

Appendix 2 Results	Do you think Council meetings are:			What is the most important part of the Council meeting for you?				Do you think we have too many Council meetings?		Would you agree to fewer full Council meetings?		If yes, how many should we have?			Would you support having Member questions dealt with in a different way?		
	a) Useful	b) A waste of time	c) A bit of both	a) Motions	b) Cabinet statements	c) Oral questions	d) Other	a) Yes	b) No	a) Yes	b) No	a) Minimum necessary	b) Every two months	c) Eight a year	a) Yes	b) No	c) Yes, if...
Total	8	4	23	14	15	16	9	15	20	20	14	6	9	4	17	15	3
Percentage (total surveys)	23%	11%	66%	40%	43%	46%	26%	43%	57%	57%	40%	17%	26%	11%	49%	43%	9%
Percentage (of answers to this question)	23%	11%	66%	26%	28%	30%	17%	43%	57%	59%	41%	32%	47%	21%	49%	43%	9%
Total (Labour backbench)	1	3	6	4	4	2	3	6	4	8	2	3	2	3	9	0	1
Percentage (Labour backbench)	10%	30%	60%	25%	25%	13%	19%	38%	25%	50%	13%	19%	13%	19%	56%	0%	6%
Percentage (Labour backbench answers)	10%	30%	60%	31%	31%	15%	23%	60%	40%	80%	20%	38%	25%	38%	90%	0%	10%
Total (Cabinet)	2	0	3	2	3	3	0	3	2	3	2	1	2	0	3	1	1
Percentage (Cabinet)	40%	0%	60%	13%	19%	19%	0%	19%	13%	19%	13%	6%	13%	0%	19%	6%	6%
Percentage (Cabinet answers)	40%	0%	60%	25%	38%	38%	0%	60%	40%	60%	40%	33%	67%	0%	60%	20%	20%
Total (Labour)	3	3	10	7	7	5	3	9	7	11	5	4	4	3	12	1	3
Percentage (Labour)	19%	19%	63%	44%	44%	31%	19%	56%	44%	69%	31%	25%	25%	19%	75%	6%	19%
Percentage (Labour answers)	19%	19%	63%	32%	32%	23%	14%	56%	44%	69%	31%	36%	36%	27%	75%	6%	19%
Total (Anon)	1	1	5	2	4	3	2	5	2	6	1	2	4	0	4	3	0
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Percentage (anon answers)	14%	14%	71%	18%	36%	27%	18%	71%	29%	86%	14%	33%	67%	0%	57%	43%	0%
Total (opposition)	4	0	8	5	4	8	4	1	11	3	8	0	1	1	1	11	0
Percentage (opposition)	33%	0%	67%	42%	33%	67%	33%	8%	92%	25%	67%	0%	8%	8%	8%	92%	0%
Percentage (opposition answers)	33%	0%	67%	24%	19%	38%	19%	8%	92%	27%	73%	0%	50%	50%	8%	92%	0%

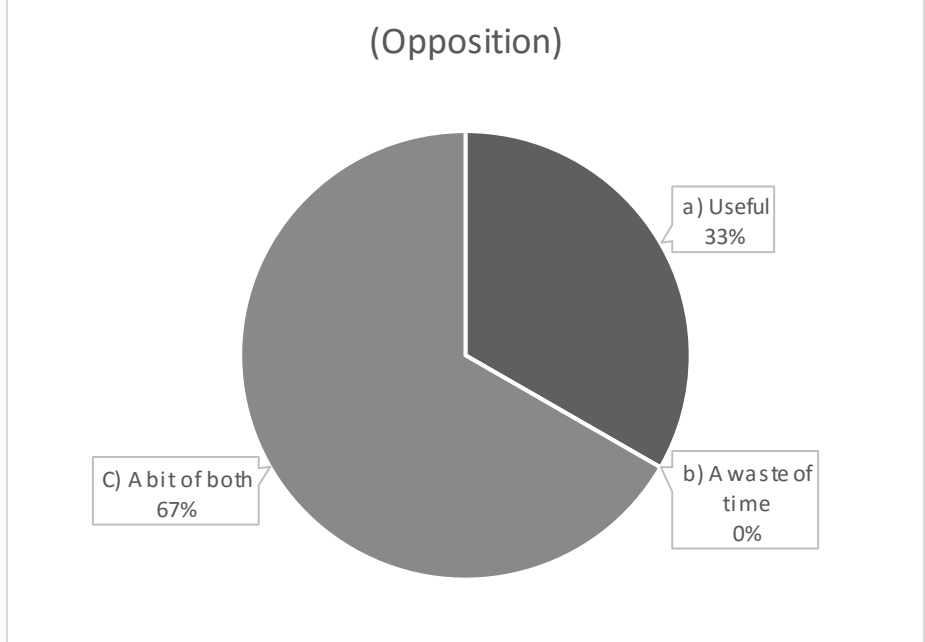
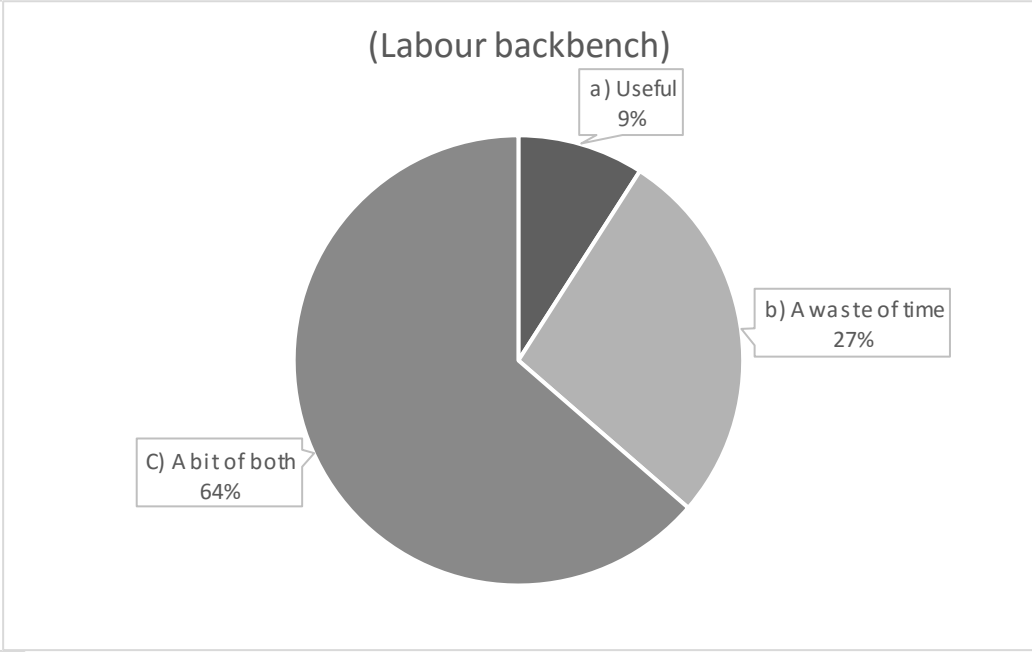
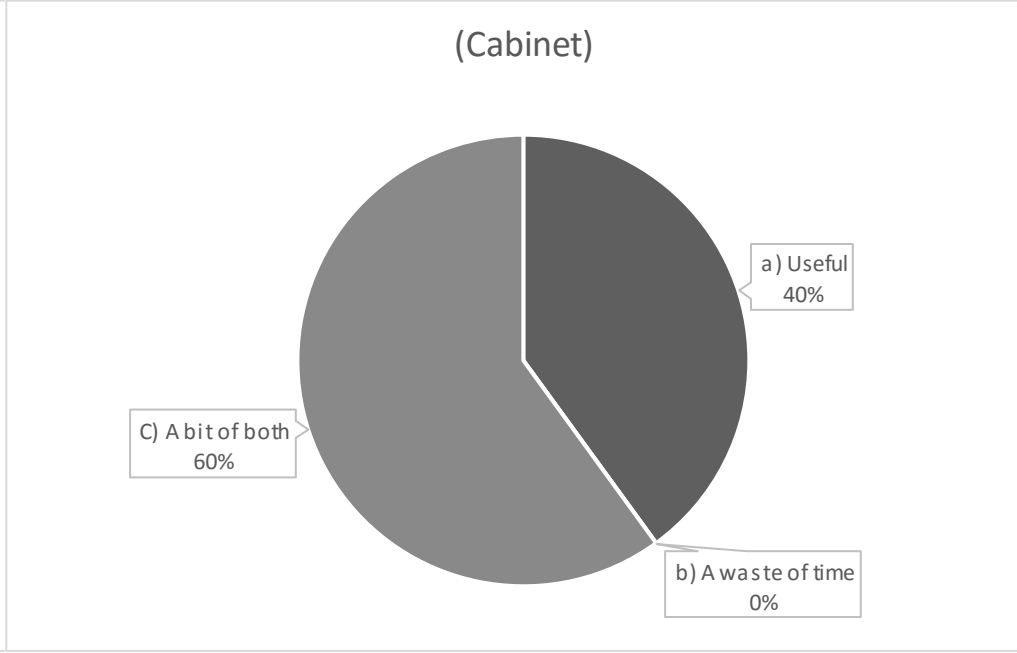
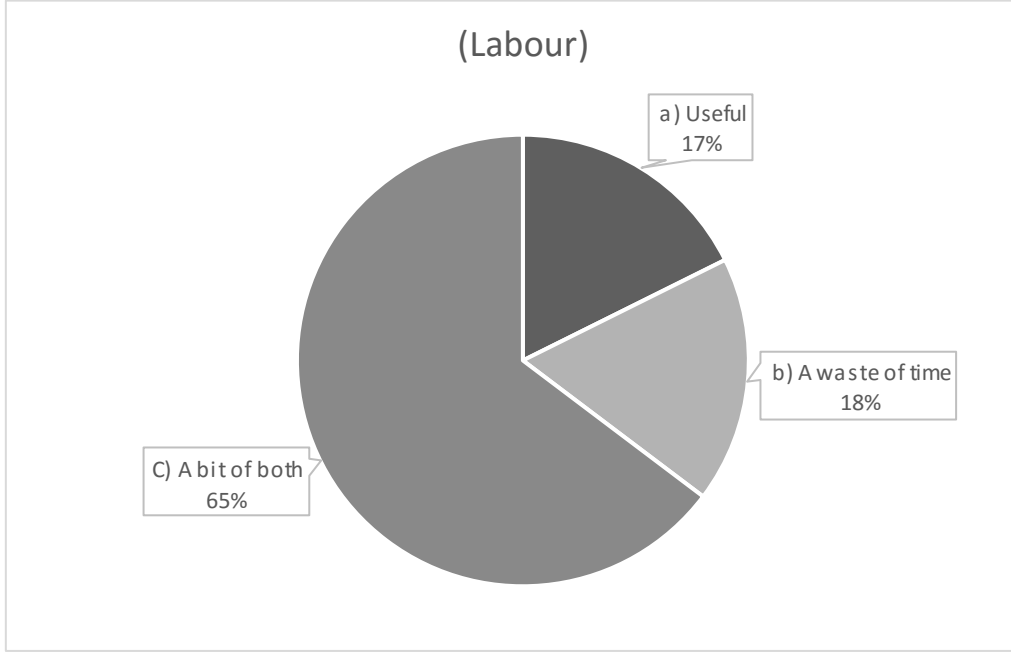
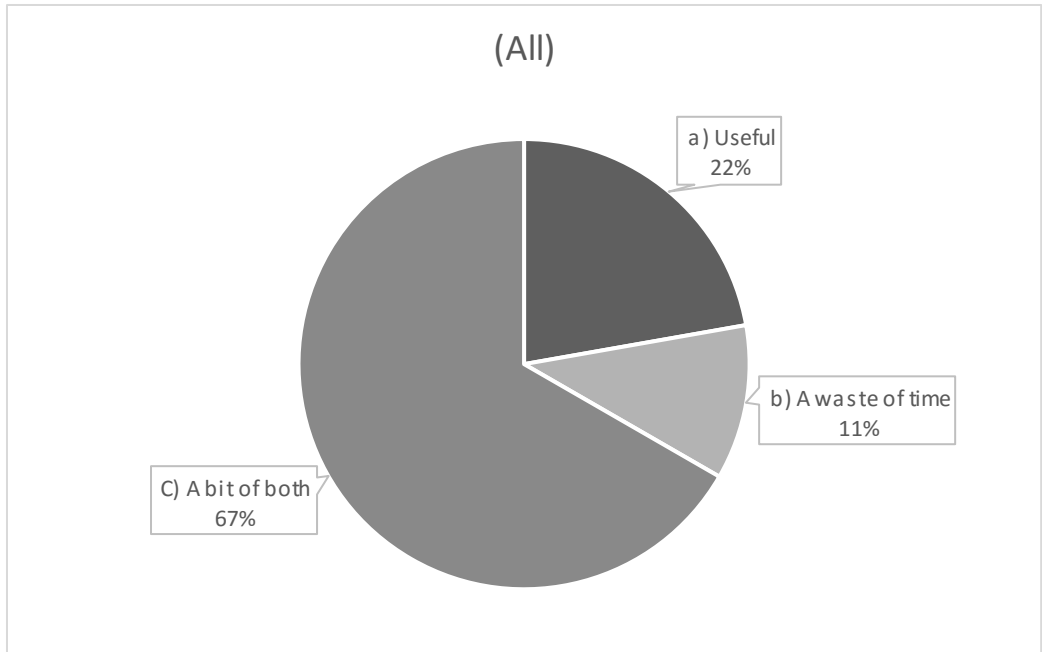
	Do you think the allocation of motions to party groups should be reviewed?		If yes, how would you like to see the available motions allocated?				Do you think Council meetings are:			Would you support having a time at which the meeting would end and matters remaining be dealt with are either put straight to the vote and outstanding questions given written answers?			If yes, what time do you think it should end?
	a) Yes	b) No	a) Equally across all political parties	b) Each party be allocated three and the remainder allocated proportionally	c) Opposition groups be allocated a minimum of three each and the	d) Other	a) Too long	b) Too short	c) About right	a) Yes	b) No	c) Yes, if...	
Total	25	8	4	3	7	8	29	0	3	20	10	2	18
Percentage (total surveys)	71%	23%	11%	9%	20%	23%	83%	0%	9%	57%	29%	6%	20:17
Percentage (of answers to this question)	76%	24%	18%	14%	32%	36%	91%	0%	9%	63%	31%	6%	20:15
Total (Labour backbench)	6	4	0	2	0	3	9	0	1	6	1	2	
Percentage (Labour backbench)	38%	25%	0%	13%	0%	19%	56%	0%	6%	38%	6%	13%	
Percentage (Labour backbench answers)	60%	40%	0%	40%	0%	60%	90%	0%	10%	67%	11%	22%	
Total (Cabinet)	2	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	3	1	0	
Percentage (Cabinet)	13%	13%	0%	0%	6%	6%	25%	0%	0%	19%	6%	0%	
Percentage (Cabinet answers)	50%	50%	0%	0%	50%	50%	100%	0%	0%	75%	25%	0%	
Total (Labour)	8	7	0	2	1	4	14	0	1	9	3	2	
Percentage (Labour)	50%	44%	0%	13%	6%	25%	88%	0%	6%	56%	19%	13%	
Percentage (Labour answers)	53%	47%	0%	29%	14%	57%	93%	0%	7%	64%	21%	14%	
Total (Anon)	5	1	0	1	3	1	6	0	1	5	2	0	
Percentage (Anon)	71%	14%	0%	14%	43%	14%	86%	0%	14%	71%	29%	0%	
Percentage (anon answers)	83%	17%	0%	20%	60%	20%	86%	0%	14%	71%	29%	0%	
Total (opposition)	12	0	4	0	3	3	9	0	1	6	5	0	
Percentage (opposition)	100%	0%	33%	0%	25%	25%	75%	0%	8%	50%	42%	0%	
Percentage (opposition answers)	100%	0%	40%	0%	30%	30%	90%	0%	10%	55%	45%	0%	

Number of answers

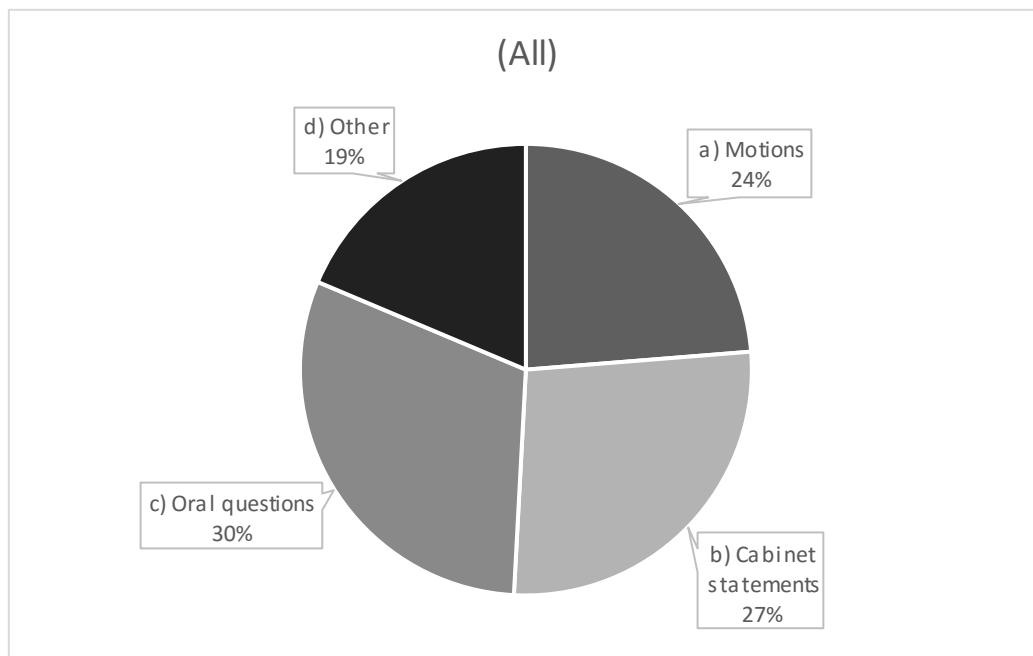
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Median

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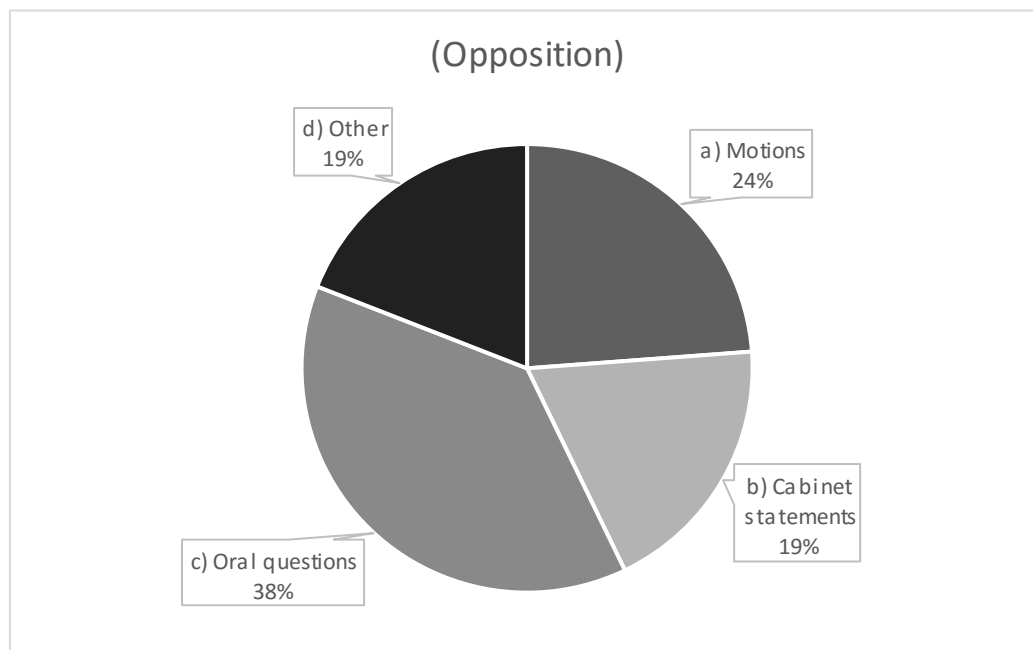
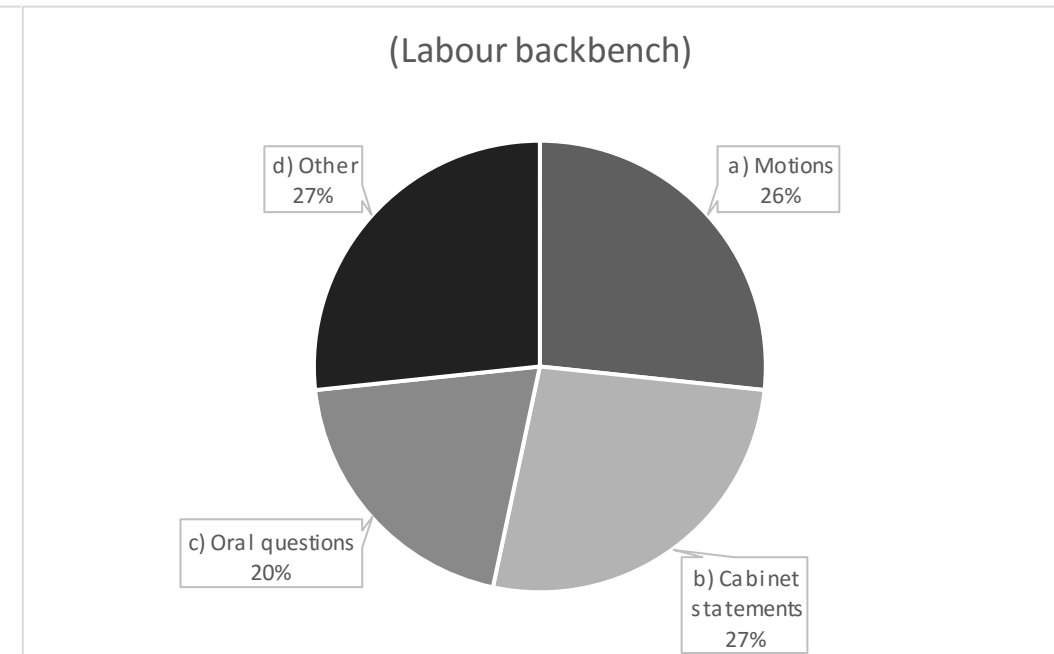
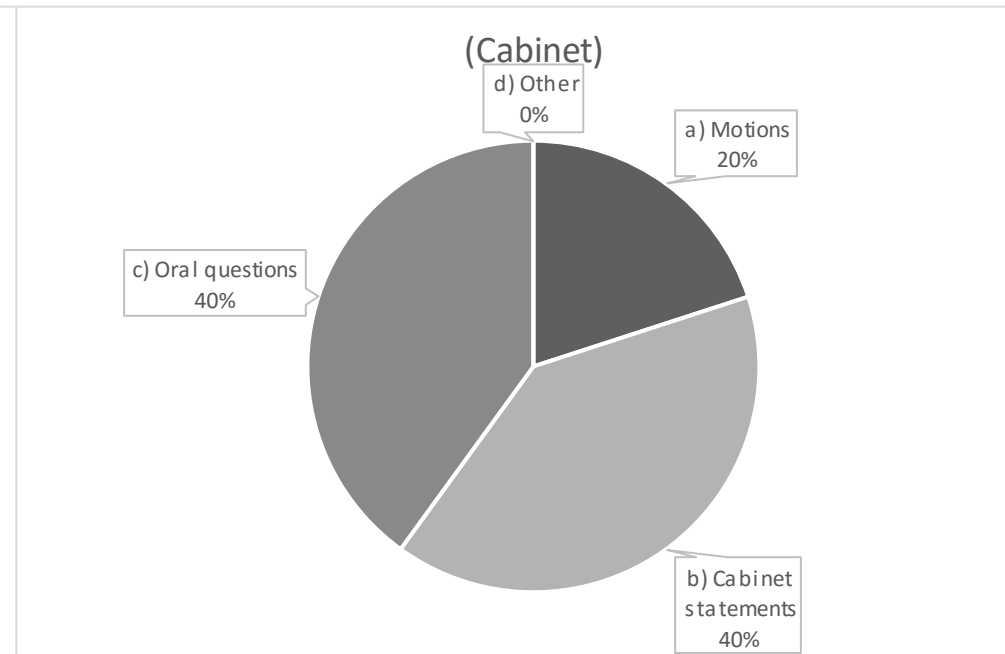
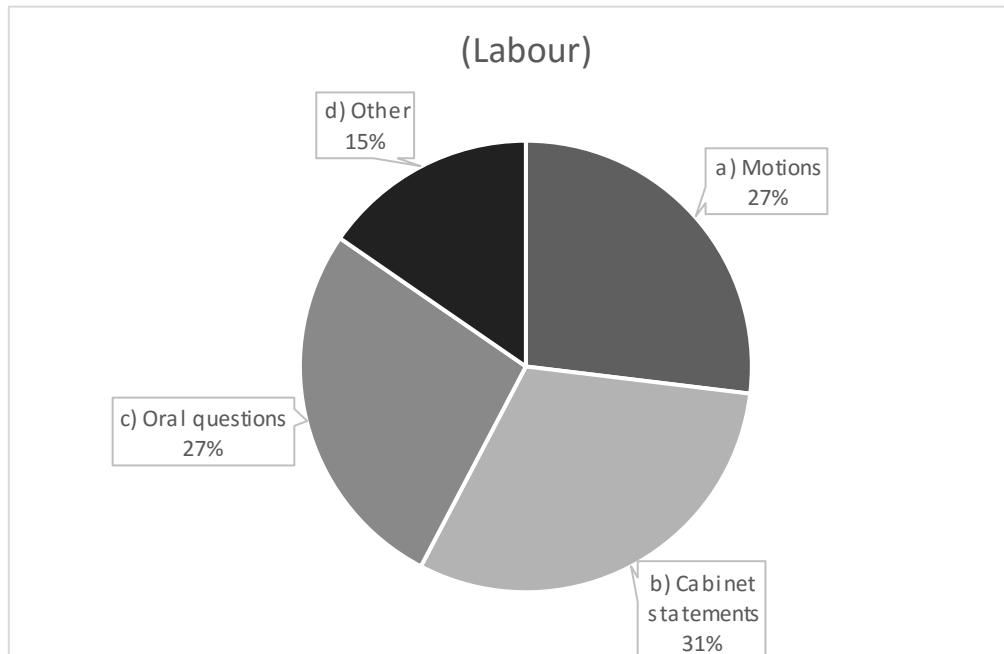
2. What is the most important part of the Council meeting for you?



"Being seen to scrutinise by the public."

"Could rotate statements and questions?"

Ticked every box and added: "Written questions."



"Reports for decision."

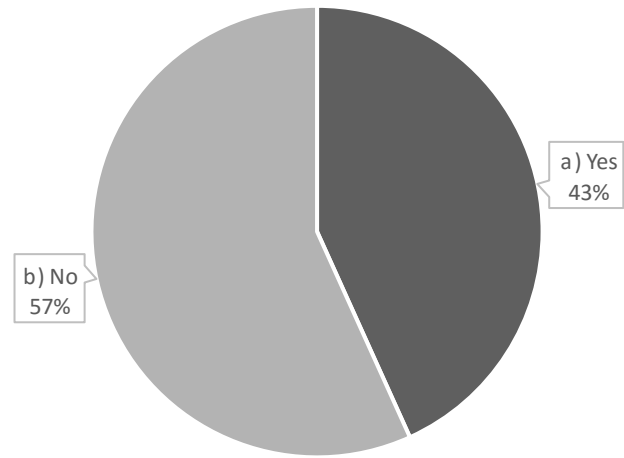
"We need to reassess the format of Council meetings."

"Policy development."
"Policy debate."
"Posing essential policies that have to be passed by full Council."

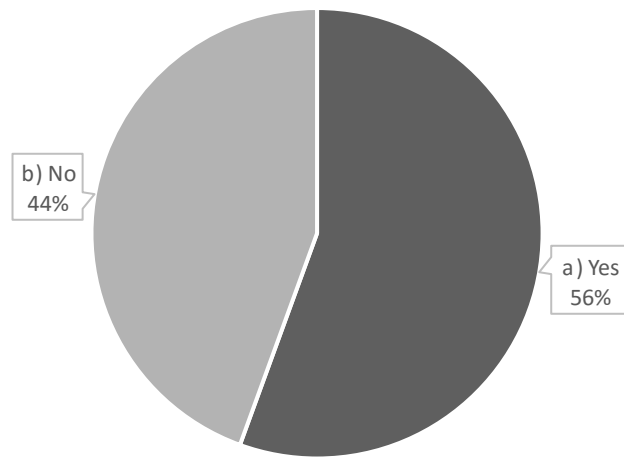
"The end."
"Going home."

3. Do you think we have too many Council meetings?

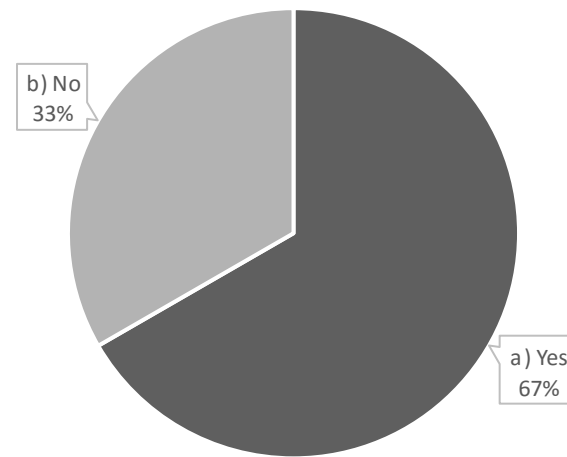
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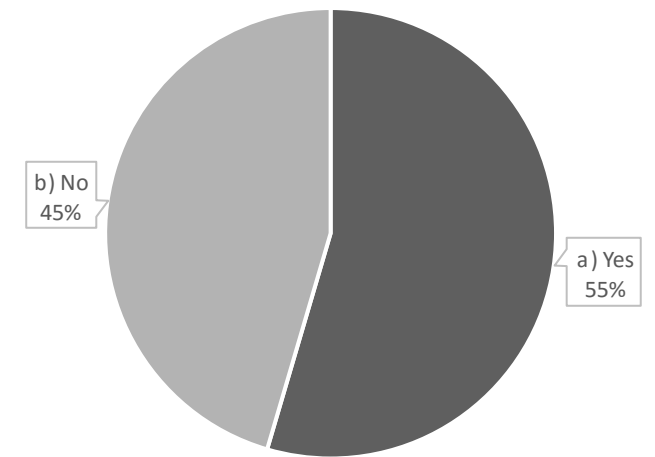
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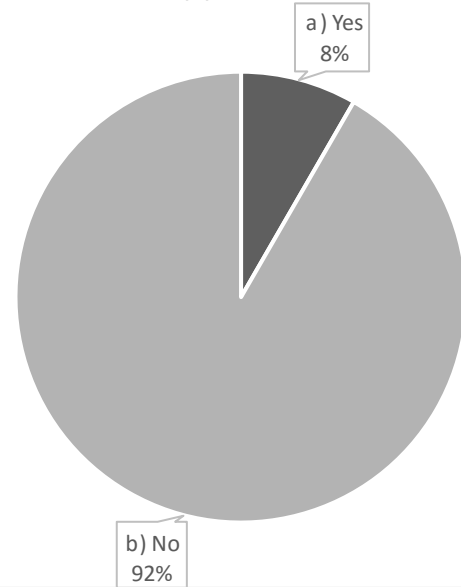
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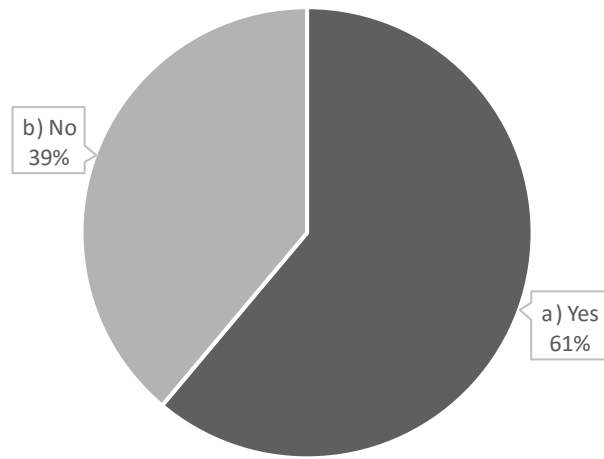


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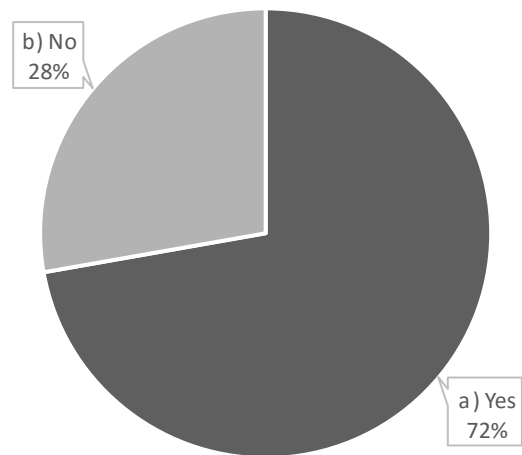


4. Would you agree to fewer full Council meetings?

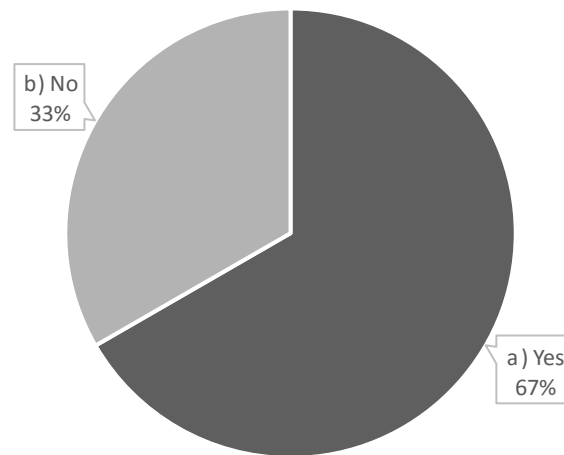
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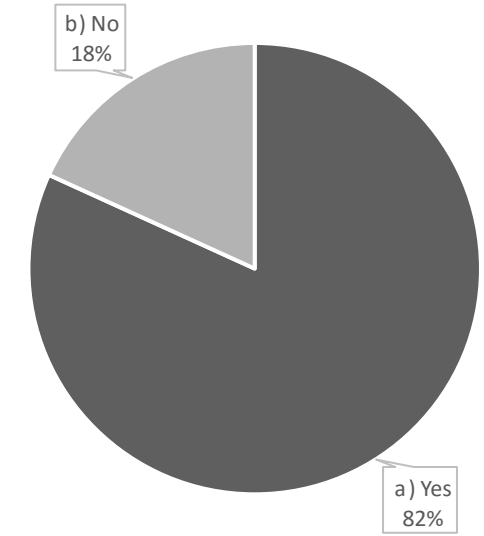
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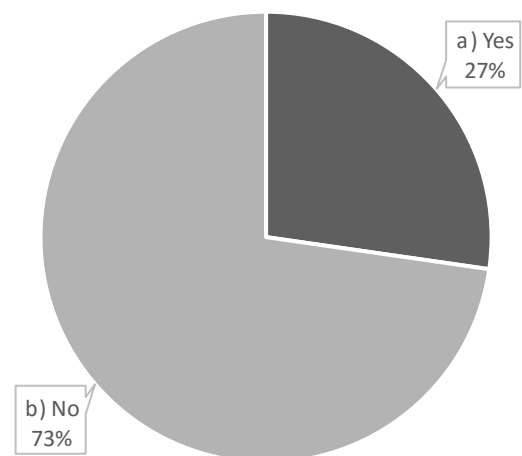
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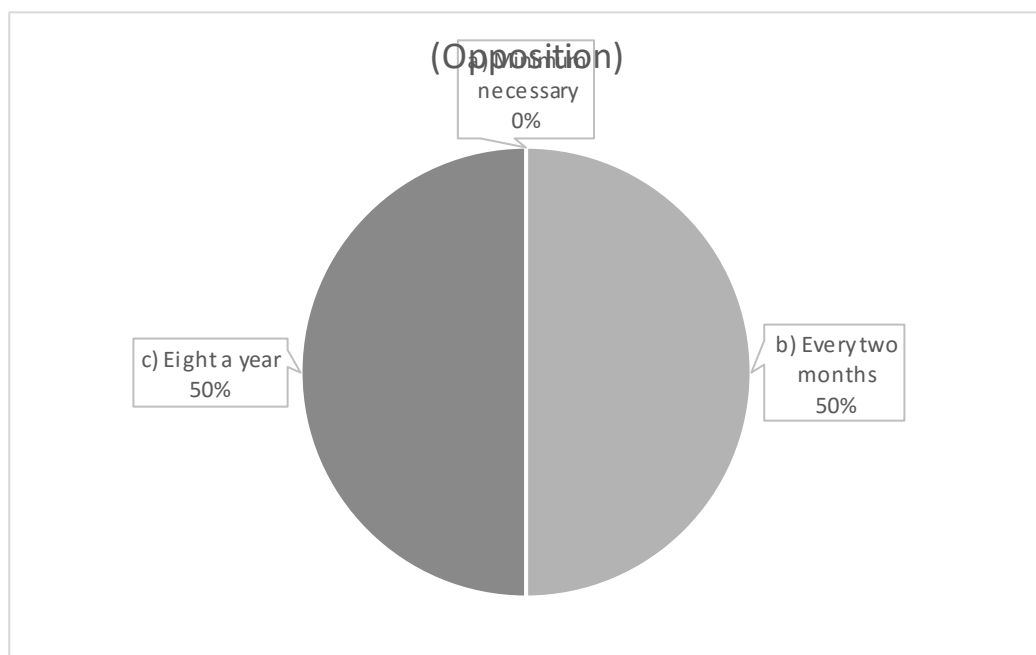
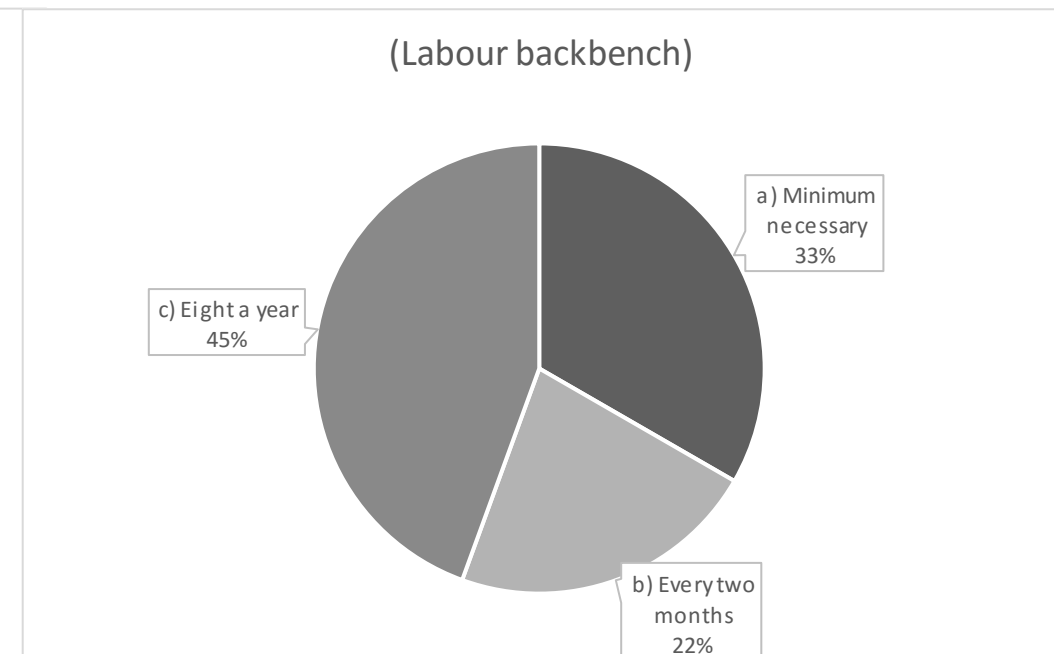
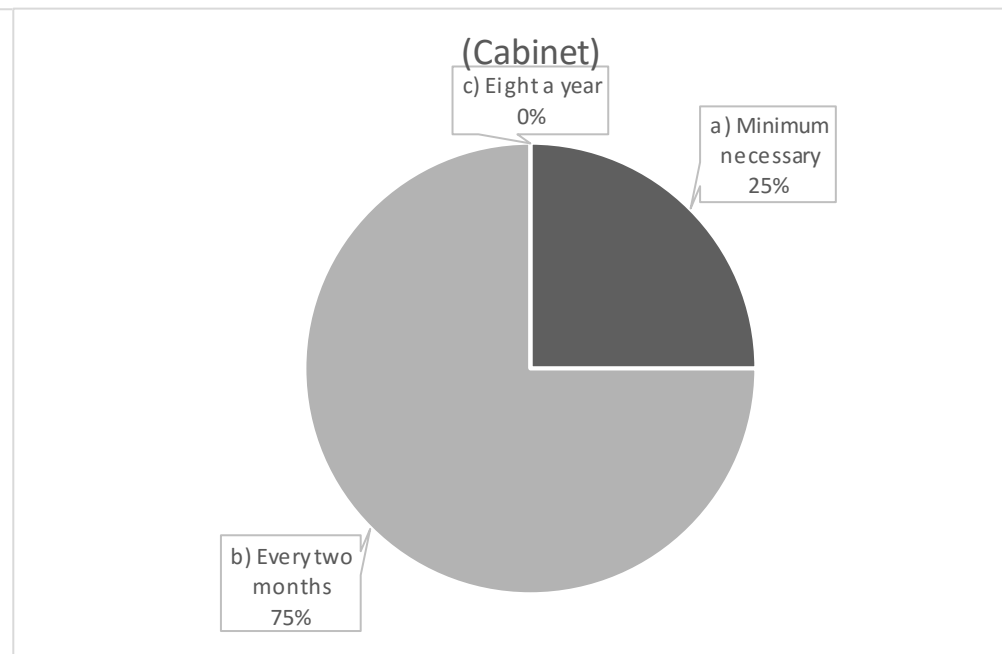
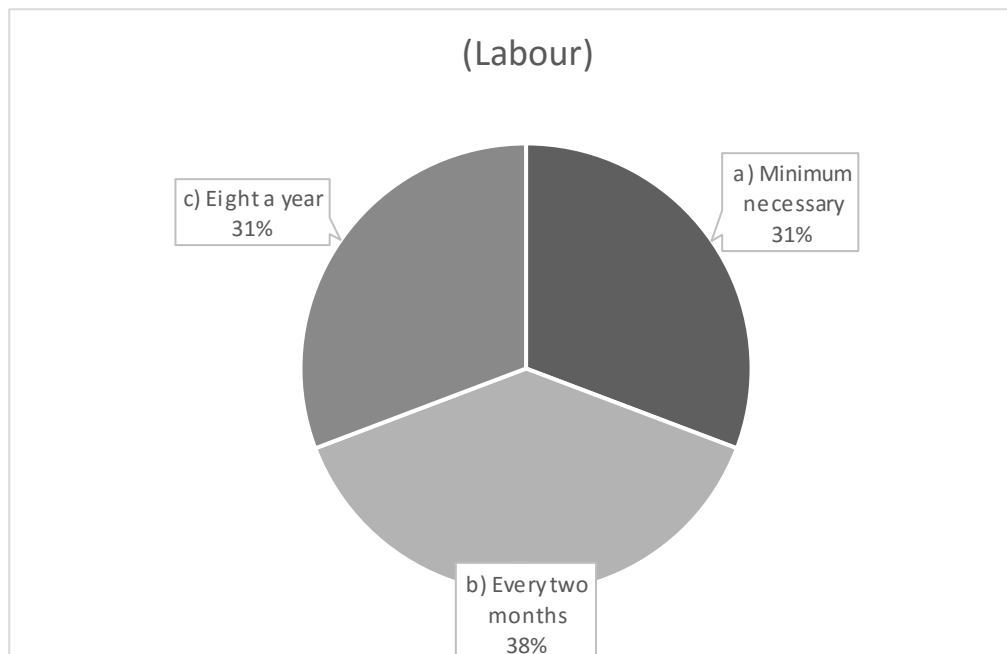
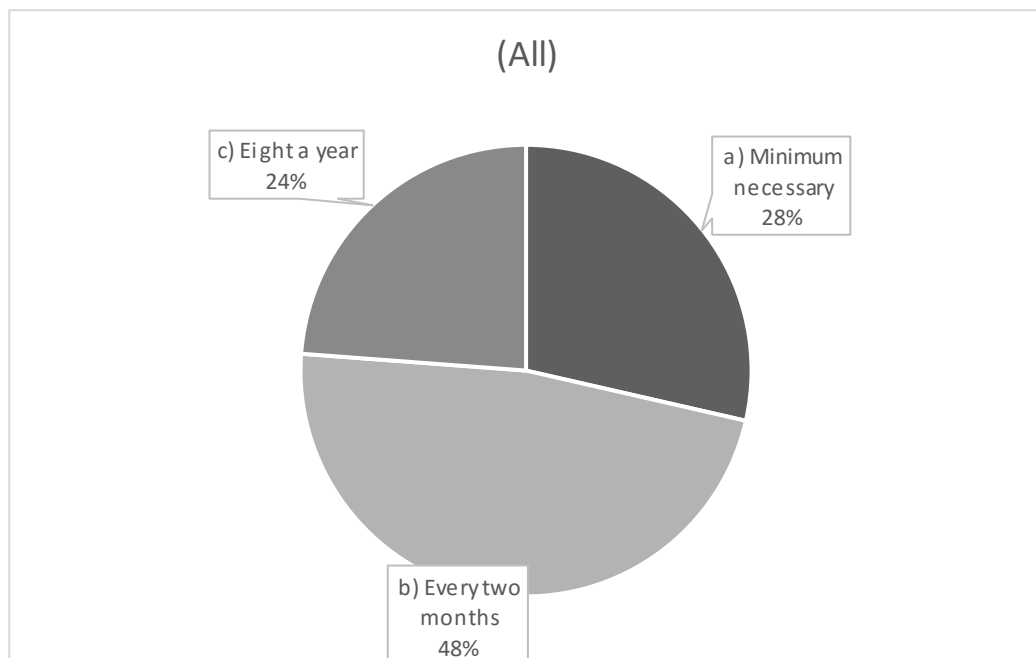
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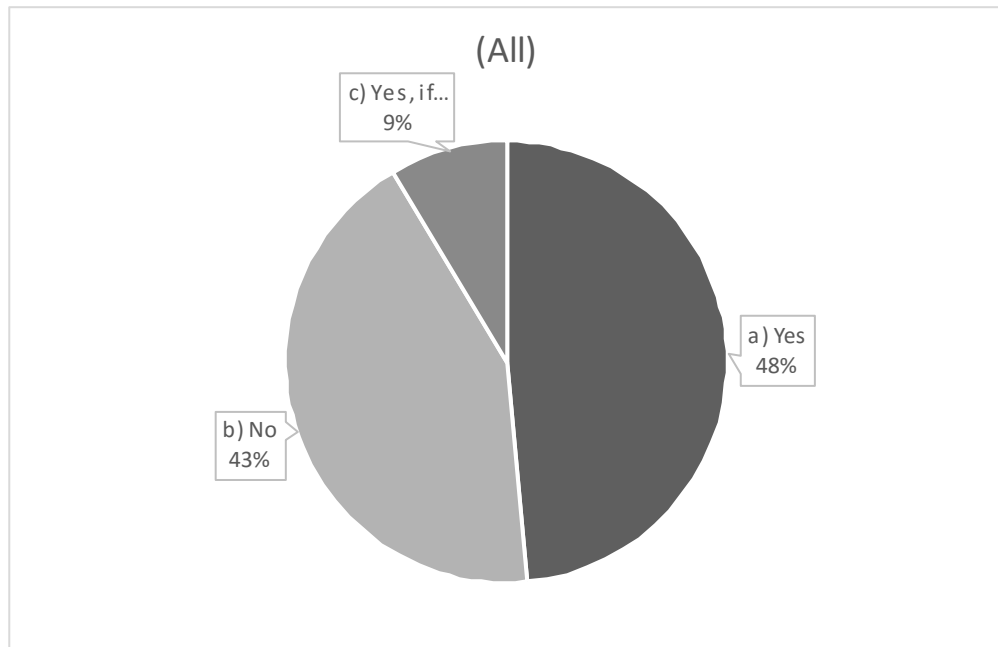
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5. If yes, how many should we have?



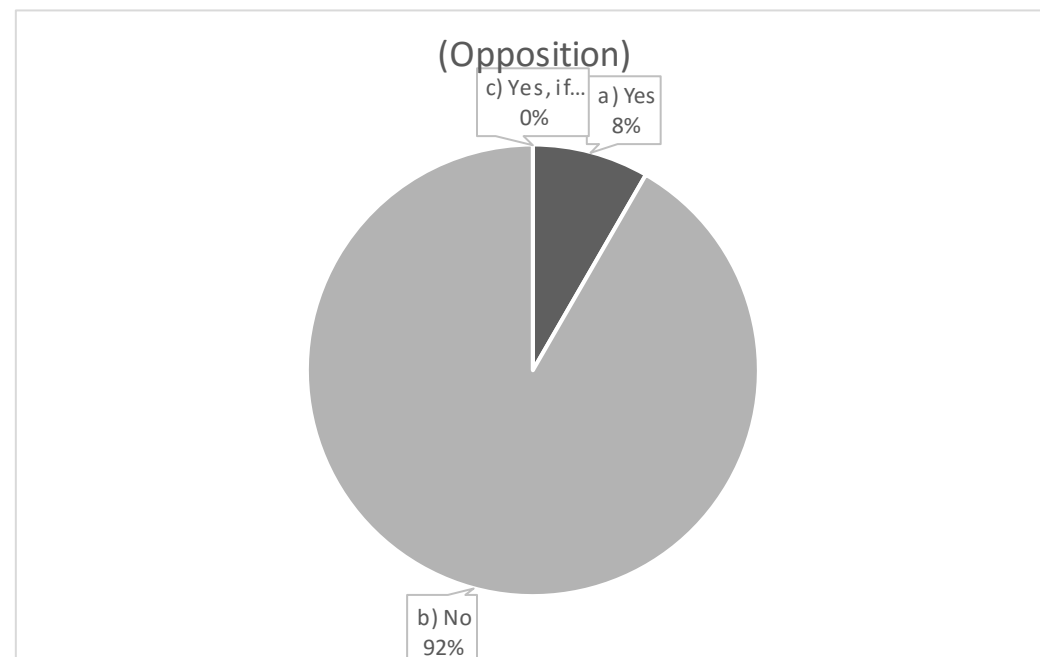
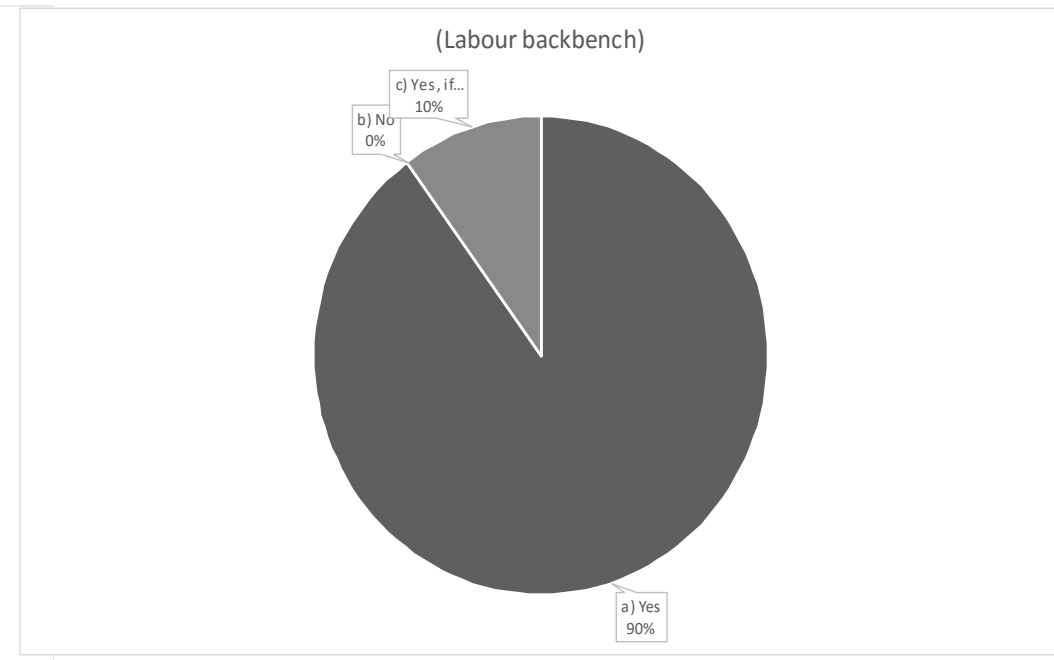
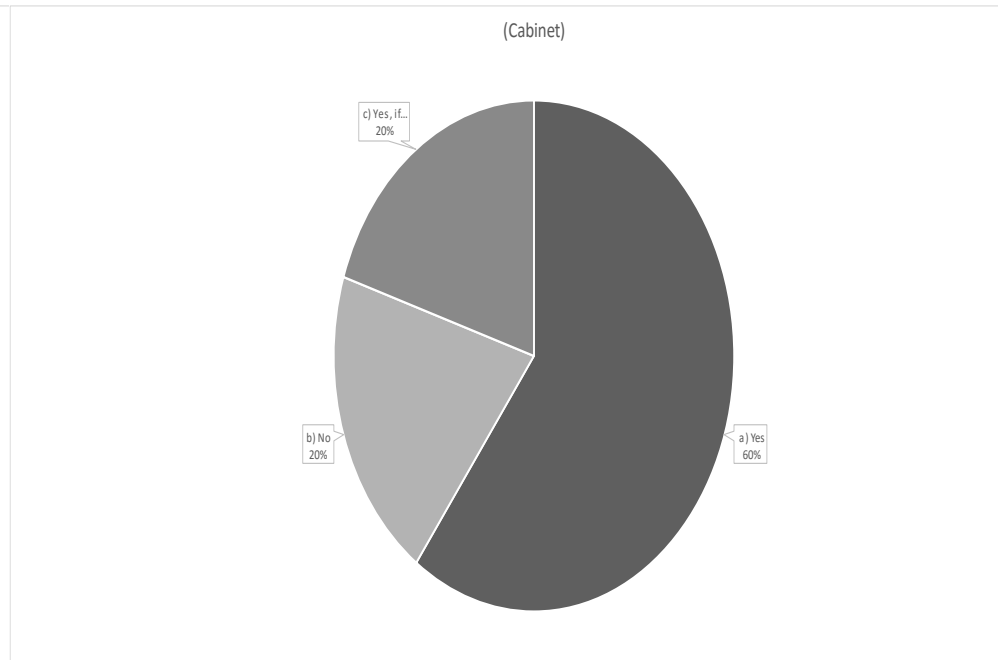
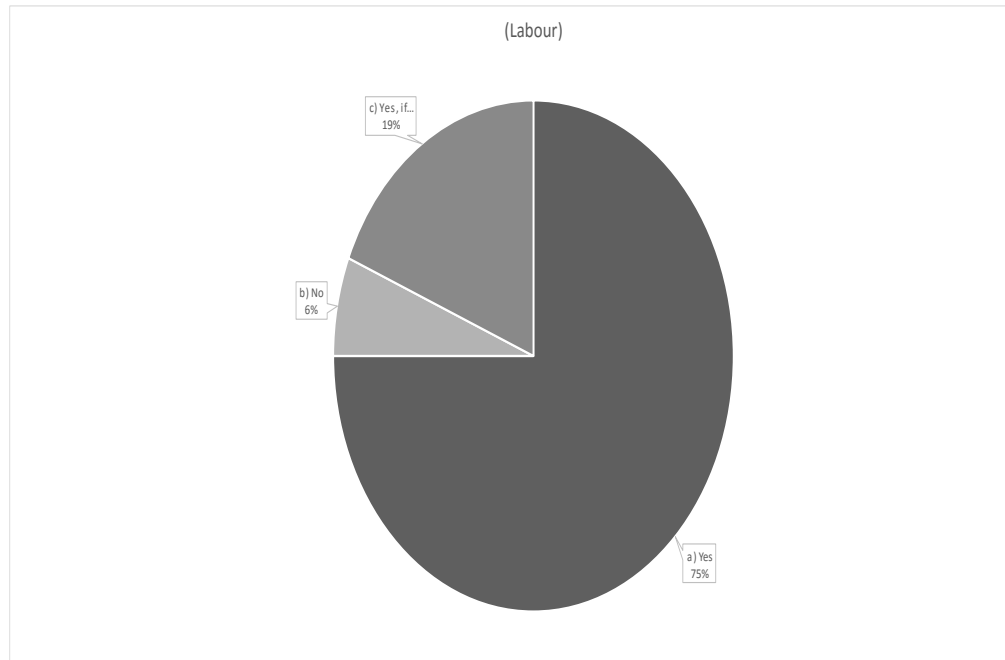
6. Would you support having Member questions dealt with in a different way?



"If properly organised and supported."

"Cabinet Members must not be permitted to hide behind Officers. Need to master their brief."

"I think there are more appropriate forums for questions. All meetings need a fresh look. Potentially more, shorter, non-compulsory meetings."

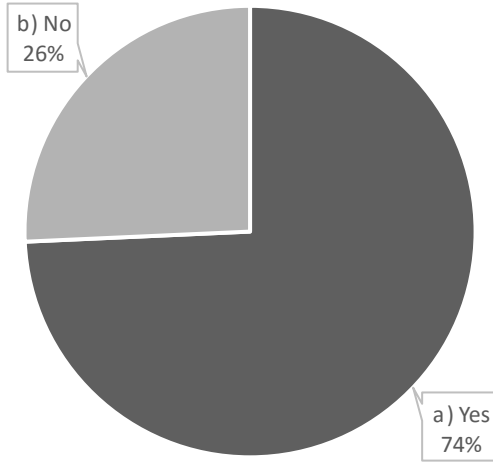


"There needs to be a way for Members to flag up and question general issues that affect their wards in public and less formally."

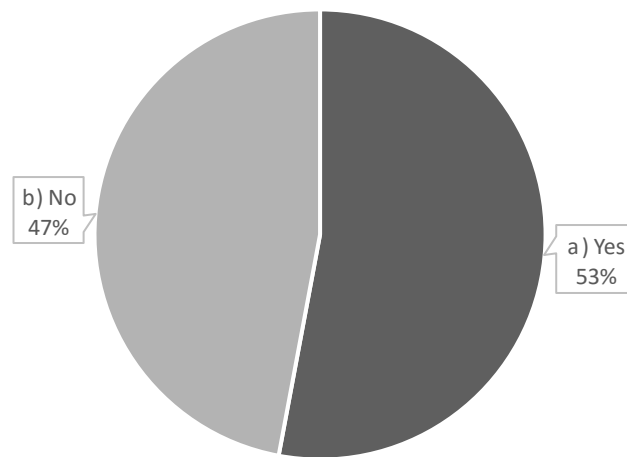
"They are mostly email-solvable except for emergency questions."

7. Do you think the allocation of motions to party groups should be reviewed?

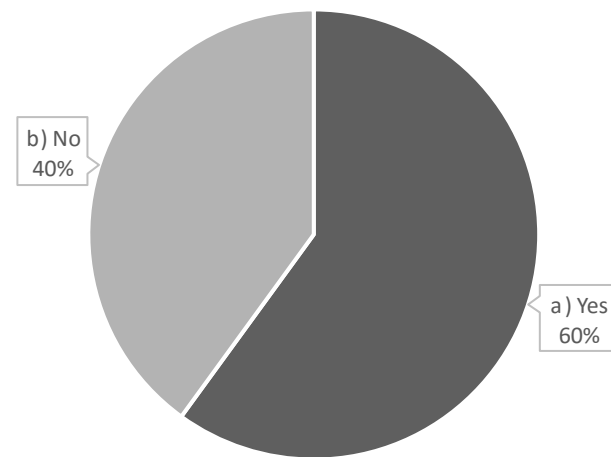
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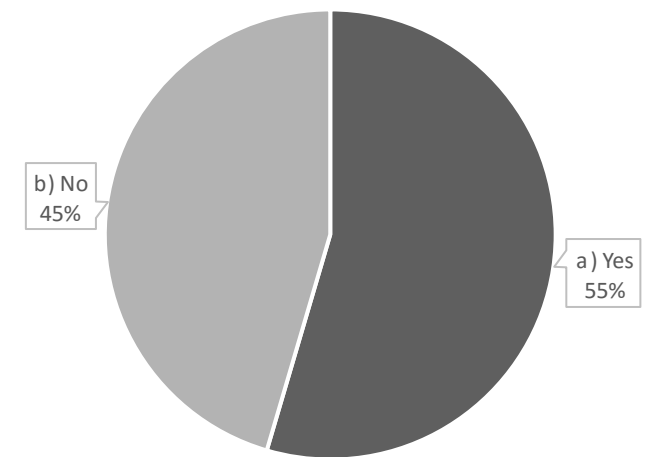
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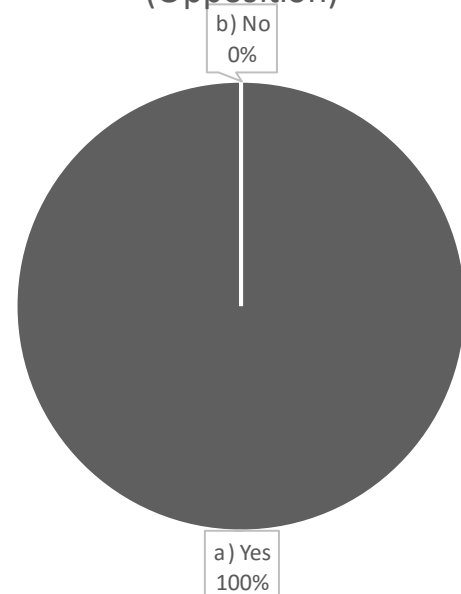
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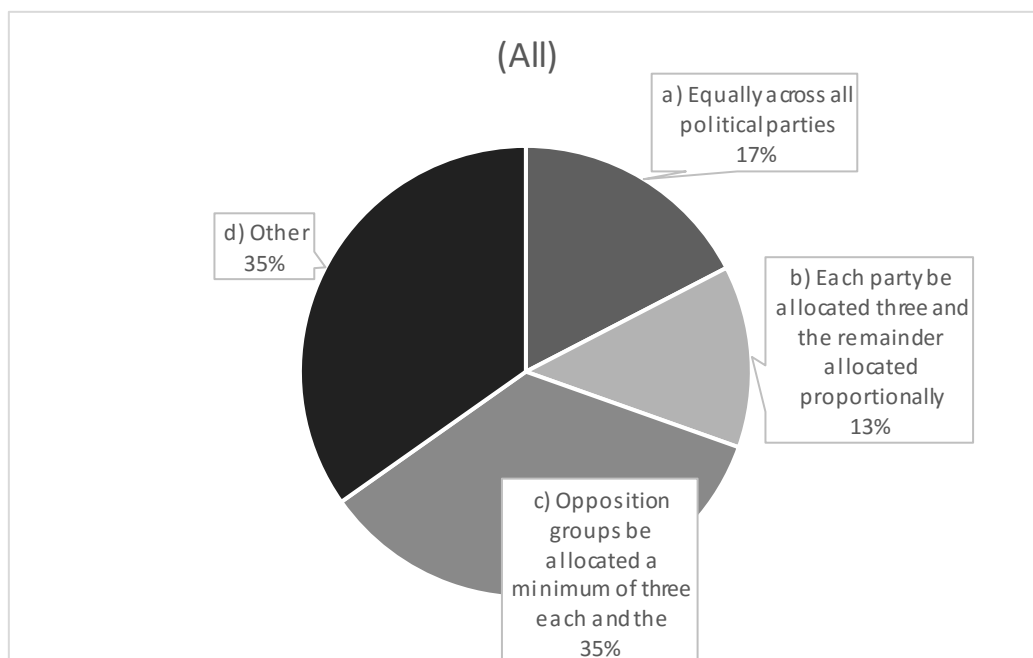
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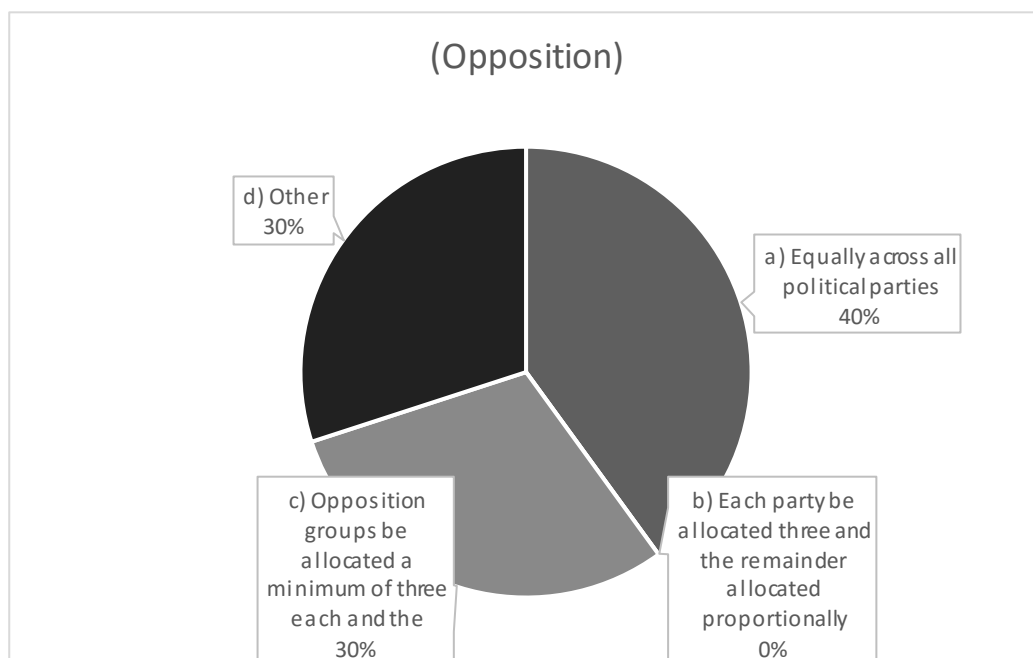
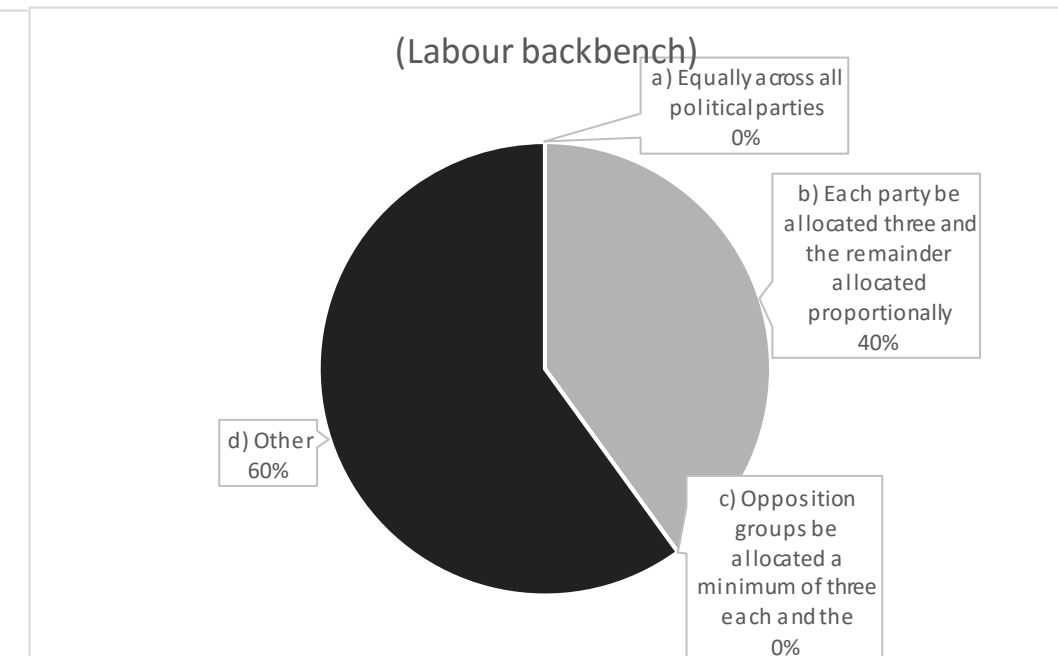
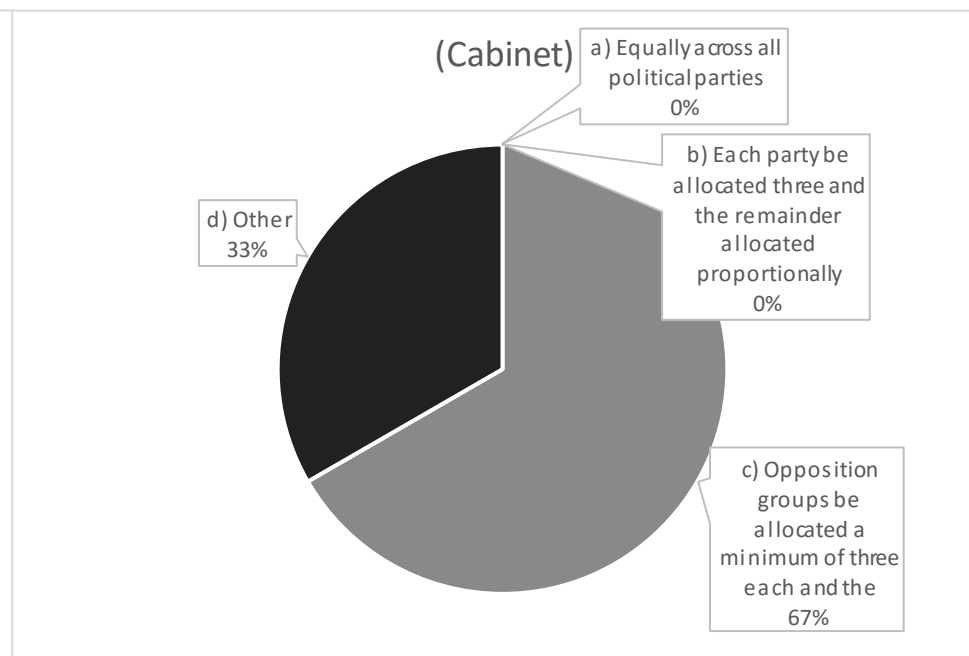
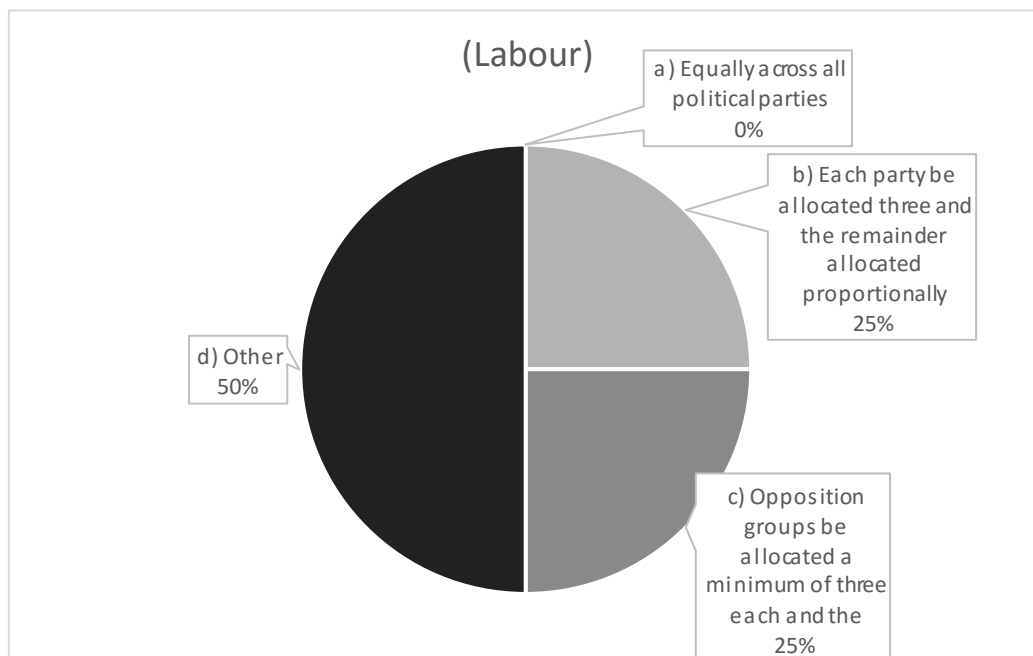
8. If yes, how would you like to see the available motions allocated?



"I think 20 is too many."
"Reduce allocation (20)."

"Not sure at this stage."

"The ruling group does not need nominations and invariably they are trivial. Opposition groups should be allocated up to two nominations."

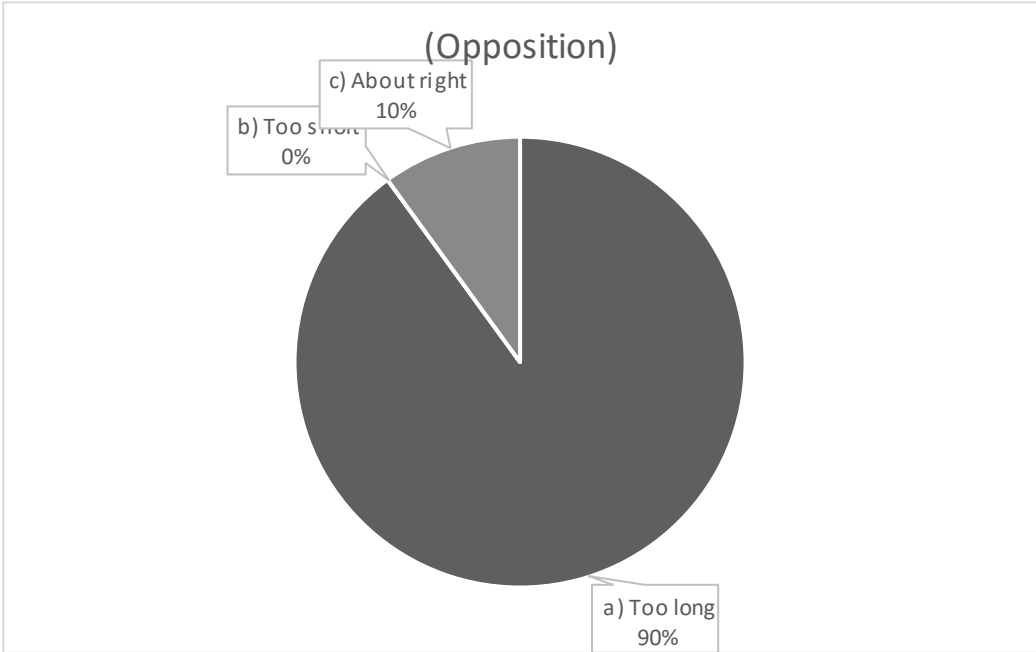
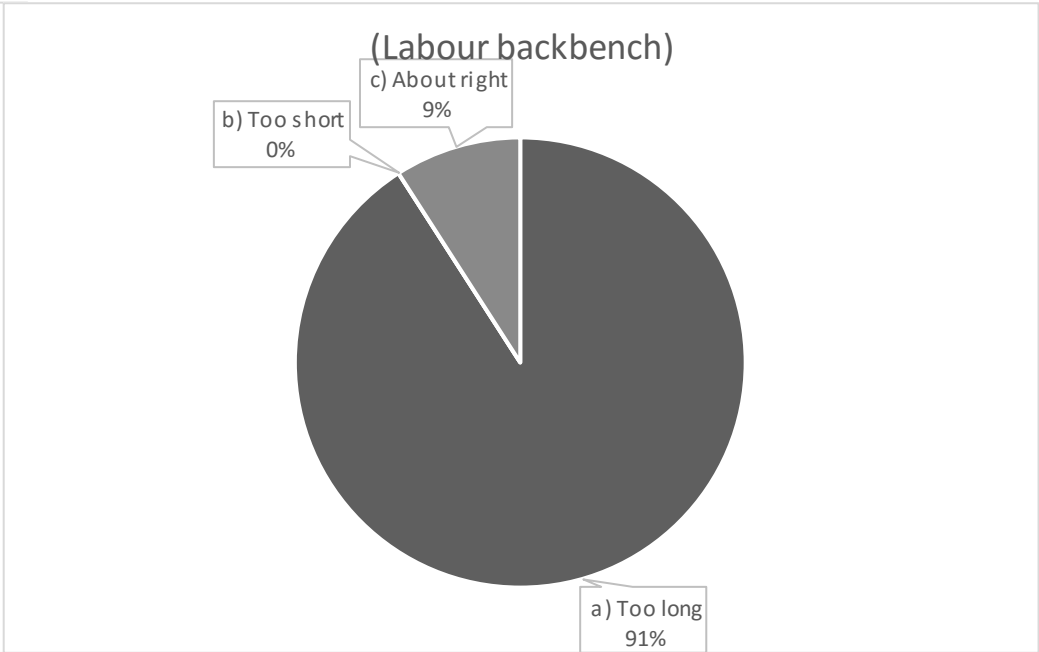
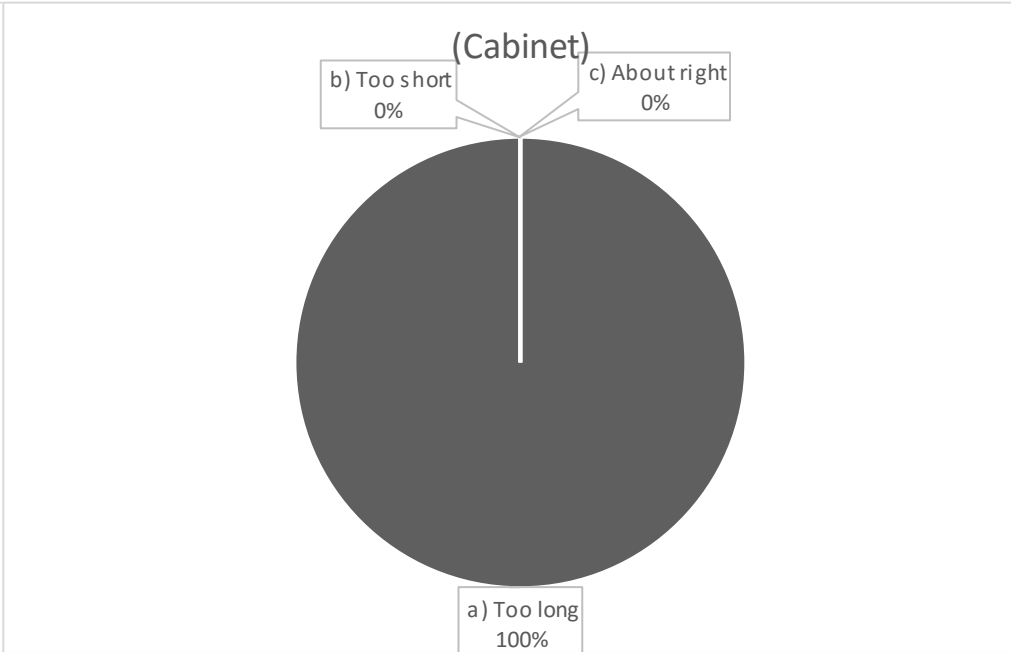
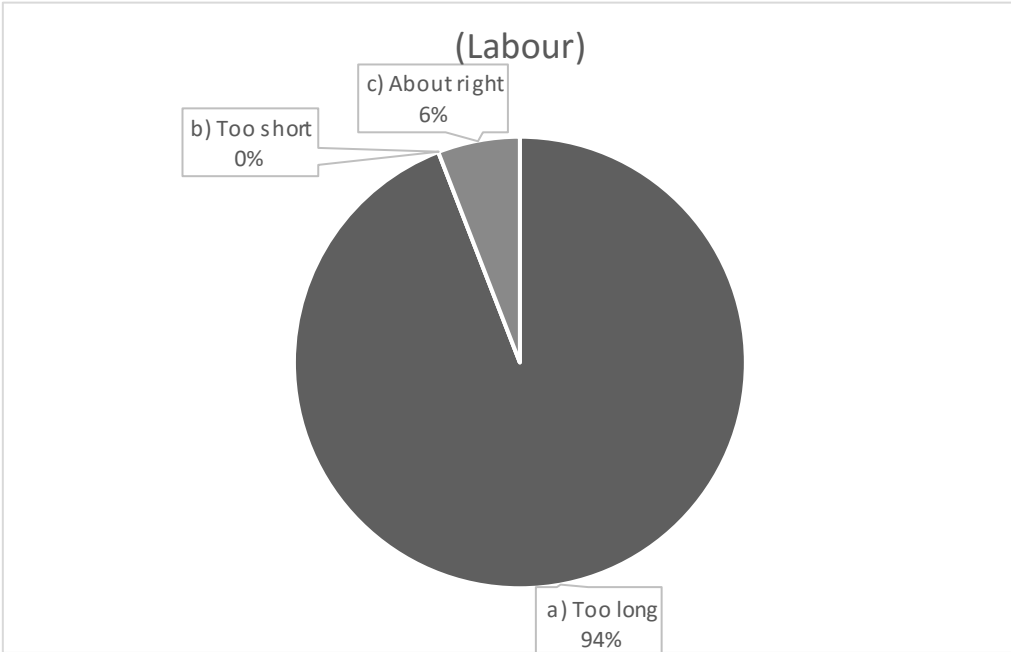
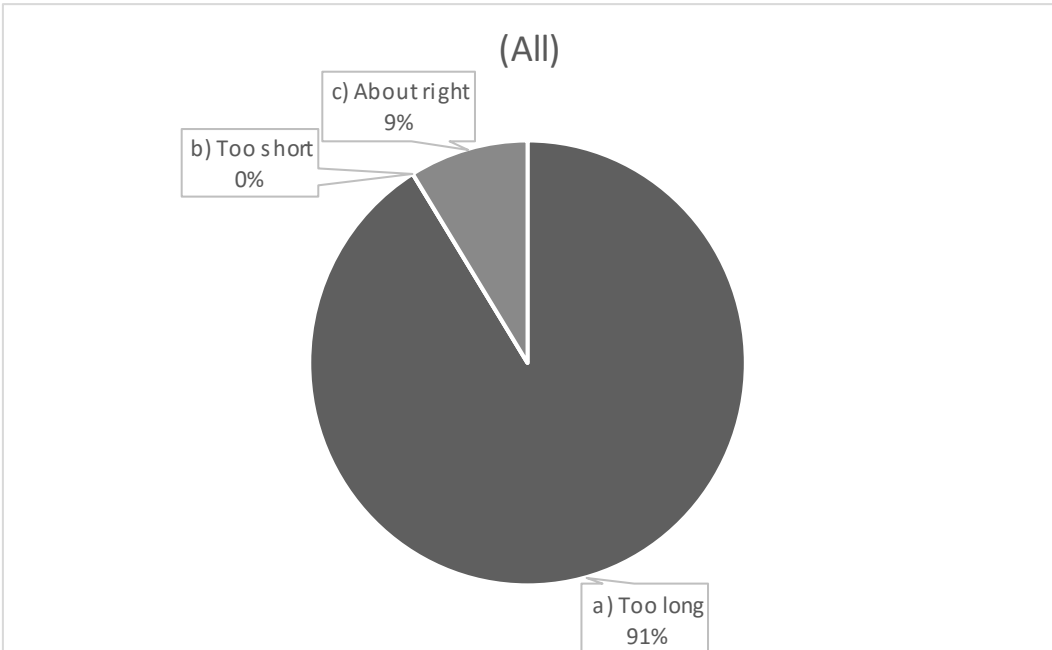


a) *Equally across all political parties**
**Including independent members."
"Consideration to include independent members in the proportional allocation."

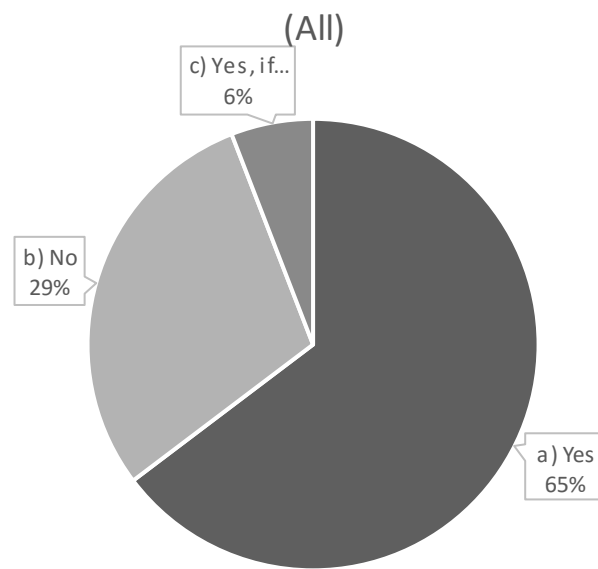
"Balanced by number of members per party."

"Motions only accepted if they are within the purview of the Council."

9. Do you think Council meetings are:

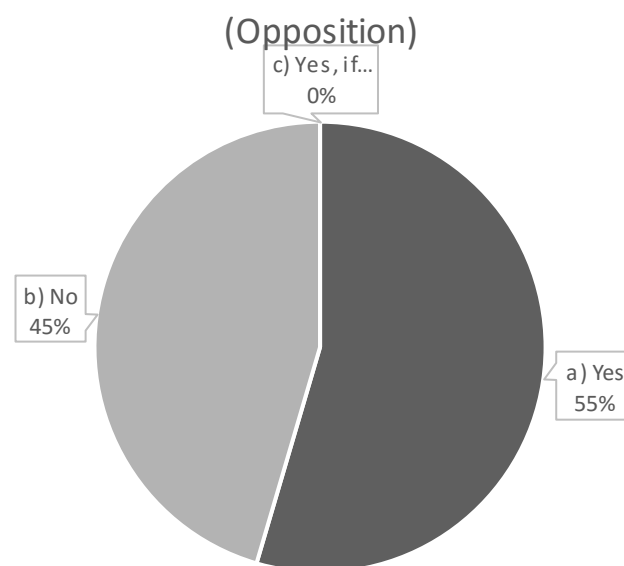
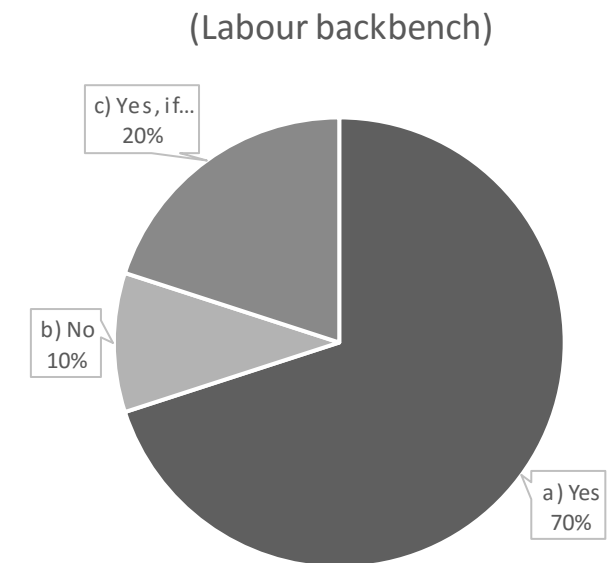
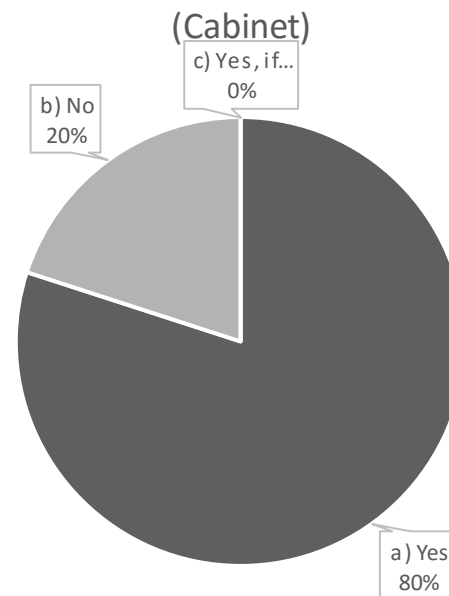
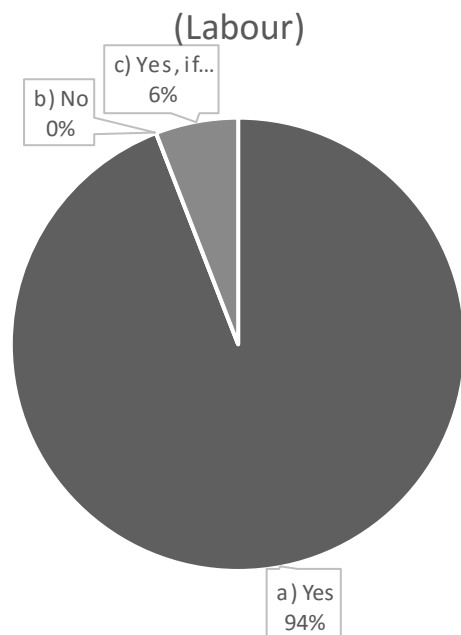


10. Would you support having a time at which the meeting would end and matters remaining be dealt with are put straight to the vote and outstanding questions given written answers?



"Would need cross-party agreement on agenda order. But if we do questions differently we can save time."

"Separate meeting to deal with questions. Perhaps on portfolio group or portfolio-themed basis."



b) No
"Would potentially lead to talking out items/abused."

b) No
"Need better meeting management. Used to manage it."

b) No
"I think different meetings for different purposes would be more appropriate. If items fall = bad time management."