



# BELA BILL

DISCREPANCIES  
AND ESTIMATES



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# BELA Bill Report 08.08.2023: Discrepancies and estimates

## PRELIMINARY REPORT

- A. **The total.** The approximate figure provided in 6.1 is 32941. However, if one adds up the separate number provided in the breakdown, it adds up to 34509. That is a difference of 1568.

Additionally, the number of submissions received during the public hearings are only 4733, which, according to point 9, are only the written submissions. The oral submissions are an additional 1586.

**The true total, if the separate figures are correct, are therefore not 32941 but 36095.**

- B. **Percentage of submissions processed.** Under point 9, the following statement is made: “Out of 32941 submissions, 26593 processed submissions presented the outcome of the public hearings.”

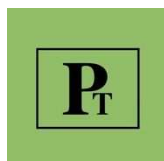
The figure of 32941 is used as the grand total. This has already been shown to be wrong. We also shown that this figure excludes the oral submissions made at the hearings.

However, the figure of 26593 *does* include the oral submissions.

The sentence should read, “**out of 36095 submissions, 26593 processed submissions ...**”

- C. **Views likely contained in the uncounted submissions.** The attached Excel spreadsheet provides the percentages of each category of view found in the various forms of submissions made. One can assume that the trends established in the counted submissions will continue in the uncounted submissions.

NB: Under point 9, there are two categories namely “*Email: excel Spreadsheet Re-checked on 5 Aug*” and “*MS Word*”. Comparing the numbers to point 6.1, it seems that these are both counted as “*Email Submissions*” under 6.1. However, these two categories contain different percentages of views: of the “email” category, 87.3% did not support the Bill, while of the “MS Word” category, 94.82% did not support the Bill.



If these two categories' totals are indeed counted together, one can see that all submissions from all categories has been processed except:

1. 1 handwritten submission (unsure)
2. 9501 email submissions

It is not clear how many of the 9501 email submissions left to process fall under the category of "*Email: excel Spreadsheet Re-checked on 5 Aug*" and how many falls under "*MS Word*". One therefore cannot quite accurately predict what percentage of uncounted submissions will fall under the "not support" category, as it will likely fall somewhere between 87.3% and 94.82%.

However, taking the conservative number, 87.3%, it therefore seems likely that an excess of **8294** additional rejections of the Bill will be found in the unprocessed submissions.

All categories of estimates, using the conservative figure of 87.3%, are as follows:

- Support – approximately 99 submissions
- Not support – approximately 8294 submissions
- Partial – approximately 422 submissions
- Undeclared – approximately 686 submissions

The real views of the total number of submissions there would be as follows (figures are estimates based on the above calculations):

- Support – 14900 submissions**
- Not support – 18422 submissions**
- Partial – 1446 submissions**
- Undeclared – 1326 submissions**

