

END OF PARLIAMENT MEETING REVIEW



Analytical Review of the 2nd Meeting of the Second Session of the 13th Parliament (2026 Budget Meeting)

9th – 17th April, 2026



Introduction

The 13th Parliament concluded its 2nd Meeting of the Second Session (the 2026 Budget Meeting) on April 17, 2026. Key sittings included the budget speech presentation on February 9, 2026, committee meetings in early March, and sessions continuing through to April 17, 2026, focusing on questions, committee stages, and the Appropriation Bill. This review offers a data-driven analysis comparing the 2025 and 2026 sessions to gauge whether Parliament is becoming more robust or merely more burdened. The analysis serves to provide transparency and accountability. By deconstructing the raw data from the 2026 Budget session, we assess how successfully the House translated government agenda and constituent concerns into policy, identifying trends in legislative throughput and procedural efficiency.



Executive Summary – What Stood Out

2nd Meeting of the 2nd Session of the 13th Parliament (Budget Meeting 2026)

Feb 9 – Apr 17, 2026

68 days of legislative activity



216%

Increase in Bills

19 received vs 6 in 2025

89.5% passed

✓ 17 passed, 2 pending



62.9%

Questions Answered

Up from 57.7% in 2025

+5.2%

↑ 447 questions processed



61%

Tabled Papers Backlog

24 of 39 remaining

Bottleneck

⚠ Administrative strain



P26.35B

Budget Deficit

8.9% of GDP

Deficit

i P103.58B spending vs P77.22B revenue



Robust but Burdened

Overall Assessment

High workload, high responsiveness

Pass

✓ 89.5% bill success rate

KEY METRICS SUMMARY:

19

Bills Received

17

Bills Passed

447

Questions

62.9%

Answered

Parliament Research Unit, 2026



Session concluded April 17, 2026



Session Timeline - Key Milestones

2nd Meeting of the 2nd Session of the 13th Parliament (Budget Meeting 2026)

Feb 9 – Apr 17, 2026

68 days of legislative activity

Session Progress Key milestones and legislative activities

● Completed ● In Progress



Budget Speech

Feb 9, 2026

Day 1



Committee Meetings

Early March

Days 15-20



Appropriation Bill

Mar 17-20

Days 37-40



Questions & Motions

Mar 24-Apr 10

Days 44-61



Session Conclusion

Apr 17, 2026

Day 68



Budget Presentation

Feb 9, 2026

Minister of Finance presented the 2026/2027 Budget Speech, outlining fiscal priorities and economic transformation goals.

✓ Completed



Committee Review

Mar 17-20, 2026

Committee of Supply commenced deliberations on the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026.

✓ Completed



Final Stages

Apr 13-17, 2026

Final questions, papers, and Appropriation progress leading to session conclusion.

✓ Completed



2026 Budget in Numbers

Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Overview

P103.58B Total
Expenditure & Net Lending



P103.58B

Total Expenditure

+12.5%

vs P92.15B in 2025

P11.43B increase



P77.22B

Total Revenue

+8.3%

vs P71.35B in 2025

P5.87B increase



P26.35B

Budget Deficit

-8.9%

8.9% of GDP

P1.2B increase



Recurrent: P80.32B



Development: P23.38B



Public Debt: P90.03B



Maintenance: P1.85B

Budget Allocation Breakdown

Recurrent vs Development Spending

P103.58B Total

Recurrent (77.5%)

P80.32B

Development (22.5%)

P23.38B



Recurrent covers operational costs



Development covers capital projects

Key Metrics

Budget Deficit

P26.35B

% of GDP

8.9%

Public Debt

P90.03B

Debt/GDP

30.5%



Budget Allocation Breakdown

2026/2027 Fiscal Year - Ministerial Recurrent Budget Allocations

P103.58B Total
Recurrent & Development

Budget Split

Recurrent vs Development

P103.58B



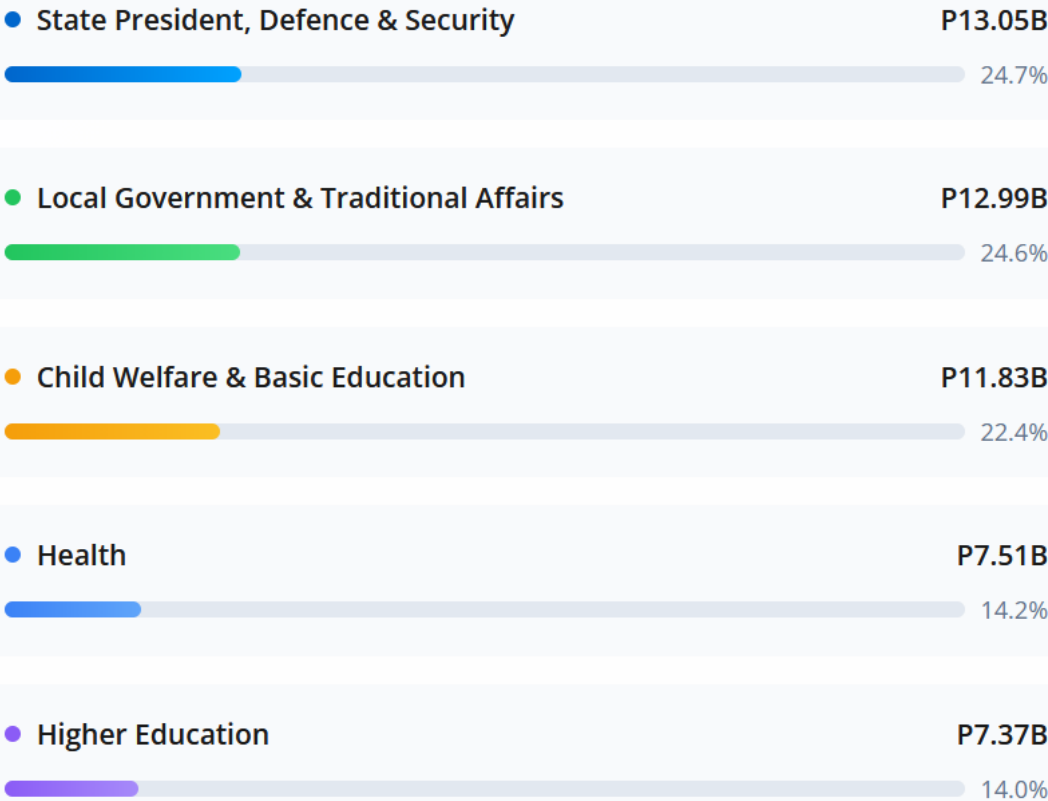
Recurrent
P80.32B (77.5%)

Development
P23.38B (22.5%)

Top 5 Ministerial Allocations

Recurrent Budget Distribution

P52.75B Total





2025 vs 2026 Comparison

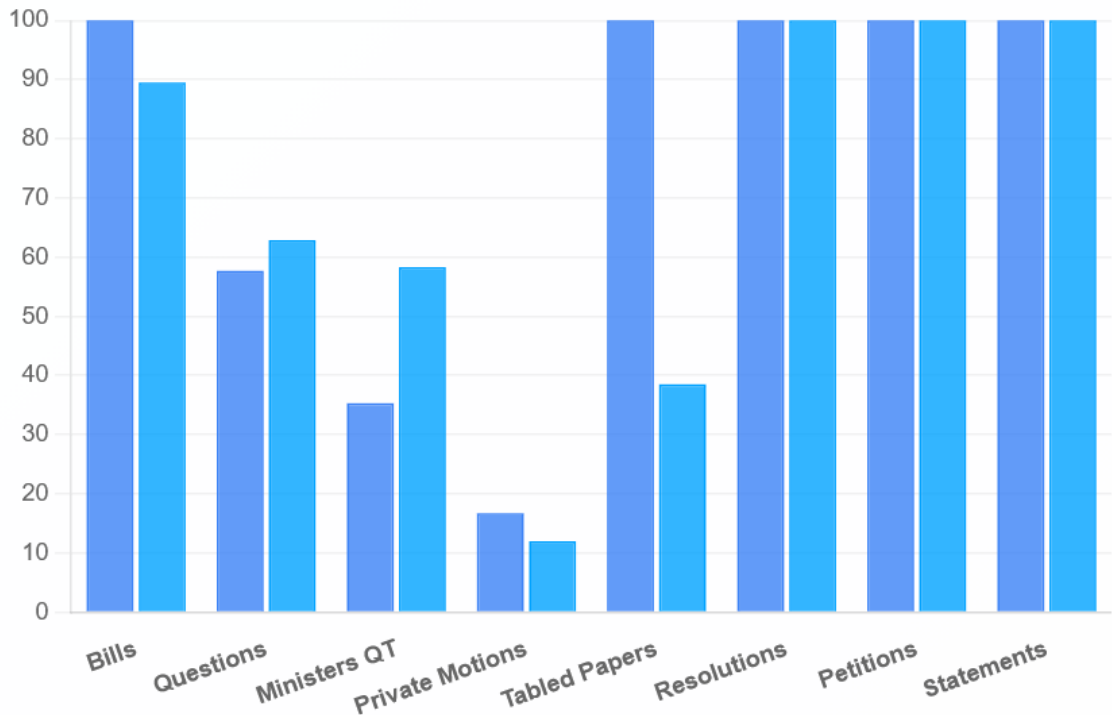
Completion Rates and Performance Variance Analysis

2026: 89.5% Avg

vs 2025: 91.2%

Completion Rate Comparison

2025 vs 2026 Performance



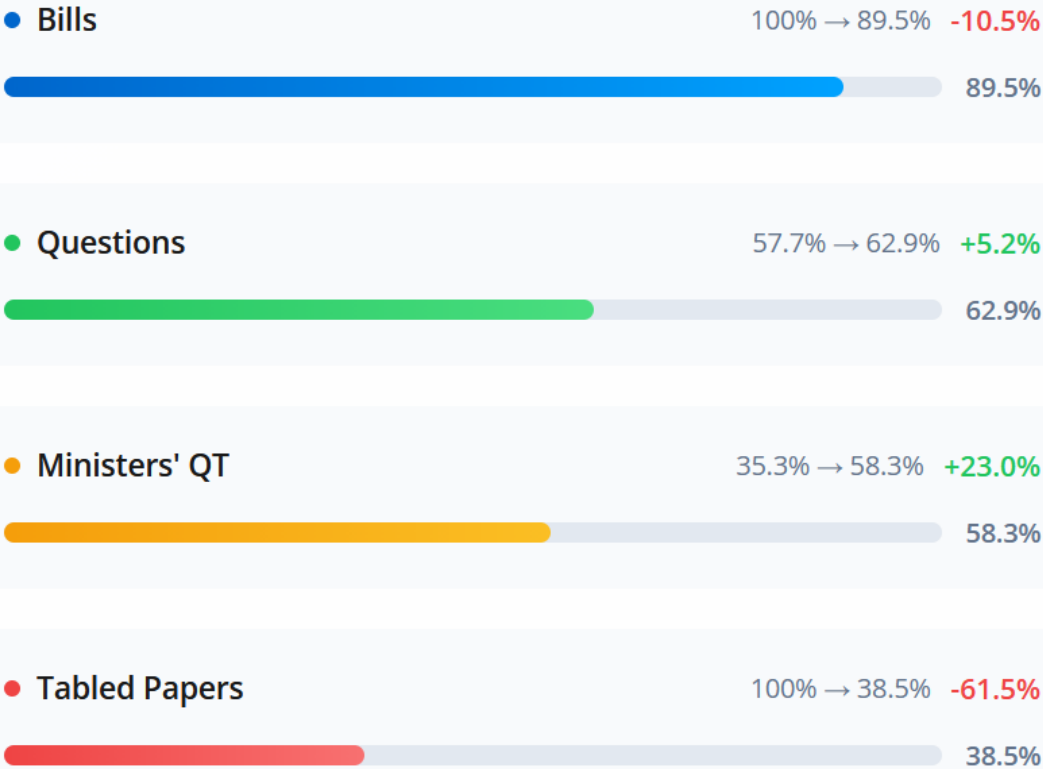
Improvement
+5.2% Questions

Decline
-10.5% Bills

Key Metrics

Performance variance analysis

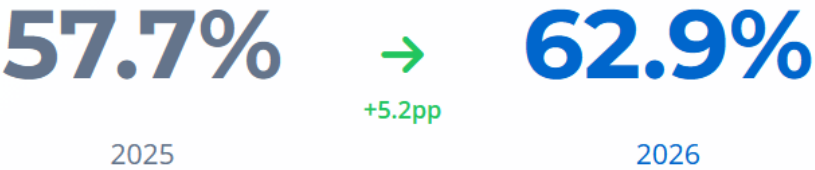
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Questions Answered Rate

2025 vs 2026 Performance

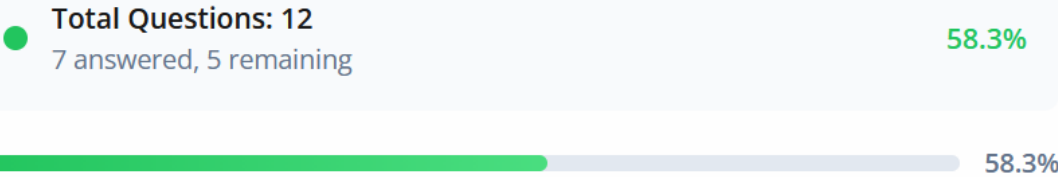
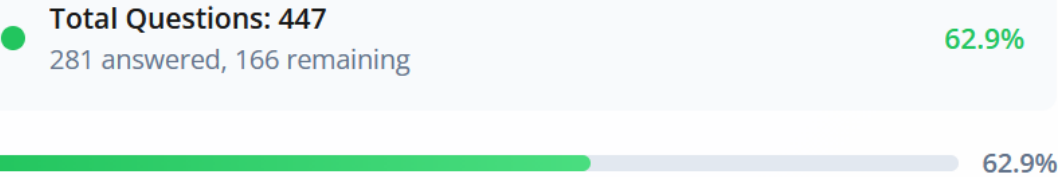
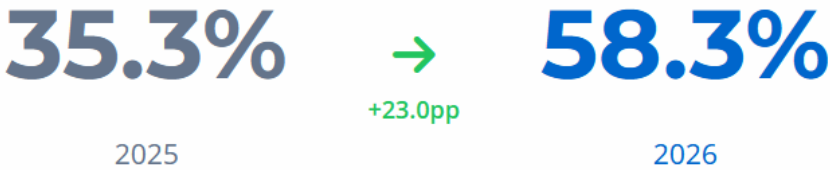
↑ +5.2pp



Ministers' Question Time

2025 vs 2026 Performance

↑ +23.0pp



Administrative Processing Bottleneck Detected

Tabled Papers processing capacity severely strained - 61% of received documents remain unprocessed

HIGH PRIORITY



39

Papers Received

+387%

vs 8 in 2025



15

Papers Tabled

38.5%

38.5% completion rate



24

Papers Remaining

61%

61% backlog

Processing Gap Analysis

Tabled Papers Status

61% Backlog

15 Processed (38.5%)

24 Backlog (61.5%)

Processed: 15

Backlog: 24

Key Implications



Transparency Risk

Delayed processing may hinder oversight and public access to documents



Workflow Strain

Administrative capacity overwhelmed by 387% increase in volume



Recommended Actions

Implement automated workflow systems, increase clerical capacity, and establish priority protocols

✓ Prioritize

⚙ Automate

👥 Scale Team



Key Takeaways

- **Surge in Activity:** The 2026 Budget Meeting was significantly busier than 2025. The Parliament has successfully scaled its operations to meet this demand.
- **Improving Oversight:** Despite the high volume of inquiries, the percentage of answered questions is trending upward, indicating a concerted effort by the House to hold the Executive accountable under pressure.
- **Legislative Resilience:** While the success rate of Private Members' motions is declining, the core legislative output (Bills) remains robust, confirming that the 13th Parliament's primary function remains intact despite the challenging influx of new business.
- **The "Tabled Paper" Bottleneck:** The rapid increase in received papers relative to the number actually tabled suggests that the House is struggling to clear the docket of documentation, which may hinder the transparency of the oversight process.
- **Rigorous Debate:** The increase in negated Private Members' motions point to a House where individual proposals are facing possible tighter scrutiny compared to previous sessions.