directed or referred



Committees

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- Length of non-govt questioning
- Total No. of govt questions
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Committees Estimates Hearings 2017 - Length of hearing and allocation of questioning



2018 ESTIMATES

	Economics and Governance Committee	State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Committee	Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee	Transport and Public Works Committee	Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee	Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee	Education, Employment and Small Business Committee
Length of committee	573 minutes (9.55 hours)	447 minutes (7.45 hours)	505 minutes (8.42 hours)	440 minutes (7.33 hours)	449 minutes (7.49 hours)	363 minutes (6.05 hours)	421 minutes (7.01 hours)
Length of govt questioning	242 minutes (4.04 hours)	186 minutes (3.10 hours)	185 minutes (3.09 hours)	186 minutes (3.10 hours)	194 minutes (3.24 hours)	147 minutes (2.45 hours)	145 minutes (2.41 hours)
Length of non-govt questioning	315 minutes (5.25 hours)	212 minutes (3.54 hours)	269 minutes (4.49 hours)	241 minutes (4.01 hours)	240 minutes (4.00 hours)	149 minutes (2.49 hours)	208 minutes (3.47 hours)
Total No. of questions	166	109	118	127	117	114	139
Government:							
Total No. of govt questions	63	48	42	48	38	49	44
No. of govt questions directed to the minister	62	48	40	41	38	49	44

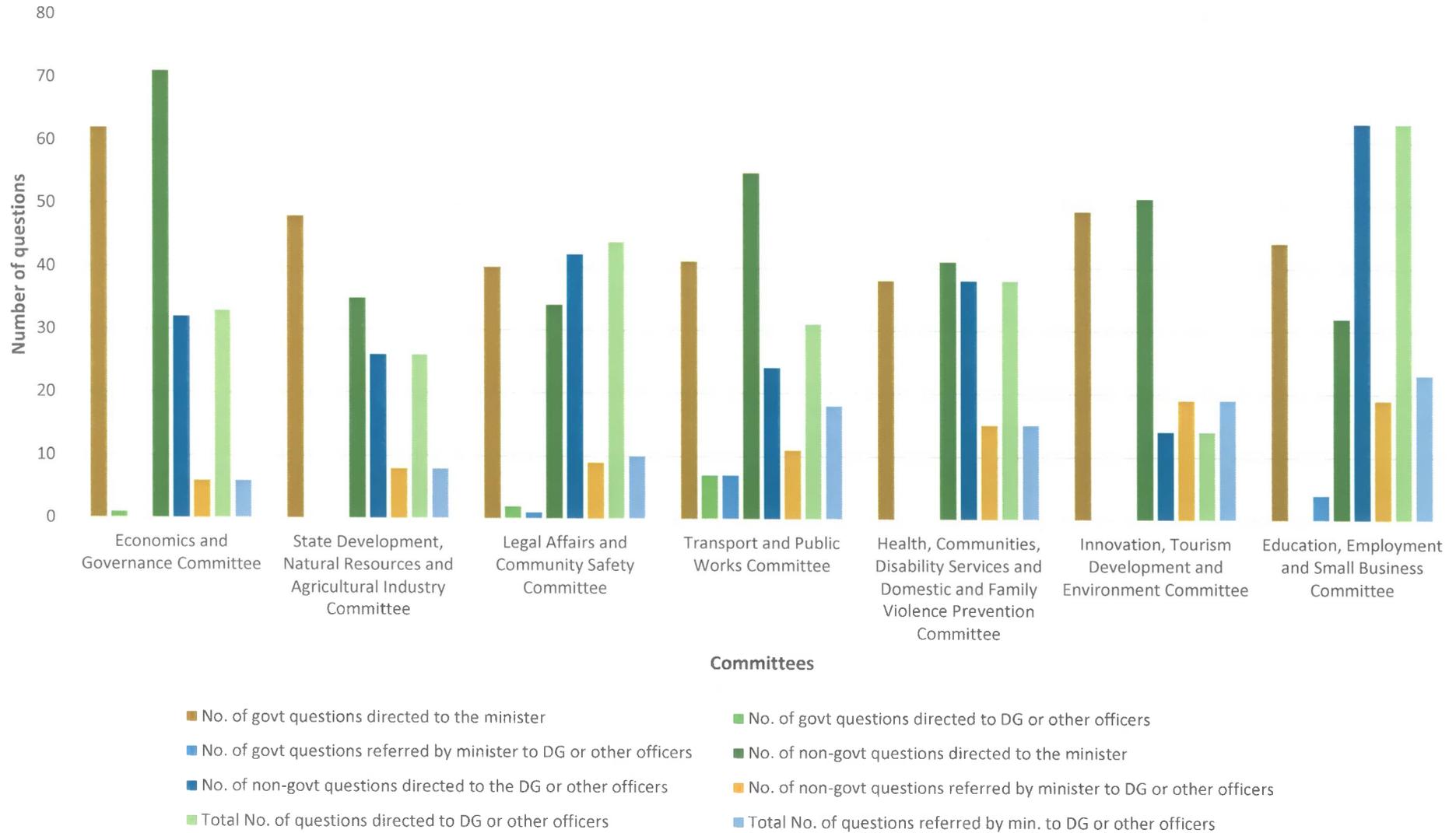
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No. of govt questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	1	0	2	7	0	0	0
No. of govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister to DG or other officers	0	0	1	7	0	0	4
Non-government:							
Total No. of non-govt questions	103	61	76	79	79	65	95
No. of non-govt questions directed to the minister	71	35	34	55	41	51	32
No. of non-govt questions <u>directed</u> to the DG or other officers	32	26	42	24	38	14	63

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No. of non-govt questions <u>referred</u> by minister to DG or other officers	6	8	9	11	15	19	19
DG & other officers:							
Total No. of questions <u>directed</u> to DG or other officers	33	26	44	31	38	14	63
Total No. of questions <u>referred</u> by min. to DG or other officers	6	8	10	18	15	19	23
% of total questions to minister	80%	76%	63%	76%	68%	88%	55%
% of total questions directed to DG or other officers	20%	24%	37%	24%	32%	12%	45%

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