

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR: OFFICE OF THE CLERK 2023

Introduction

1. This paper outlines proposed days when the Office of the Clerk will be open from February 2023 to January 2024 and notes the public and privilege holidays during that period.
2. Under *Standing Orders*, the Parliament shall decide, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau the days on which the Office of the Clerk is to be open (Rule 2.1.3). (Motions, amendments and questions may be lodged and Bills introduced on days when the Office of the Clerk is open.)

Public/privilege holidays from April 2023 to January 2024

- Good Friday: 7 April 2023
 - Easter Monday: 10 April 2023
 - Early May Holiday: 1 May 2023
 - Friday preceding Spring Holiday: 26 May 2023
 - Spring Bank Holiday: 29 May 2023
 - Autumn Holiday: 15 September 2023
 - St. Andrew's Day: 1 December 2023
 - Christmas Eve (alternative) (afternoon): 22 December 2023
 - Christmas Day: 25 December 2023
 - Boxing Day: 26 December 2023
 - New Year's Day: 1 January 2024
 - Day after New Year's Day: 2 January 2024.
3. A motion of the Parliamentary Bureau usually sets out days for the coming year so that diaries can be planned.

Recommendation

4. It is proposed that the Bureau lodges a motion, recommending the following sitting days and Office of the Clerk days between 1 February 2023 and 31 January 2024 for consideration by the Parliament—

Days when the Office of the Clerk will be open and sitting days—

From 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 7 April, 10 April, 1 May, 26 May, 29 May, 15 September, 1 December, 22 December (pm), 25 December and 26 December 2023, and 1 and 2 January 2024.

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