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3.1 Duration and sessions of Parliaments, 1966-76

Order of Parliament	Session	Date of opening	Date of prorogation	Days of session	Sitting days of House of Commons	Date of election, writs returnable, dissolution, and length of Parliament ^{1,2}
27th Parliament	1st	Jan. 18, 1966	May 8, 1967	476 ^e	250	Nov. 8, 1965 ³ Dec. 9, 1965 ⁴ Apr. 23, 1968 ⁵ 2 yr, 4 m, 15 d
	2nd	May 8, 1967	Apr. 23, 1968	352 ⁷	155	
28th Parliament	1st	Sept. 12, 1968	Oct. 22, 1969	386 ^e	199	June 25, 1968 ³ July 25, 1968 ⁴ Sept. 1, 1972 ⁸ 4 yr, 1 m, 8 d
	2nd	Oct. 23, 1969	Oct. 7, 1970	349 ⁹	155	
	3rd	Oct. 8, 1970	Feb. 16, 1972	497 ¹⁰	244	
	4th	Feb. 17, 1972	Sept. 1, 1972	197 ¹¹	91	
29th Parliament	1st	Jan. 4, 1973	Feb. 26, 1974	418 ¹²	206	Oct. 30, 1972 ³ Nov. 20, 1972 ⁴ May 9, 1974 ⁵ 1 yr, 5 m, 20 d
	2nd	Feb. 27, 1974	May 8, 1974	71	50	
30th Parliament	1st	Sept. 30, 1974	Oct. 12, 1976	743 ¹³	343	July 8, 1974 ³ July 30, 1974 ⁴
	2nd	Oct. 12, 1976				

¹The ordinary legal limit of duration for each Parliament is five years.

²Duration of Parliament in years, months and days. The life of a Parliament is counted from the date of return of election writs to the date of dissolution, both days inclusive (BNA Act, Sect. 50).

³Date of general election.

⁴Writs returnable.

⁵Dissolution of Parliament.

⁶Includes Easter adjournment from Apr. 6, 1966 to Apr. 19, 1966; two summer adjournments from July 14, 1966 to Aug. 29, 1966 and Sept. 9, 1966 to Oct. 5, 1966; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 21, 1966 to Jan. 9, 1967 and Easter adjournment from Mar. 22, 1967 to Apr. 3, 1967.

⁷Includes summer adjournment from July 7, 1967 to Sept. 25, 1967; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 21, 1967 to Jan. 22, 1968; and Easter (Liberal Convention) Mar. 28, 1968 to Apr. 23, 1968.

⁸Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 20, 1968 to Jan. 14, 1969; Easter adjournment from Apr. 2, 1969 to Apr. 14, 1969; and summer adjournment from July 25, 1969 to Oct. 22, 1969.

⁹Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 19, 1969 to Jan. 12, 1970; Easter adjournment from Mar. 25, 1970 to Apr. 6, 1970; and summer adjournment from June 26, 1970 to Oct. 5, 1970.

¹⁰Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 18, 1970 to Jan. 11, 1971; Easter adjournment from Apr. 7, 1971 to Apr. 19, 1971; summer adjournment from June 30, 1971 to Sept. 7, 1971; Christmas adjournments from Dec. 23, 1971 to Dec. 28, 1971; and Dec. 31, 1971 to Jan. 12, 1972.

¹¹Includes Easter adjournment from Mar. 29, 1972 to Apr. 13, 1972; and summer adjournment from July 7, 1972 to Aug. 31, 1972.

¹²Includes Easter adjournment from Apr. 19, 1973 to May 6, 1973; summer adjournments from July 27, 1973 to Aug. 30, 1973 and Sept. 21, 1973 to Oct. 15, 1973; Christmas adjournments from Dec. 22, 1973 to Jan. 2, 1974 and Jan. 14, 1974 to Feb. 26, 1974.

¹³Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 20, 1974 to Jan. 22, 1975; Easter adjournment from Mar. 27, 1975 to Apr. 7, 1975; summer adjournment from July 31, 1975 to Oct. 13, 1975; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 20, 1975 to Jan. 26, 1976; Easter adjournment from Apr. 14, 1976 to Apr. 26, 1976; and summer adjournment from July 16, 1976 to Oct. 12, 1976.