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4.1 Duration and sessions of Parliaments, 1958-72

| 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} |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 24th Parliament | 1st | May 12, 1958 | Sept. 6, 1958 | 117 | 93 | Mar. 31, 1958 ³ Apr. 30, 1958 ⁴ Apr. 19, 1962 ⁵ 3 yr, 11 m, 20 d |
| | 2nd | Jan. 15, 1959 | July 18, 1959 | 185 | 127 | |
| | 3rd | Jan. 14, 1960 | Aug. 10, 1960 | 210 | 146 | |
| | 4th | Nov. 17, 1960 | Sept. 28, 1961 | 316 ⁶ | 174 | |
| | 5th | Jan. 18, 1962 | Apr. 18, 1962 | 91 | 65 | |
| 25th Parliament | 1st | Sept. 27, 1962 | Feb. 5, 1963 ⁷ | 131 | 72 | June 18, 1962 ³ July 18, 1962 ⁴ Feb. 6, 1963 ⁵ 6 m, 20 d |
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| 26th Parliament | 1st | May 16, 1963 | Dec. 21, 1963 | 220 ⁸ | 117 | Apr. 8, 1963 ³ May 8, 1963 ⁴ Sept. 8, 1965 ⁵ 2 yr, 4 m, 1 d |
| | 2nd | Feb. 18, 1964 | Apr. 3, 1965 | 411 ⁹ | 248 | |
| | 3rd | Apr. 5, 1965 | Sept. 8, 1965 ¹⁰ | 157 ¹¹ | 53 | |
| 27th Parliament | 1st | Jan. 18, 1966 | May 8, 1967 | 476 ¹² | 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 ¹³ | 155 | |
| 28th Parliament | 1st | Sept. 12, 1968 | Oct. 22, 1969 | 386 ¹⁴ | 199 ¹⁵ | June 25, 1968 ³ July 25, 1968 ⁴ Sept. 1, 1972 ⁵ 4 yr, 1 m, 8 d |
| | 2nd | Oct. 23, 1969 | Oct. 7, 1970 | 349 ¹⁶ | 155 ¹⁷ | |
| | 3rd | Oct. 8, 1970 | Feb. 16, 1972 | 497 ¹⁸ | 244 | |
| | 4th | Feb. 17, 1972 | Sept. 1, 1972 | 197 ¹⁹ | 91 | |

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

² Duration 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).

³ Date of general election.

⁴ Writs returnable.

⁵ Dissolution of Parliament.

⁶ Includes long adjournment from July 13 to Sept. 7, 1961.

⁷ Government defeated in House of Commons on want of confidence motion.

⁸ Includes long adjournment from Aug. 2 to Sept. 30, 1963.

⁹ Includes long adjournment from Dec. 18, 1964 to Feb. 16, 1965.

¹⁰ House adjourned on June 30 until Sept. 27 but dissolved on Sept. 8, 1965.

¹¹ Includes long adjournment from June 30 to Sept. 27, superseded by dissolution on Sept. 8, 1965.

¹² Includes 18-day Christmas adjournment, 11-day Easter adjournment, and two long adjournments from July 14 to Aug. 29 and Sept. 9 to Oct. 5.

¹³ Includes adjournment from July 7, 1967 to Sept. 25, 1967; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 21, 1967 to Jan. 22, 1968; and Easter adjournment from Mar. 27, 1968 to Apr. 23, 1968.

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Includes two days devoted to committee work.

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ Includes one day devoted to committee work.

¹⁸ Includes Christmas adjournment from Dec. 18, 1970 to Jan. 11, 1971; Easter adjournment from Apr. 7, 1971 to Apr. 19, 1971; adjournment for committee work on May 27, 1971; summer adjournment from June 30, 1971 to Sept. 7, 1971; Christmas adjournment from Dec. 23, 1971 to Dec. 28, 1971, Dec. 31, 1971 to Jan. 12, 1972 and Jan. 12, 1972 to Feb. 16, 1972.

¹⁹ Includes Easter adjournment from Mar. 29, 1972 to Apr. 13, 1972; and summer adjournment from July 7, 1972 to Aug. 31, 1972.

4.2 Representation in the Senate since Confederation, 1867

| Province | 1867 | 1870 | 1871 | 1873 | 1882 | 1887 | 1892 | 1903 | 1905 | 1915-1948 | 1949-1972 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| Ontario | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Quebec | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Atlantic Provinces | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 30 |
| Nova Scotia | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| New Brunswick | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Prince Edward Island | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Newfoundland | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Western Provinces | ... | 2 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 24 | 24 |
| Manitoba | ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| British Columbia | ... | ... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| Saskatchewan | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 6 |
| Alberta | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | 72 | 74 | 77 | 77 | 78 | 80 | 81 | 83 | 87 | 96 | 102 |