

Parliamentary Bureau – Parliamentary Calendar

Office of the Clerk

Introduction

1. This paper outlines proposed days when the Office of the Clerk will be open from February 2027 to January 2028 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 March 2027 to January 2028

- Good Friday: Friday 26 March
 - Easter Monday: Monday 29 March
 - Early May Holiday: Monday 3 May
 - Friday preceding Spring Holiday: Friday 28 May
 - Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 31 May
 - Autumn Holiday: Friday 10 September
 - St. Andrew's Day: Friday 26 November
 - Christmas Eve (afternoon): Friday 24 December
 - Christmas Day: Monday 27 December
 - Boxing Day: Tuesday 28 December
 - New Year's Day: Monday 3 January 2028
 - Day after New Year's Day: Tuesday 4 January 2028
3. A motion of the Parliamentary Bureau usually sets out days for the coming year so that diaries can be planned.
 4. At its meeting last week, the Bureau agreed to revisit the Office of the Clerk dates at this week's meeting, with particular focus on the implications for parliamentary business of the Tuesday 4 January 2028 public holiday.

Recommendation

5. The Bureau is invited to further consider the motion recommending the sitting days and Office of the Clerk days between 1 February 2027 and 31 January 2028 for consideration by the Parliament—

That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2027 and 31 January 2028, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 26 March, 29 March, 3 May, 28 May, 31 May, 10 September, 26 November, 24 December (pm), 27 and 28 December and 3 and 4 January 2028.

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