## 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 2025 to January 2026 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 2025 to January 2026

Good Friday: 18 April 2025
Easter Monday: 21 April 2025
Early May Holiday: 5 May 2025

Friday preceding Spring Holiday: 23 May 2025

Spring Bank Holiday: 26 May 2025
Autumn Holiday: 13 September 2025
St. Andrew's Day: 28 November 2025

• Christmas Eve (afternoon): 24 December 2025

Christmas Day: 25 December 2025Boxing Day: 26 December 2025New Year's Day: 1 January 2026

Day after New Year's Day: 2 January 2026

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 2025 and 31 January 2026 for consideration by the Parliament—

That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2025 and 31 January 2026, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 18 April, 21 April, 5 May, 23 May, 26 May, 12 September, 28 November, 24 December (pm), 25 December and 26 December 2025, and 1 and 2 January 2026.

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