

Questions database

— a power users guide

The questions database is available on the Parliament website: parliament.vic.gov.au/questions-database

Use this guide to help you get the most from the database.

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Search by number

You can search by question number.

Type the number into the search bar and click 'Number Search'



The screenshot shows a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search'. To the right of the search bar are three buttons: 'Text Search', 'Number Search', and 'Filters'. A red arrow points to the 'Number Search' button.

Search for a word or phrase

You can search by a word or phrase.

Type the word or phrase into the search bar and click 'Text Search'



The screenshot shows a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search'. To the right of the search bar are three buttons: 'Text Search', 'Number Search', and 'Filters'. A red arrow points to the 'Text Search' button.

Filters

Click 'Filters' to toggle and display the available filters



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Filters (cont)

You can filter by:

- Session — we are currently in the first session of the 60th Parliament
- House
- Question type
- Status — answered/unanswered
- Asked by — who asked the question
- Portfolio — which minister (or member) the question is addressed to
- Asked — the date the question was asked
- Answered — the date the question was answered

Showing options (and minimising)

Use the arrows to see the options for each filter and then minimise the filter so you can see the other filters/the results.

The screenshot shows two instances of the 'House' filter. The top instance is a closed dropdown menu with a red arrow pointing to the expand/collapse arrow icon. The bottom instance is an open dropdown menu, also with a red arrow pointing to the icon, showing two options: 'Legislative Assembly' and 'Legislative Council', each with an unchecked checkbox.

Current and former portfolios

In the portfolios filter, current portfolios are listed at the top and former portfolios are listed underneath.

There are scroll bars at the side of the lists so you can scroll through to find the portfolios you need.

Members who have been asked questions are listed at the very bottom.

When you select a portfolio it will appear at the top of the list

The screenshot shows the 'PORTFOLIO:' filter set to 'Attorney-General, Children'. To the right is an 'Asked' button. Below the filter, two checkboxes are checked: 'Attorney-General' and 'Children'. The interface is divided into three sections, each with a scroll bar on the right: 'Portfolios (current)' containing 'Women and Gender Equality', 'Women and Girls', 'WorkSafe and the TAC', 'Youth', and 'Youth Justice'; 'Portfolios (former)' containing 'Assistant Treasurer', 'Child Protection and Family Services', 'Commonwealth Games Delivery', 'Commonwealth Games Legacy', and 'Cost of Living'; and 'Asked to member' containing 'Ermacora, Jacinta', 'Galea, Michael', 'Mulholland, Evan', 'Purcell, Georgie', and 'Shing, Harriet'.

Filters (cont)

Asked and Answered filters

You can select a date range or choose one of the preset options.

To select a date range, you need to click the first date of the range and then the last date.

If you want to search just one day, click that date twice.

In this example, the date range 15 to 19 June has been selected.

The screenshot shows the 'Asked' filter interface. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'ASKED:' with the selected range '15 - 19 June 2026'. To the right is an 'Answered' filter. Below the dropdown is a 'Recent dates' sidebar with options: 'Today', 'Yesterday', 'Last 7 days', and 'This Year'. The main area is a calendar for June 2026. The dates 15 and 19 are highlighted in blue, indicating the selected range. The calendar grid shows days from 1 to 31.

TIP: Make sure your date range is within the session you have filtered by or your search will not find any results. See more on the [Session filter](#) below

Session (Parliament) filter

The database filters by the current (60th Parliament, 1st session) session's questions by default.

This filter is locked, so you can't accidentally [clear](#) it by mistake.

The database also includes questions from the 59th Parliament. To see and search those, select the 59th Parliament in the Session filter.

The screenshot shows the 'SESSION:' filter interface. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'SESSION:' with the selected option '60 Parliament First Session'. Below the dropdown is a list of two options: '60 Parliament First Session' (checked) and '59 Parliament First Session' (unchecked). A red arrow points to the unchecked checkbox for the 59th Parliament.

TIP: Remember to untick the 59th Parliament when you have finished, so that you don't accidentally include old results in your next search.

Filters (cont)

House indicators

Session (Parliament) filter (cont)

For information about where to find older questions visit the questions and responses archive information on Parliament's website:

parliament.vic.gov.au/parliamentary-activity/questions/?tab=panel-archive

Note: Questions from previous Sessions/Parliaments have lapsed and therefore ministers/members may no longer provide an answer to those questions.

On the list of questions, coloured symbols show which House the question was asked in.

Council



Assembly



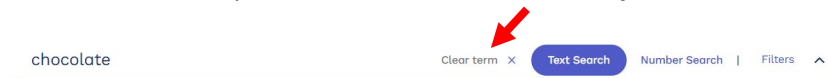
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1000	 QwN	13-08-2025
1000	 CQ	20-02-2025
1000	 ADJ	06-02-2025
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Clearing your search

There are several different ways to clear your searches.

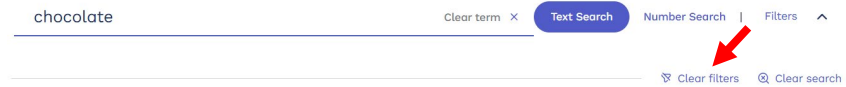
Clear Term

'Clear Term' clears your [number](#) or [word](#) search **only**



Clear filters

'Clear filters' clears the filters **only**.

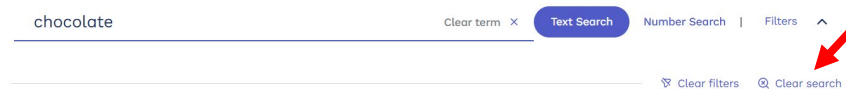


Note: 'Clear filters' does not clear the [session filter](#) if the lock on that filter is closed. (This stops you accidentally searching older questions.)



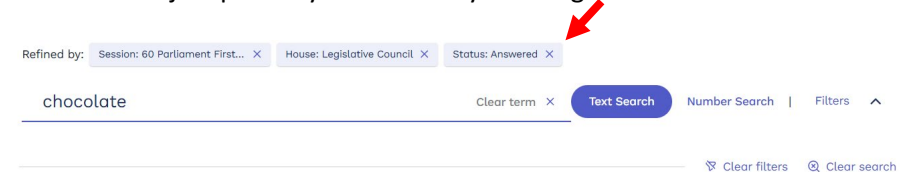
Clear Search

'Clear Search' clears any search terms/numbers **AND** any filters.



Deleting the refiner buttons

You can clear just part of your search by deleting one or more refiner



Downloading lists and questions

You can download questions details in a Word document or Excel spreadsheet.

From the list view

Tick the question, or questions, you wish to download and then click the download button.

Num ^	Type	Asked	Member	Portfolio	Title	Answered	Due Date	☐	
3783	QoN	25-08-2026	Sandell, Ellen	Public Transport	Question on Notice	Unanswered	24-09-2026	☒	
3782	QoN	25-08-2026	Sandell, Ellen	Planning	Question on Notice	Unanswered	24-09-2026	☐	
3781	QoN	25-08-2026	Sandell, Ellen	Planning	Question on Notice	Unanswered	24-09-2026	☐	
3780	QoN	25-08-2026	Sandell, Ellen	Planning	Question on Notice	Unanswered	24-09-2026	☐	
3779	QoN	25-08-2026	Sandell, Ellen	Environment	Question on Notice	Unanswered	24-09-2026	☐	
3778	QoN	25-08-2026	Sandell, Ellen	Planning	Question on Notice	Unanswered	24-09-2026	☐	
3765	QoN	13-08-2026	Marsh, Anthony	Roads and Road Safety	Question on Notice	Unanswered	12-09-2026	☐	
3764	QoN	13-08-2026	Marsh, Anthony	Planning	Question on Notice	Unanswered	12-09-2026	☐	
3763	QoN	13-08-2026	Marsh, Anthony	Education	Question on Notice	Unanswered	12-09-2026	☐	
3762	QoN	13-08-2026	Britnell, Roma	Health	Question on Notice	Unanswered	12-09-2026	☐	

You will get the option to download in:

- Word — this downloads the question and answer text
- Excel (with question text) — this downloads a list of the question details. The question text is included.
- Excel (without question text) — this downloads a list of the question details.

Download questions

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Cancel

Choose how to download this record:

Word

Excel (with question text)

Excel (without question text)

TIPS

- Use the download button at the top of the list if you have ticked multiple questions to download.
- Tick the box at the top of the list if you want to download all the questions in the list on that page.
- Change the number of questions displayed on the page if you want to download more questions that meet your search results.

Display 20 per page