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19.1 Duration and sessions of Parliaments, 1966-88

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 ⁶	250	Nov. 8, 1965 ³ Dec. 9, 1965 ⁴ Apr. 23, 1968 ⁵ 867 days
	2nd	May 8, 1967	Apr. 23, 1968	352 ⁷	155	
28th Parliament	1st	Sept. 12, 1968	Oct. 22, 1969	406 ⁸	197	June 25, 1968 ³ July 25, 1968 ⁴ Sept. 1, 1972 ⁵ 1,500 days
	2nd	Oct. 23, 1969	Oct. 7, 1970	350 ⁹	155	
	3rd	Oct. 8, 1970	Feb. 16, 1972	497 ¹⁰	244	
	4th	Feb. 17, 1972	Sept. 1, 1972	198 ¹¹	91	
29th Parliament	1st	Jan. 4, 1973	Feb. 26, 1974	419 ¹²	206	Oct. 30, 1972 ³ Nov. 20, 1972 ⁴ May 9, 1974 ⁵ 536 days
	2nd	Feb. 27, 1974	May 9, 1974	72	50	
30th Parliament	1st	Sept. 30, 1974	Oct. 12, 1976	744 ¹³	343	July 8, 1974 ³ July 31, 1974 ⁴ Mar. 26, 1979 ⁵ 1,700 days
	2nd	Oct. 12, 1976	Oct. 17, 1977	371 ¹⁴	175	
	3rd	Oct. 18, 1977	Oct. 10, 1978	358 ¹⁵	151	
	4th	Oct. 11, 1978	Mar. 26, 1979	167 ¹⁶	98	
31st Parliament	1st	Oct. 9, 1979	Dec. 14, 1979	67	49	May 22, 1979 ³ June 11, 1979 ⁴ Dec. 14, 1979 ⁵ 187 days
32nd Parliament	1st	Apr. 14, 1980	Nov. 30, 1983	591 ¹⁷	304	Feb. 18, 1980 ³ Mar. 10, 1980 ⁴ July 9, 1984 ⁵ 1,483 days
	2nd	Dec. 7, 1983	June 29, 1984	81	116	
33rd Parliament	1st	Nov. 5, 1984	Aug. 28, 1986	662 ¹⁸	308	Sept. 4, 1984 ³ Sept. 24, 1984 ⁴ Oct. 1, 1988 ⁵ 1,469 days
	2nd	Sept. 30, 1986 ¹⁹	Sept. 30, 1988	733 ²⁰	389	

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

² 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 (Constitution Act, 1867).

³ Date of general election.

⁴ Writs returnable.

⁵ Dissolution of Parliament.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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) adjournment from Mar. 28, 1968 to Apr. 23, 1968.

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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; and Christmas adjournments from Dec. 23, 1971 to Dec. 28, 1971 and Dec. 31, 1971 to Jan. 12, 1972.

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

¹² 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; and Christmas adjournments from Dec. 22, 1973 to Jan. 2, 1974 and Jan. 14, 1974 to Feb. 26, 1974.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 22, 1976 to Jan. 24, 1977; Easter adjournment from Apr. 6, 1977 to Apr. 18, 1977; and 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.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 22, 1978 to Jan. 23, 1979.

¹⁷ Includes summer adjournment from July 22, 1980 to Oct. 6, 1980; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 19, 1980 to Jan. 12, 1981; Easter adjournments 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; and Christmas adjournment from Dec. 18, 1981 to Jan. 25, 1982.

¹⁸ Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 22, 1984 to Jan. 13, 1985; Easter adjournment from Apr. 4, 1985 to Apr. 14, 1985; summer adjournment from June 29, 1985 to Sept. 8, 1985; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 21, 1985 to Jan. 12, 1986; Easter adjournment from Mar. 27, 1986 to Apr. 6, 1986; and summer adjournment from June 28 to prorogation on Aug. 28, 1986.

¹⁹ Sept. 30, 1986, Election of the Speaker; Oct. 1, 1986, Speech from the Throne.

²⁰ Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 19, 1986 to Jan. 19, 1987; Easter adjournment from Apr. 15, 1987 to Apr. 27, 1987; summer adjournment from June 30, 1987 to Sept. 14, 1987; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 18, 1987 to Jan. 18, 1988; Easter adjournment from Mar. 30, 1988 to Apr. 11, 1988; summer adjournments from July 28, 1988 to Aug. 10, 1988 and Sept. 1, 1988 to Sept. 13, 1988.