

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR: RECESS DATES 2021-22

Introduction

1. This paper outlines possible recess dates for 2021-22. Under *Standing Orders*, the Parliament shall decide, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau the dates of any Parliamentary recess (Rule 2.3.1).
2. The following observes sitting patterns from previous years.

Proposed recess dates

- **Summer recess:** 26 June to 29 August 2021 (inclusive). The majority of school terms end on Friday 25 June.
- **October recess:** 9 to 24 October 2021 (inclusive). Autumn school holidays are generally taking place within these two weeks.
- **Christmas recess:** 24 December 2021 to 9 January 2022 (inclusive). This recess mirrors most school holidays and encompasses public and privilege holidays. Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Saturday. 24 December 2021 is a Friday which would make this recess a little over two weeks in duration.

Recommendation

3. The Bureau is invited to lodge a motion recommending dates of the Parliamentary recesses up to and including Christmas recess 2021 for consideration by the Parliament.

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