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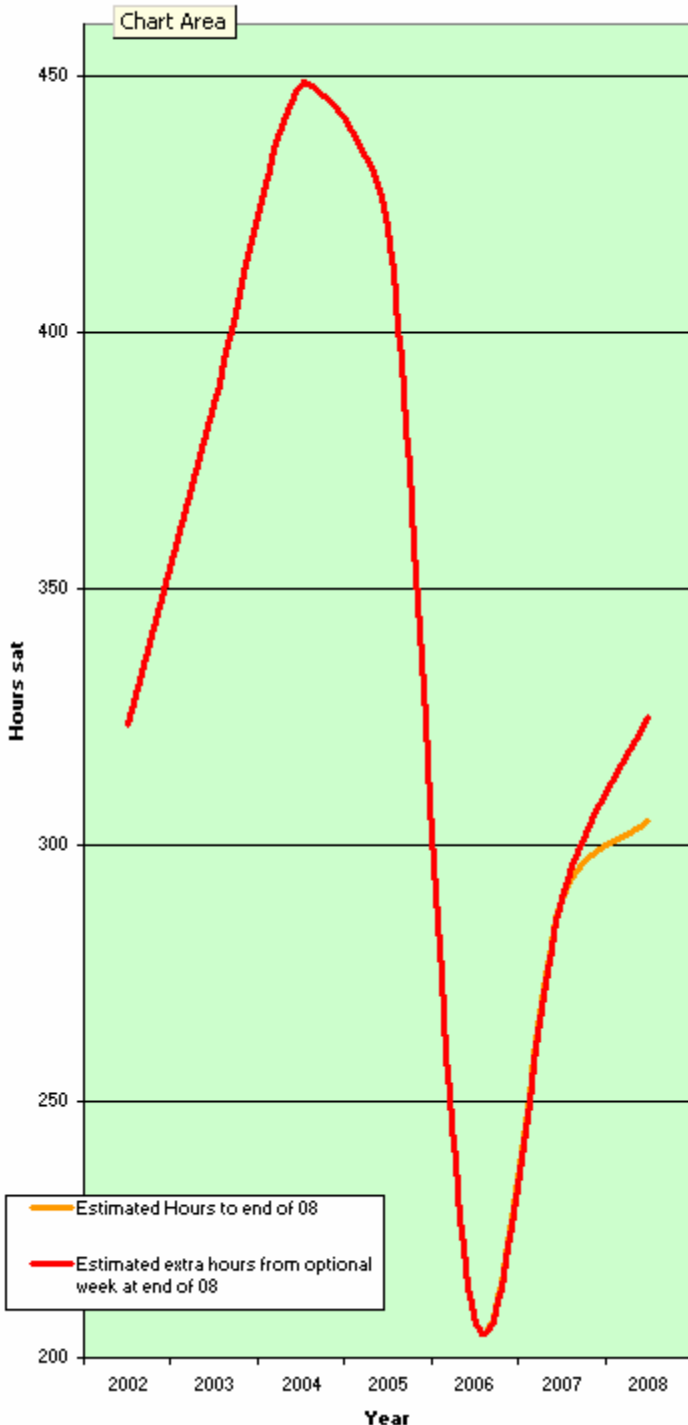
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HAS THE RANN GOV'T RUN OUT OF PUFF? SITTING HOURS IN FREEFALL

Sitting Hours (House of Assembly)

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FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshere has attacked the fading sitting hours schedule that has seen a slump in the House of Assembly's number of Parliamentary hours sat since the 2006 State Election.

"Today we have a joke of a ceremonial sitting for no reason other than spin", Mr Brokenshere protested, "We pointlessly lost Tuesday's sitting because of this farce. My graph (see left) shows that since the '06 State Election, the Rann Government has switched off the accountability and we have a sitting-hours drought."

Mr Brokenshere's calculations, backed by Parliamentary records, show that in terms of hours of sitting:

- From the 2002 election to 2006, the Parliament sat on average *394 hours* during those years;
- The former Liberal Government sat, for its lifetime, on average *299 hours* per year;
- Since the 2006 election, and on the 2008 trend, by December Parliament will have sat for **only 229 hours per annum** since that '06 election.

"What happened to Mr Rann's 'aggressive legislative agenda' announced about this time last year? Was that just code-speak for the draconian and divisive Workcover Bill?", Mr Brokenshere asked.

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