

## PART TWO—COUNCILS AND PARLIAMENTS

### DURATION OF COUNCILS AND OF SESSIONS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

1824–1856

RETURN showing NUMBER OF COUNCILS from the First appointed by the Governor up to and including that prior to the inauguration of RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, also, the NUMBER OF SESSIONS in each Council, with dates of opening and prorogation.

| Council                     | Sessions   | Session Dates  |   |
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| <b>FIRST COUNCIL</b> .....  | The Imperial Act, 4 Geo. cap. 96 (July, 1823) constituted a council “not exceeding seven nor less than five members” to assist the Governor who presided over the sittings. The members were appointed by the Crown.<br>SESSION 1.—(1824–5.)   | 25 August, 1824  | 22 November, 1825   |
| <b>SECOND COUNCIL</b> ..... | SESSION 1.—(1825–6.)<br>SESSION 2.—(1827.)<br>SESSION 3.—(1828.)<br>SESSION 4.—(1829.)   | 20 December, 1825<br>26 February, 1827<br>19 March, 1828<br>16 February, 1829  | 16 August, 1826<br>31 December, 1827<br>28 October, 1828<br>20 February, 1829   |
| <b>THIRD COUNCIL</b> .....  | Act 9 Geo. IV cap. 83 (25 July, 1828) provided for an increase in the number of members to “not exceeding 15, nor less than 10”. All members were still appointed by the Crown and the Governor continued to preside at sittings.<br>SESSION 1.—(1829.)<br>SESSION 2.—(1830.)<br>SESSION 3.—(1831.)<br>SESSION 4.—(1832.)<br>SESSION 5.—(1833.)<br>SESSION 6.—(1834.)<br>SESSION 7.—(1835.)<br>SESSION 8.—(1836.)<br>SESSION 9.—(1837.)<br>SESSION 10.—(1838.)<br>SESSION 11.—(1839.)<br>SESSION 12.—(1840.)<br>SESSION 13.—(1841–2.)<br>SESSION 14.—(1842.)<br>SESSION 15.—(1843.) (Extraordinary.) | 21 August, 1829<br>18 January, 1830<br>20 September, 1831<br>19 January, 1832<br>27 May, 1833<br>13 March, 1834<br>18 May, 1835<br>2 June, 1836<br>30 May, 1837<br>29 May, 1838<br>14 February, 1839<br>28 May, 1840<br>8 June, 1841<br>10 May, 1842<br>24 January, 1843 | 15 October, 1829<br>20 May, 1830<br>8 November, 1831<br>13 October, 1832<br>28 August, 1833<br>28 October, 1834<br>30 October, 1835<br>12 August, 1836<br>13 September, 1837<br>26 October, 1838<br>19 November, 1839<br>16 December, 1840<br>3 January, 1842<br>9 September, 1842<br>23 February, 1843 |
| <b>FOURTH COUNCIL</b> ..... | The Act, 5 and 6 Vic. cap. 76 (July, 1842) constituted a Council of 36 members 12 appointed by the Crown and 24 to be elected by the “inhabitants of the Colony”. This Act also provided for the election by the Council of a Speaker of one of its own members.<br>SESSION 1.—(1843.)<br>SESSION 2.—(1844.) (Extraordinary.)<br>SESSION 3.—(1844.)<br>SESSION 4.—(1845.)<br>SESSION 5.—(1846.)<br>SESSION 6.—(1846.)<br>SESSION 7.—(1847.)<br>SESSION 8.—(1848.)  | 1 August, 1843<br>5 March, 1844<br>28 May, 1844<br>29 July, 1845<br>12 May, 1846<br>8 September, 1846<br>4 May, 1847<br>21 March, 1848   | 28 December, 1843<br>8 March, 1844<br>30 December, 1844<br>13 November, 1845<br>12 June, 1846<br>31 October, 1846<br>2 October, 1847<br>20 June, 1848   |
| <b>FIFTH COUNCIL</b> .....  | SESSION 1.—(1849.)<br>SESSION 2.—(1850.)<br>SESSION 3.—(1851.)   | 15 May, 1849<br>4 June, 1850<br>28 March, 1851   | 12 October, 1849<br>2 October, 1850<br>2 May, 1851  |
| <b>SIXTH COUNCIL</b> .....  | The provisions of the Act, 5 and 6 Vic. cap. 76, also conferred upon the Council power to increase its numbers. In 1851 advantage was taken of this, and the number was increased from 36 to 54, of whom not more than 36 could be elected members.<br>SESSION 1.—(1851.)<br>SESSION 2.—(1852.)<br>SESSION 3.—(1853.)<br>SESSION 4.—(1854.)<br>SESSION 5.—(1854.)<br>SESSION 6.—(1855.)  | 14 October, 1851<br>8 June, 1852<br>10 May, 1853<br>9 May, 1854<br>6 June, 1854<br>5 June, 1855  | 22 December, 1851<br>28 December, 1852<br>22 December, 1853<br>16 May, 1854<br>2 December, 1854<br>19 December, 1855  |

## **COUNCIL REPLACED BY A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

In 1855, the Sixth Council, under the powers conferred by clause XXXII of the Imperial Act, 13 and 14 Vic. cap. 59 (August, 1850) passed a bill “to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty”. The bill provided inter alia that “There shall be in place of the Legislative Council now subsisting One Legislative Council and One Legislative Assembly . . .”. Assent was reserved, and the Bill was taken to England, where the Imperial Parliament, after inserting some amendments, passed the Act 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54 (the New South Wales Act, as amended, being annexed thereto) which enabled Her Majesty to assent to the New South Wales Bill. Royal Assent was given on 16 July, 1855, the Act proclaimed on 24 November following, and the first Parliament opened on 22 May, 1856.

## PARLIAMENTS AND SESSIONS SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

1856–2011

RETURN showing the NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTS from the First Parliament under RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, with dates of nomination, polling, return of Writs, and expiry by dissolution or effluxion of time; also, the NUMBER OF SESSIONS in each Parliament, with dates of opening and prorogation.

NOTE.—The duration of Parliaments 1 to 7, from 1856 to 1874, was limited to five years, but in 1874 the Triennial Parliaments Act was passed, which altered the duration to three years. The maximum period between general elections for the Legislative Assembly extended from three to four years following referendum and Royal Assent of the Constitution (Legislative Assembly) Amendment Act, No. 102, 1981 (Parliament no. 51).

| Parliament                                 | Sessions  | Session Dates  |
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| <b>FIRST PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>1</sup> ..... | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1856–7.<br>SESSION 2, 1857.   | 11 March to 19 April, 1856.<br>30 April, 1856.<br>19 December, 1857.<br>22 May, 1856, to 18 March, 1857.<br>11 August, 1857, to 18 December, 1857.   |
| <b>SECOND PARLIAMENT</b> .....             | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1858.<br>SESSION 2, 1858–9.   | 13 January to 12 February, 1858.<br>27 February, 1858.<br>11 April, 1859.<br>23 March, 1858, to 26 November, 1858.<br>8 December, 1858, to 9 April, 1859.  |
| <b>THIRD PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>2</sup> ..... | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1859–60.<br>SESSION 2, 1860.  | 9 June to 7 July, 1859.<br>30 July, 1859.<br>10 November, 1860.<br>30 August, 1859, to 4 July, 1860.<br>25 September, 1860, to 9 November, 1860.   |
| <b>FOURTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....             | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1861.<br>SESSION 2, 1861–2.<br>SESSION 3, 1862.<br>SESSION 4, 1863–4.<br>SESSION 5, 1864.                       | 6 December to 24 December, 1860.<br>31 December, 1860.<br>10 November, 1864.<br>10 January, 1861, to 11 May, 1861.<br>3 September, 1861, to 20 January, 1862.<br>27 May, 1862, to 20 December, 1862.<br>23 June, 1863, to 22 April, 1864.<br>18 October, 1864, to 9 November, 1864.  |
| <b>FIFTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....              | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1865.<br>SESSION 2, 1865–6.<br>SESSION 3, 1866.<br>SESSION 4, 1867–8.<br>SESSION 5, 1868–9.<br>SESSION 6, 1869. | 22 November, 1864, to 18 January, 1865.<br>24 January, 1865.<br>15 November, 1869.<br>24 January, 1865, to 21 June, 1865.<br>24 October, 1865, to 7 April, 1866.<br>24 July, 1866, to 22 December, 1866.<br>2 July, 1867, to 27 April, 1868.<br>13 October, 1868, to 1 April, 1869.<br>28 September, 1869, to 13 November, 1869. |
| <b>SIXTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....              | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1870.<br>SESSION 2, 1870–1.<br>SESSION 3, 1871–2.   | 3 December, 1869, to 10 January, 1870.<br>24 January, 1870.<br>3 February, 1872.<br>27 January, 1870, to 7 May, 1870.<br>11 August, 1870, to 22 June, 1871.<br>14 November, 1871, to 1 February, 1872.   |
| <b>SEVENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....            | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1872.<br>SESSION 2, 1872–3.<br>SESSION 3, 1873–4.<br>SESSION 4, 1874.   | 13 February to 28 March, 1872.<br>8 April, 1872.<br>28 November, 1874.<br>30 April, 1872, to 13 August, 1872.<br>5 November, 1872, to 25 April, 1873.<br>9 September, 1873, to 25 June, 1874.<br>3 November, 1874, to 26 November 1874.  |

<sup>1</sup> Fifty-four members elected under the Constitution Act.

<sup>2</sup> The Electoral Act of 1858 provided for 80 Members (and one to represent the University of Sydney); in 1859 the Assembly consisted of 72 Members in consequence of the erection of a portion of N.S.W. into the separate colony of Queensland by Letters Patent, under authority of the 6th Section of 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54, published in *Government Gazette* of 1 December, 1859.

## (TRIENNIAL PARLIAMENTS ACT PASSED, 6 FEBRUARY, 1874)

| Parliament                                     | Sessions   | Session Dates  |
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| <b>EIGHTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....                 | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1875.<br>SESSION 2, 1875—6.<br>SESSION 3, 1876—7.  | 8 December, 1874, to 12 January, 1875.<br>25 January, 1875.<br>12 October, 1877.<br>27 January, 1875, to 11 August, 1875.<br>16 November, 1875, to 22 August, 1876.<br>12 December, 1876, to 11 October, 1877.   |
| <b>NINTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....                  | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1877—8.<br>SESSION 2, 1878—9.<br>SESSION 3, 1879—80.   | 24 October to 12 November, 1877.<br>26 November, 1877.<br>9 November, 1880.<br>27 November, 1877, to 21 May, 1878.<br>10 September, 1878, to 24 July, 1879.<br>28 October, 1879, to 13 July, 1880.   |
| <b>TENTH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>3</sup> .....     | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1880—1.<br>SESSION 2, 1881.<br>SESSION 3, 1882.  | 18 November to 2 December, 1880.<br>14 December, 1880.<br>23 November, 1882.<br>15 December, 1880, to 6 April, 1881.<br>5 July, 1881, to 20 December, 1881.<br>22 August, 1882, to 21 November, 1882.  |
| <b>ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....               | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>SESSION 1, 1883.<br>SESSION 2, 1883 (2).<br>SESSION 3, 1883—4.<br>SESSION 4, 1884.<br>SESSION 5, 1885.<br>SESSION 6, 1885 (2). | 30 November to 21 December, 1882.<br>28 December, 1882. Dissolved, 7 October, 1885.<br>3 January, 1883, to 2 May, 1883.<br>29 May, 1883, to 2 June, 1883 (Tramways).<br>9 October, 1883, to 1 November, 1884.<br>19 November, 1884, to 27 November, 1884.<br>17 March, 1885, to 27 March, 1885 (Soudan).<br>8 September, 1885, to 2 October, 1885. |
| <b>TWELFTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....                | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1885—6.<br>SESSION 2, 1887.  | 16 October to 31 October, 1885.<br>10 November, 1885.<br>26 January, 1887.<br>17 November, 1885, to 25 October, 1886.<br>18 January, 1887, to 25 January, 1887.  |
| <b>THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....             | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1877 (2).<br>SESSION 2, 1887—8.<br>SESSION 3, 1888—9.  | 4 February to 26 February, 1887.<br>2 March, 1887.<br>19 January, 1889.<br>8 March, 1887, to 13 July, 1887.<br>20 September, 1887, to 24 July, 1888.<br>23 October, 1888, to 17 January, 1889.   |
| <b>FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....             | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1889.<br>SESSION 2, 1889 (2).<br>SESSION 3, 1890.<br>SESSION 4, 1891.                                  | 1 February to 16 February, 1889.<br>22 February, 1889.<br>6 June, 1891.<br>27 February, 1889, to 10 October, 1889.<br>26 November, 1889, to 21 December, 1889.<br>29 April, 1890, to 20 December, 1890.<br>19 May, 1891, to 2 June, 1891.  |
| <b>FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....              | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1891—2.<br>SESSION 2, 1892—3.<br>SESSION 3, 1893.<br>SESSION 4, 1894.                                  | 17 June to 3 July, 1891.<br>11 July, 1891.<br>25 June, 1894.<br>14 July, 1891, to 1 April, 1892.<br>30 August, 1892, to 13 June, 1893.<br>26 September, 1893, to 8 December, 1893.<br>17 January, 1894, to 11 June, 1894.  |
| <b>SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>4</sup> ..... | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1894—5.  | 17 July, 1894.<br>3 August, 1894.<br>5 July, 1895.<br>7 August, 1894, to 5 July, 1895.   |
| <b>SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....            | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1895.  | 24 July, 1895.<br>10 August, 1895.<br>8 July, 1898.<br>13 August, 1895, to 20 December, 1895.  |

<sup>3</sup> The Electoral Act of 1880 provided for 72 Electorates and 108 Members, with provision for expansion, under which the Members increased to 141, until the Act was repealed by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 providing for single electorates returning 125 Members.

<sup>4</sup> The Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act of 1893 provided for single electorates returning 125 Members.

| Parliament   | Sessions  | Session Dates  |
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|  | SESSION 2, 1896.<br>SESSION 3, 1897.<br>SESSION 4, 1898.  | 12 May, 1896, to 16 November, 1896.<br>27 April, 1897, to 10 December, 1897.<br>21 June, 1898, to 8 July, 1898.  |
| <b>EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....                 | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1898 (2).<br>SESSION 2, 1899.<br>SESSION 3, 1899 (2).<br>SESSION 4, 1899 (3).<br>SESSION 5, 1900.                 | 27 July, 1898.<br>13 August, 1898.<br>11 June, 1901.<br>16 August, 1898, to 23 December, 1898.<br>21 February, 1899, to 30 March, 1899 (Federation).<br>11 April, 1899, to 21 April, 1899 (Federation).<br>18 July, 1899, to 23 December, 1899.<br>12 June, 1900, to 5 December, 1900.   |
| <b>NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>5</sup> .....    | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Expired<br>SESSION 1, 1901.<br>SESSION 2, 1902.<br>SESSION 3, 1903.<br>SESSION 4, 1904 <sup>7</sup> .                                     | 3 July, 1901.<br>17 July, 1901.<br>16 July, 1904.<br>23 July, 1901, to 20 December, 1901.<br>28 May, 1902, to 20 December, 1902.<br>16 June, 1903, to 1 December, 1903.<br>19 January, 1904, to 21 January, 1904.  |
| <b>TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>5,6</sup> .....   | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Expired<br>SESSION 1, 1904 (2).<br>SESSION 2, 1905.<br>SESSION 3, 1906.<br>SESSION 4, 1907.   | 6 August, 1904.<br>20 August, 1904.<br>19 August, 1907.<br>23 August, 1904, to 21 December, 1904.<br>13 June, 1905, to 9 December, 1905.<br>26 June, 1906, to 18 December, 1906.<br>2 July, 1907, to 12 July, 1907.  |
| <b>TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT</b> .....               | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1907 (2).<br>SESSION 2, 1908.<br>SESSION 3, 1908 (2).<br>SESSION 4, 1909.<br>SESSION 5, 1910.                     | 10 September, 1907.<br>26 September, 1907.<br>14 September, 1910.<br>2 October, 1907, to 20 December, 1907.<br>10 March, 1908, to 11 April, 1908.<br>21 July, 1908, to 19 December, 1908.<br>29 June, 1909, to 17 December, 1909.<br>14 June, 1910, to 20 August, 1910.  |
| <b>TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>8</sup> ..... | POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1910 (2).<br>SESSION 2, 1911.<br>SESSION 3, 1911–12.<br>SESSION 4, 1912.<br>SESSION 5, 1913.                      | 14 October, 1910.<br>31 October, and 10 November, 1910.<br>6 November, 1913.<br>15 November, 1910, to 23 December, 1910.<br>16 May, 1911, to 1 August, 1911.<br>23 August, 1911, to 28 March, 1912.<br>23 July, 1912, to 5 December, 1912.<br>22 July, 1913, to 15 October, 1913.  |
| <b>TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>8</sup> .....  | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1913 (2).<br>SESSION 2, 1914.<br>SESSION 3, 1914–15.<br>SESSION 4, 1915–16.<br>SESSION 5, 1916. | 15 November, 1913.<br>6 December, 1913.<br>23 and 29 December, 1913. <sup>9</sup><br>21 February, 1917. <sup>11</sup><br>23 December, 1913, to 30 December, 1913. <sup>10</sup><br>3 March, 1914, to 18 April, 1914.<br>7 July, 1914, to 23 February, 1915.<br>15 June, 1915, to 26 April, 1916.<br>18 July, 1916, to 21 December, 1916. |
| <b>TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>7</sup> ..... | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1917.<br>SESSION 2, 1917–18.<br>SESSION 3, 1918.<br>SESSION 4, 1919.                            | 3 March, 1917.<br>24 March, 1917.<br>10, 16, and 23 April, 1917. <sup>12</sup><br>18 February, 1920.<br>17 April, 1917, to 18 April, 1917.<br>17 July, 1917, to 20 March, 1918.<br>12 June, 1918, to 19 December, 1918.<br>19 August, 1919, to 29 December, 1919.  |

<sup>5</sup> Expired by effluxion of time.

<sup>6</sup> The Electorates Redistribution Act 1904, provided for 90 Members. Women's Franchise Act 1902, came into force.

<sup>7</sup> Redistribution of Seats.

<sup>8</sup> Second Ballots were held under the Parliamentary Elections (Second Ballot) Act 1910.

<sup>9</sup> Writs for Albury and Raleigh not returned on due date—Proclamation issued to validate.

<sup>10</sup> Parliament sat for one day only.

<sup>11</sup> Life of Parliament extended under Legislative Assembly Continuance Act 1916.

<sup>12</sup> An opinion was given in 1916, by Crown Law Officers, that Parliament expires three years after the day prior to the original date of the return of Writs.

| Parliament  | Sessions  | Session Dates   |
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| <b>TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....                | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1920.<br>SESSION 2, 1920 (2).<br>SESSION 3, 1921.   | 28 February, 1920.<br>20 March, 1920. <sup>13</sup><br>21 April, 1920.<br>17 February, 1922.<br>27 April, 1920, to 28 April, 1920.<br>10 August, 1920, to 5 January, 1921.<br>30 August, 1921, to 28 December, 1921.  |
| <b>TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>15</sup> .....  | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Expired<br>SESSION 1, 1922.<br>SESSION 2, 1922 (2).<br>SESSION 3, 1923.<br>SESSION 4, 1924.<br>SESSION 5, 1925.             | 25 February, 1922.<br>25 March, 1922.<br>19 April, 1922.<br>18 April, 1925.<br>26 April, 1922, to 9 May, 1922.<br>4 July, 1922, to 29 November, 1922.<br>7 August, 1923, to 22 December, 1923.<br>1 July, 1924, to 23 December, 1924.<br>24 March, 1925, to 7 April, 1925.        |
| <b>TWENTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....              | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1925 (2).<br>SESSION 2, 1925–26.<br>SESSION 3, 1926.<br>SESSION 4, 1926 (2).<br>SESSION 5, 1926–27. | 27 April, 1925.<br>30 May, 1925.<br>20 June, 1925.<br>7 September, 1927.<br>24 June, 1925, to 26 June, 1925.<br>12 August, 1925, to 25 January, 1926.<br>9 February, 1926, to 25 March, 1926.<br>22 September, 1926, to 3 December, 1926.<br>20 December, 1926, to 4 April, 1927. |
| <b>TWENTY EIGHTH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>16</sup> ..... | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1927.<br>SESSION 2, 1928.<br>SESSION 3, 1928–29.<br>SESSION 4, 1929–30.                             | 14 September, 1927.<br>8 October, 1927.<br>29 October, 1927. <sup>14</sup><br>18 September, 1930.<br>3 November, 1927, to 16 December, 1927.<br>17 April, 1928, to 26 June, 1928.<br>11 September, 1928, to 3 April, 1929.<br>17 September, 1929, to 27 June, 1930.               |
| <b>TWENTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....                | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1930–31–32.   | 2 October, 1930.<br>25 October, 1930.<br>21 November, 1930.<br>18 May, 1932.<br>25 November, 1930, to 16 May, 1932.   |
| <b>THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT</b> .....                   | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1932.<br>SESSION 2, 1932–33.<br>SESSION 3, 1933.<br>SESSION 4, 1933–34.<br>SESSION 5, 1934–35.      | 25 May, 1932.<br>11 June, 1932.<br>30 June, 1932.<br>12 April, 1935.<br>23 June, 1932, to 4 July, 1932.<br>6 September, 1932, to 9 January, 1933.<br>21 June, 1933, to 20 July, 1933.<br>22 August, 1933, to 26 February, 1934.<br>24 April, 1934, to 12 April, 1935.             |
| <b>THIRTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT</b> .....                | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1935.<br>SESSION 2, 1935–36.<br>SESSION 3, 1936–37.<br>SESSION 4, 1937–38.                          | 18 April, 1935.<br>11 May, 1935.<br>10 June, 1935.<br>24 February, 1938.<br>12 June, 1935, to 17 June, 1935. <sup>10</sup><br>11 September, 1935, to 29 July, 1936.<br>20 October, 1936, to 25 March, 1937.<br>4 August, 1937, to 18 February, 1938.                              |
| <b>THIRTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT</b> .....               | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1938.<br>SESSION 2, 1938–39–40.<br>SESSION 3, 1940–41.  | 4 March, 1938.<br>26 March, 1938.<br>26 April, 1938.<br>18 April, 1941.<br>12 April, 1938, to 14 April, 1938. <sup>10</sup><br>22 June, 1938, to 12 June, 1940.<br>24 September, 1940, to 18 April, 1941.   |

<sup>10</sup> Parliament sat for one day only.

<sup>13</sup> Parliaments elected under Proportional Representation (Act No. 40, 1918).

<sup>14</sup> Parliament elected under Proportional Representation (Act No. 40, 1918).

<sup>15</sup> Expired by effluxion of time.

<sup>16</sup> Parliament elected under Single Seat Electorates (Act No. 12, 1926).

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| <b>THIRTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT</b> .....               | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1941.<br>SESSION 2, 1941–42.<br>SESSION 3, 1942–43.<br>SESSION 4, 1943–44.   | 22 April, 1941.<br>10 May, 1941.<br>17 June, 1941.<br>24 April, 1944.<br>28 May, 1941, to 2 June, 1941. <sup>10</sup><br>23 July, 1941, to 8 July, 1942.<br>23 September, 1942, to 8 September, 1943.<br>28 September, 1943, to 24 April, 1944.  |
| <b>THIRTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....              | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1944.<br>SESSION 2, 1944–45.<br>SESSION 3, 1945–46.<br>SESSION 4, 1946.<br>SESSION 5, 1946–47.                     | 28 April, 1944.<br>27 May, 1944.<br>22 June, 1944.<br>29 March, 1947.<br>22 June, 1944, to 28 June, 1944. <sup>10</sup><br>20 September, 1944, to 4 April, 1945.<br>18 September, 1945, to 22 May, 1946.<br>27 August, 1946, to 2 October, 1946.<br>6 November, 1946, to 29 March, 1947.   |
| <b>THIRTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>17</sup> ..... | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1947.<br><br>SESSION 2, 1947–48.<br>SESSION 3, 1948–49–50.   | 3 April, 1947.<br>3 May, 1947.<br>27 May, 1947.<br>22 May, 1950.<br>28 May, 1947, to 11 June, 1947.<br><br>23 September, 1947, to 15 September, 1948.<br>19 October, 1948, to 22 May, 1950.  |
| <b>THIRTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>18</sup> ..... | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1950.<br>SESSION 2, 1950–51–52.<br>SESSION 3, 1952–53.   | 25 May, 1950.<br>17 June, 1950.<br>19 July, 1950.<br>14 January, 1953.<br>12 July, 1950, to 19 July, 1950.<br>12 September, 1950, to 30 April, 1952.<br>18 August, 1952, to 4 January, 1953.   |
| <b>THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....             | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1953.<br>SESSION 2, 1953 (2).<br>SESSION 3, 1954 <sup>19</sup> .<br><br>SESSION 4, 1954–55.<br>SESSION 5, 1955–56. | 19 January, 1953.<br>14 February, 1953.<br>14 March, 1953.<br>6 February, 1956.<br>11 March, 1953, to 18 March, 1953.<br>12 August, 1953, to 6 January, 1954.<br>4 February, 1954, to 9 June, 1954.<br><sup>19</sup> (Session opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.)<br>25 August, 1954, to 11 May, 1955.<br>24 August, 1955, to 6 February, 1956. |
| <b>THIRTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....              | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1956.<br>SESSION 2, 1956–57.<br>SESSION 3, 1957–58.<br>SESSION 4, 1958–59.   | 10 February, 1956.<br>3 March, 1956.<br>5 April, 1956.<br>16 February, 1959.<br>10 April, 1956, to 9 May, 1956.<br>22 May, 1956, to 19 June, 1957. <sup>20</sup><br>21 August, 1957, to 30 April, 1958.<br>20 August, 1958, to 16 February, 1959.  |
| <b>THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....               | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1959.<br>SESSION 2, 1959–60.<br>SESSION 3, 1960–61.<br>SESSION 4, 1961–62.   | 20 February, 1959.<br>21 March, 1959.<br>16 April, 1959.<br>5 February, 1962.<br>21 April, 1959, to 27 May, 1959.<br>12 August, 1959, to 29 June, 1960.<br>24 August, 1960, to 17 May, 1961.<br>16 August, 1961, to 5 February, 1962.  |
| <b>FORTIETH PARLIAMENT</b> .....                   | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1962.  | 9 February, 1962.<br>3 March, 1962.<br>6 April, 1962.<br>31 March, 1965.<br>10 April, 1962, to 30 May, 1962.   |

<sup>10</sup> Parliament sat for one day only.

<sup>17</sup> Writ for Cobar by-election (12 March, 1949) not returned on due date Proclamation issued to validate.

<sup>18</sup> Number of Members increased to 94 (Act No. 23, 1949).

<sup>19</sup> First Parliament in Australia to be opened by the Reigning Sovereign.

<sup>20</sup> First sitting of Second Session commemorated Centenary of Responsible Government in New South Wales.

| Parliament  | Sessions  | Session Dates  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT</b> .....               | SESSION 2, 1962–63–64.<br>SESSION 3, 1964–65.<br><br>NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1965.<br>SESSION 2, 1965–66.<br>SESSION 3, 1966–67.<br>SESSION 4, 1967–68.           | 4 September, 1962, to 3 June, 1964.<br>25 August, 1964, to 10 February, 1965.<br><br>5 April, 1965.<br>1 May, 1965.<br>28 May, 1965.<br>23 January, 1968.<br>26 May, 1965, to 9 June, 1965.<br>24 August, 1965, to 20 April, 1966.<br>9 August, 1966, to 26 April, 1967.<br>1 August, 1967, to 23 January, 1968. |
| <b>FORTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT</b> .....              | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1968.<br>SESSION 2, 1968–69.<br>SESSION 3, 1969–70–71.  | 31 January, 1968.<br>24 February, 1968.<br>22 March, 1968.<br>13 January, 1971.<br>26 March, 1968, to 22 May, 1968.<br>7 August, 1968, to 7 May, 1969.<br>6 August, 1969, to 13 January, 1971.   |
| <b>FORTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>21</sup> ..... | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1971.<br>SESSION 2, 1971–72.<br>SESSION 3, 1972–73.<br>SESSION 4, 1973.   | 22 January, 1971.<br>13 February, 1971. <sup>22</sup><br>16 March, 1971.<br>19 October, 1973.<br>16 March, 1971, to 16 June, 1971.<br>4 August, 1971, to 24 May, 1972.<br>16 August, 1972, to 9 May, 1973.<br>8 August, 1973, to 19 October, 1973.   |
| <b>FORTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....              | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1973–74.<br>SESSION 2, 1974–75.<br>SESSION 3, 1975–76.  | 25 October, 1973.<br>17 November, 1973.<br>7 December, 1973.<br>2 April, 1976.<br>4 December, 1973, to 5 June, 1974.<br>7 August, 1974, to 4 June, 1975.<br>5 August, 1975, to 2 April, 1976.  |
| <b>FORTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....               | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Return of Writs<br>Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1976.<br>SESSION 2, 1976–77–78.<br>SESSION 3, 1978.   | 8 April, 1976.<br>1 May, 1976.<br>21 May, 1976.<br>12 September, 1978.<br>25 May, 1976, to 23 June, 1976.<br>24 August, 1976, to 15 May, 1978.<br>15 August, 1978, to 12 September, 1978.  |
| (PERIODIC COUNCIL ELECTIONS SINCE RECONSTITUTION) |   |  |
| Parliament and Council                            | Sessions  | Session Dates  |
| <b>FORTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....               | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ,<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1978–79.<br>SESSION 2, 1979–80.<br>SESSION 3, 1980–81.<br>SESSION 4, 1981. | 18 September, 1978.<br>7 October, 1978.<br>12 September 1978.<br>3 November, 1978.<br>6 November, 1978.<br>28 August, 1981.<br>7 November, 1978, to 20 June, 1979.<br>14 August, 1979, to 21 May, 1980.<br>12 August, 1980, to 24 June, 1981.<br>12 August, 1981, to 28 August, 1981.                            |
| <b>FORTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....             | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1981–82.<br>SESSION 2, 1982.<br>SESSION 3, 1982–83.<br>SESSION 4, 1983–84.  | 3 September, 1981.<br>19 September, 1981.<br>28 August, 1981.<br>23 October, 1981.<br>23 October, 1981, extended to 26 October, 1981.<br>5 March, 1984.<br>28 October, 1981, to 26 May, 1982.<br>30 June, 1982, to 4 August, 1982.<br>17 August, 1982, to 9 June, 1983.<br>16 August, 1983, to 5 March, 1984.    |

<sup>21</sup> Number of Members increased to 99 (Act No. 44, 1973).

<sup>22</sup> Notification issued to extend to twenty-one days the adjournment of the poll because of magnitude of flooding (Barwon Electorate), G.G. No. 17, 12 February, 1971.



| Parliament and Council   | Sessions  | Session Dates  |
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| <b>FORTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....<br><b>THIRD PERIODIC ELECTION</b> | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1984.<br>SESSION 2, 1984–86.<br>SESSION 3, 1986–87–88.                                  | 9 March, 1984.<br>24 March, 1984.<br>5 Mar, 1984.<br>30 April, 1984.<br>30 April, 1984.<br>22 February, 1988.<br>1 May, 1984, to 25 July, 1984.<br>14 August, 1984, to 5 February, 1986.<br>19 February, 1986, to 22 February, 1988.   |
| <b>FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT</b> .....<br><b>FOURTH PERIODIC ELECTION</b> | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Dissolved<br>SESSION 1, 1988.<br>SESSION 2, 1988–89–90.<br>SESSION 3, 1990–91.<br>SESSION 4, 1991.              | 26 February, 1988.<br>19 March, 1988.<br>22 February 1988.<br>22 April, 1988.<br>21 April, 1988.<br>3 May, 1991.<br>27 April, 1988, to 10 August, 1988.<br>17 August, 1988, to 14 February, 1990.<br>21 February, 1990, to 8 February, 1991.<br>20 February, 1991, to 3 May, 1991.   |
| <b>FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT</b> .....<br><b>FIFTH PERIODIC ELECTION</b>     | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Expired<br>SESSION 1, 1991–92.<br>SESSION 2, 1992–93 <sup>23</sup> .<br><br>SESSION 3, 1993.<br>SESSION 4 1994. | 8 May, 1991.<br>25 May, 1991.<br>3 May, 1991.<br>28 June, 1991.<br>28 June, 1991.<br>3 March, 1995.<br>2 July, 1991, to 29 January, 1992.<br>20 February, 1992, to 13 January, 1993.<br><sup>23</sup> (Session opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.)<br>24 February, 1993, to 24 December, 1993.<br>1 March, 1994, to 7 December, 1994. |

(Section 24 of the Constitution Act 1902, inserted by—specified that the Legislative Assembly, unless sooner dissolved under Section 24B, expires on the Friday before the first Saturday in March each 4 years.)

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| <b>FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT</b> <sup>24</sup> .....<br><b>SIXTH PERIODIC ELECTION</b> | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Expired<br>SESSION 1, 1995–96.<br>SESSION 2, 1996–97.<br>SESSION 3, 1997–98–99.   | 6 March, 1995.<br>25 March, 1995.<br>6 March, 1995.<br>28 April, 1995.<br>28 April, 1995.<br>5 March, 1999.<br>2 May, 1995, to 27 January, 1996.<br>16 April, 1996, to 30 July, 1997.<br>16 September, 1997, to 3 February, 1999.      |
| <b>FIFTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT</b> .....<br><b>SEVENTH PERIODIC ELECTION</b>            | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Expired<br>SESSION 1, 1999.<br>SESSION 2, 1999–2000–01–02.<br>SESSION 3, 2002–03. | 11 March, 1999.<br>27 March, 1999.<br>8 March, 1999.<br>7 May, 1999.<br>5 May, 1999.<br>28 February, 2003.<br>11 May, 1999, to 11 August, 1999.<br>7 September, 1999, to 20 February, 2002.<br>26 February, 2002, to 31 January, 2003. |
| <b>FIFTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT</b> .....<br><b>EIGHTH PERIODIC ELECTION</b>              | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Expired<br>SESSION 1, 2003–04–05–06.<br>SESSION 2, 2006–07.                       | 6 March, 2003.<br>22 March, 2003.<br>28 February 2003.<br>29 April, 2003.<br>29 April 2003.<br>2 March, 2007.<br>29 April, 2003, to 19 May, 2006.<br>22 May, 2006, to 15 January, 2007.  |

<sup>23</sup> Session opened by Reigning Sovereign.

<sup>24</sup> Parliament elected for 4-year fixed term (Act No. 32, 1902) (by referendum 25 March, 1995).

| Parliament and Council   | Sessions  | Session Dates  |
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| <b>FIFTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.....</b><br><b>NINTH PERIODIC ELECTION</b>    | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Expired<br>SESSION 1, 2007–08–09–10.                      | 8 March, 2007.<br>24 March, 2007.<br>5 March, 2007.<br>2 May, 2007.<br>2 May, 2007.<br>4 March, 2011.<br>8 May, 2007, to 22 December, 2010.  |
| <b>FIFTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.....</b><br><b>TENTH PERIODIC ELECTION</b>     | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Expired<br>SESSION 1, 2011–12–13–14<br>SESSION 2, 2014–15 | 10 March, 2011.<br>26 March, 2011.<br>5 March, 2011.<br>30 April, 2011.<br>30 April, 2011.<br>6 March, 2015.<br>3 May, 2011, to 8 September, 2014.<br>9 September, 2014, to 2 March, 2015. |
| <b>FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT .....</b><br><b>ELEVENTH PERIODIC ELECTION</b> | NOMINATION DAY<br>POLLING DAY<br>Day of Issue of Writ<br>Return of Writs<br>Writ returned<br>Legislative Assembly Expired<br>SESSION 1, 2015–                               | 12 March, 2015.<br>28 March, 2015.<br>7 March, 2015.<br>30 April, 2015.<br>30 April, 2015.<br>6 March, 2015.<br>5 May, 2015, to present.   |

## DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

| Parliament                     | Return of Writs                                      | Dissolved/Expired | No. of Sessions | Duration of Parliament |    |    |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----|----|
|                                |  |                   |                 | y.                     | m. | d. |
| First .....                    | 30 April, 1856                                       | 19 Dec., 1857     | 2               | 1                      | 7  | 19 |
| Second .....                   | 27 Feb., 1858  | 11 April, 1859    | 2               | 1                      | 1  | 15 |
| Third .....                    | 30 July, 1859  | 10 Nov., 1860     | 2               | 1                      | 3  | 11 |
| Fourth .....                   | 31 Dec., 1860  | 10 Nov., 1864     | 5               | 3                      | 10 | 10 |
| Fifth .....                    | 24 Jan., 1865  | 15 Nov., 1869     | 6               | 4                      | 9  | 22 |
| Sixth .....                    | 24 Jan., 1870  | 3 Feb., 1872      | 3               | 2                      | 0  | 10 |
| Seventh .....                  | 8 April, 1872  | 28 Nov., 1874     | 4               | 2                      | 7  | 20 |
| Eighth .....                   | 25 Jan., 1875  | 12 Oct., 1877     | 3               | 2                      | 8  | 18 |
| Ninth .....                    | 26 Nov., 1877  | 9 Nov., 1880      | 3               | 2                      | 11 | 14 |
| Tenth .....                    | 14 Dec., 1880  | 23 Nov., 1882     | 3               | 1                      | 11 | 9  |
| Eleventh .....                 | 28 Dec., 1882  | 7 Oct., 1885      | 6               | 2                      | 9  | 9  |
| Twelfth .....                  | 10 Nov., 1885  | 26 Jan., 1887     | 2               | 1                      | 2  | 16 |
| Thirteenth .....               | 2 Mar., 1887   | 19 Jan., 1889     | 3               | 1                      | 10 | 17 |
| Fourteenth .....               | 22 Feb., 1889  | 6 June, 1891      | 4               | 2                      | 3  | 15 |
| Fifteenth .....                | 11 July, 1891  | 25 June, 1894     | 4               | 2                      | 11 | 14 |
| Sixteenth .....                | 3 Aug., 1894   | 5 July, 1895      | 1               | 0                      | 11 | 2  |
| Seventeenth .....              | 10 Aug., 1895  | 8 July, 1898      | 4               | 2                      | 10 | 28 |
| Eighteenth .....               | 13 Aug., 1898  | 11 June, 1901     | 5               | 2                      | 9  | 29 |
| Nineteenth .....               | 17 July, 1901  | 16 July, 1904     | 4               | 3                      | 0  | 0  |
| Twentieth .....                | 20 Aug., 1904  | 19 Aug., 1907     | 4               | 3                      | 0  | 0  |
| Twenty-first .....             | 26 Sept., 1907                                       | 14 Sept., 1910    | 5               | 2                      | 11 | 19 |
| Twenty-second .....            | { 31 Oct., 1910<br>10 Nov., 1910                     | 6 Nov., 1913      | 5               | 2                      | 11 | 26 |
| Twenty-third .....             | { 23 Dec., 1913<br>29 Dec., 1913                     | 21 Feb., 1917     | 5               | 3                      | 1  | 29 |
| Twenty-fourth .....            | { 10 April, 1917<br>16 April, 1917<br>23 April, 1917 | 18 Feb., 1920     | 4               | 2                      | 10 | 8  |
| Twenty-fifth .....             | 21 April, 1920                                       | 17 Feb., 1922     | 3               | 1                      | 9  | 27 |
| Twenty-sixth .....             | 19 April, 1922                                       | 18 April, 1925    | 5               | 3                      | 0  | 0  |
| Twenty-seventh .....           | 20 June, 1925  | 7 Sept., 1927     | 5               | 2                      | 2  | 18 |
| Twenty-eighth .....            | 29 Oct., 1927  | 18 Sept., 1930    | 4               | 2                      | 10 | 20 |
| Twenty-ninth .....             | 21 Nov., 1930  | 18 May, 1932      | 1               | 1                      | 5  | 27 |
| Thirtieth .....                | 30 June, 1932  | 12 April, 1935    | 5               | 2                      | 9  | 12 |
| Thirty-first .....             | 10 June, 1935  | 24 Feb., 1938     | 4               | 2                      | 8  | 14 |
| Thirty-second .....            | 26 April, 1938                                       | 18 April, 1941    | 3               | 2                      | 11 | 23 |
| Thirty-third .....             | 17 June, 1941  | 24 April, 1944    | 4               | 2                      | 10 | 8  |
| Thirty-fourth .....            | 22 June, 1944  | 29 Mar., 1947     | 5               | 2                      | 9  | 8  |
| Thirty-fifth .....             | 27 May, 1947   | 22 May, 1950      | 3               | 2                      | 11 | 26 |
| Thirty-sixth .....             | 19 July, 1950  | 14 Jan., 1953     | 3               | 2                      | 5  | 27 |
| Thirty-seventh .....           | 14 Mar., 1953  | 6 Feb., 1956      | 5               | 2                      | 10 | 24 |
| Thirty-eighth .....            | 5 April, 1956  | 16 Feb., 1959     | 4               | 2                      | 10 | 11 |
| Thirty-ninth .....             | 16 April, 1959                                       | 5 Feb., 1962      | 4               | 2                      | 9  | 19 |
| Fortieth .....                 | 6 April, 1962  | 31 Mar., 1965     | 3               | 2                      | 11 | 25 |
| Forty-first .....              | 28 May, 1965   | 23 Jan., 1968     | 4               | 2                      | 7  | 26 |
| Forty-second .....             | 22 Mar., 1968  | 13 Jan., 1971     | 3               | 2                      | 9  | 22 |
| Forty-third .....              | 16 Mar., 1971  | 19 Oct., 1973     | 4               | 2                      | 7  | 4  |
| Forty-fourth .....             | 7 Dec., 1973   | 2 April, 1976     | 3               | 2                      | 3  | 27 |
| Forty-fifth .....              | 21 May, 1976   | 12 Sept., 1978    | 3               | 2                      | 3  | 23 |
| Forty-sixth .....              | 3 Nov., 1978   | 28 Aug., 1981     | 4               | 2                      | 9  | 28 |
| Forty-seventh .....            | 23 Oct., 1981  | 5 Mar., 1984      | 4               | 2                      | 4  | 10 |
| Forty-eighth .....             | 30 April, 1984                                       | 22 Feb., 1988     | 3               | 2                      | 9  | 22 |
| Forty-ninth .....              | 22 April, 1988                                       | 3 May, 1991       | 4               | 3                      | 0  | 6  |
| Fiftieth .....                 | 28 June, 1991  | 3 Mar., 1995      | 4               | 3                      | 8  | 3  |
| Fifty-first <sup>1</sup> ..... | 28 April, 1995                                       | 5 Mar., 1999      | 3               | 3                      | 10 | 3  |
| Fifty-second .....             | 30 April, 1999                                       | 28 Feb., 2003     | 3               | 3                      | 10 | 1  |
| Fifty-third .....              | 29 April, 2003                                       | 2 Mar., 2007      | 2               | 3                      | 10 | 1  |
| Fifty-fourth .....             | 2 May, 2007  | 4 Mar., 2011      | 1               | 3                      | 10 | 3  |
| Fifty-fifth .....              | 30 April, 2011                                       | 6 Mar., 2015      | 2               | 3                      | 10 | 7  |
| Fifty-sixth .....              | 30 April, 2015                                       | Still in session. |                 |                        |    |    |

<sup>1</sup> Introduction of fixed four year terms approved by referendum on 25 March, 1995.