

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 2024 to January 2025 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 2024 to January 2025

- Good Friday: 29 March 2024
 - Easter Monday: 1 April 2024
 - Early May Holiday: 6 May 2024
 - Friday preceding Spring Holiday: 24 May 2024
 - Spring Bank Holiday: 27 May 2024
 - Autumn Holiday: 13 September 2024
 - St. Andrew's Day: 29 November 2024
 - Christmas Eve (afternoon): 24 December 2024
 - Christmas Day: 25 December 2024
 - Boxing Day: 26 December 2024
 - New Year's Day: 1 January 2025
 - Day after New Year's Day: 2 January 2025.
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 2024 and 31 January 2025 for consideration by the Parliament—

That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2024 and 31 January 2025, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 29 March, 1 April, 6 May, 24 May, 27 May, 13 September, 29 November, 24 December (pm), 25 and 26 December 2024, and 1 and 2 January 2025.

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