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## 19.1 Duration and sessions of Parliaments, 1965-84

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 <sup>1,2</sup>
27 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan. 18, 1966	May 8, 1967	476 <sup>6</sup>	250	Nov. 8, 1965 <sup>3</sup>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 8, 1967	Apr. 23, 1968	352 <sup>7</sup>	155	Dec. 9, 1965 <sup>4</sup> Apr. 23, 1968 <sup>5</sup> 867 d
28 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sept. 12, 1968	Oct. 22, 1969	406 <sup>8</sup>	197	June 25, 1968 <sup>3</sup>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oct. 23, 1969	Oct. 7, 1970	350 <sup>9</sup>	155	July 25, 1968 <sup>4</sup>
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oct. 8, 1970	Feb. 16, 1972	497 <sup>10</sup>	244	Sept. 1, 1972 <sup>5</sup>
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Feb. 17, 1972	Sept. 1, 1972	198 <sup>11</sup>	91	1,500 d
29 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan. 4, 1973	Feb. 26, 1974	419 <sup>12</sup>	206	Oct. 30, 1972 <sup>3</sup>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Feb. 27, 1974	May 9, 1974	72	50	Nov. 20, 1972 <sup>4</sup> May 9, 1974 <sup>5</sup> 536 d
30 <sup>th</sup> Parliament	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sept. 30, 1974	Oct. 12, 1976	744 <sup>13</sup>	343	July 8, 1974 <sup>3</sup>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oct. 12, 1976	Oct. 17, 1977	371 <sup>14</sup>	175	July 31, 1974 <sup>4</sup>
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oct. 18, 1977	Oct. 10, 1978	358 <sup>15</sup>	151	Mar. 26, 1979 <sup>5</sup>
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 11, 1978	Mar. 26, 1979	167 <sup>16</sup>	98	1,700 d
31 <sup>st</sup> Parliament	1 <sup>st</sup>	Oct. 9, 1979	Dec. 14, 1979	67	49	May 22, 1979 <sup>3</sup> June 11, 1979 <sup>4</sup> Dec. 14, 1979 <sup>5</sup> 187 d
32 <sup>nd</sup> Parliament	1 <sup>st</sup>	Apr. 14, 1980	Nov. 30, 1983	591 <sup>17</sup>	304	Feb. 18, 1980 <sup>3</sup>
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec. 7, 1983	June 29, 1984	81	116	Mar. 10, 1980 <sup>4</sup> July 9, 1984 <sup>5</sup> 1,483 d
33 <sup>rd</sup> Parliament	1 <sup>st</sup>	Nov. 5, 1984	---	---	---	Sept. 4, 1984 <sup>3</sup> Sept. 24, 1984 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The ordinary legal limit of duration for each Parliament is five years.

<sup>2</sup>Duration of Parliament in 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).

<sup>3</sup>Date of general election.

<sup>4</sup>Writs returnable.

<sup>5</sup>Dissolution of Parliament.

<sup>6</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>7</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>8</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>9</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>10</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>11</sup>Includes Easter adjournment from Mar. 29, 1972 to Apr. 13, 1972; and summer adjournment from July 7, 1972 to Aug. 31, 1971.

<sup>12</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>13</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>14</sup>Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 22, 1976 to Jan. 24, 1977; Easter adjournment from Apr. 6, 1977 to Apr. 18, 1977; summer adjournments from July 25, 1977 to Aug. 4, 1977; Aug. 5, 1977 to Aug. 9, 1977 and Aug. 9, 1977 to Oct. 17, 1977.

<sup>15</sup>Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 20, 1977 to Jan. 23, 1978; Easter adjournment from Mar. 22, 1978 to Apr. 3, 1978; and summer adjournment from June 30, 1978 to Oct. 10, 1978.

<sup>16</sup>Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 22, 1978 to Jan. 23, 1979.

<sup>17</sup>Includes summer adjournment from July 22, 1980 to Oct. 6, 1980; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 19, 1980 to Jan. 12, 1981; Easter adjournment from Apr. 15, 1981 to Apr. 21, 1981 and Apr. 23, 1981 to May 21, 1981; summer adjournment from July 17, 1981 to Oct. 14, 1981; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 18, 1981 to Jan. 25, 1982.