
STATES OF JERSEY



MEETINGS OF THE STATES IN 2013

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by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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REPORT

The Privileges and Procedures Committee is required to fix dates for States meetings for the following year no later than the end of September each year. Standing Orders 3 and 4 read as follows –

3 Sessions of the States

- (1) There shall be 2 sessions of the States in each year during which they shall meet.
- (2) The 1st session shall start on the 3rd Tuesday in January and end no later than the last Tuesday in July.
- (3) The 2nd session shall start on the 2nd Tuesday in September and end no later than the 3rd Tuesday in December.

4 Planning days for meetings of the States

- (1) The PPC shall, no later than the end of September in each year, present to the States a list of days for meetings of the States in the 1st and 2nd sessions in the following year.
- (2) Ordinarily, a meeting day is a Tuesday.
- (3) The list may include continuation days.

The dates agreed by the Committee are shown in the Appendix.

There has been discussion in recent years on a number of occasions about the possibility of moving from the current fortnightly cycle of meetings to a 3 week cycle. This matter has been considered by the Committee's own Standing Orders and Internal Procedures Sub-Committee, which is recommending that the idea should not be pursued. The proposed dates for 2013 have therefore been drawn up on the traditional basis of meeting on a fortnightly cycle in the 2 sessions.

Following a decision taken by the then PPC a number of years ago, the dates in recent years have been drafted as far as possible to avoid meetings during any school holiday periods. The 2013 meeting dates attached all again avoid school holiday periods.

In accordance with the requirements of Standing Orders, the first meeting of 2013 is on the third Tuesday of January, namely 15th January. There is a 3 week gap between the last meeting in January and the February meeting to avoid the school half-term during the week of Monday 11th February. The normal fortnightly cycle is then followed in March until the Easter recess which covers the Easter school holidays. Starting after the end of the school holidays on Tuesday 16th April, the fortnightly cycle can then be followed through until the last meeting in July, with the exception of a 3 week break at the end of May to avoid the Spring Bank Holiday school half-term during the last week of May. In order to reflect the fact that the last meetings in July can traditionally be extremely busy (although this was not the case in 2012), an additional continuation day on Friday 19th July has been suggested. This would mean that the last meeting in July would have 4 days allocated to it although these would not, of course, need to be used if the volume of business did not require all 4 days.

The autumn session begins on 10th September, the second Tuesday of September as required by Standing Orders. Because of the Air Display on 12th September, it is proposed, as in recent years, to include a continuation day on the morning only of Thursday 12th with an additional continuation (if necessary) on Friday 13th. The fortnightly cycle can then be followed throughout the autumn session, conveniently missing the school half-term week of Monday 28th October. A strict fortnightly cycle would require meetings on Tuesday 3rd December and Tuesday 17th December, but for the second of these 2 meetings the continuation days would have run into the school holidays, which begin on Wednesday 18th December. It is therefore proposed that the States should meet for 2 consecutive weeks on 3rd December and 10th December to finish in good time before the Christmas holidays.

States of Jersey
States Assembly



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2013 SESSIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 38 I hereby give notice that the Privileges and Procedures Committee has fixed the following days for the holding of meetings of the States in 2013.

First Session

	Continuation (if necessary)
January 15th	January 16th and 17th
January 29th	January 30th and 31st
February 19th	February 20th and 21st
March 5th	March 6th and 7th
March 19th	March 20th and 21st
April 16th	April 17th and 18th
April 30th	May 1st and 2nd
May 14th	May 15th and 16th
June 4th	June 5th and 6th
June 18th	June 19th and 20th
July 2nd	July 3rd and 4th
July 16th	July 17th, 18th and 19th

Second Session

	Continuation (if necessary)
September 10th	September 11th, 12th (a.m. only) and 13th
September 24th	September 25th and 26th
October 8th	October 9th and 10th
October 22nd	October 23rd and 24th
November 5th	November 6th and 7th
November 19th	November 20th and 21st
December 3rd	December 4th and 5th
December 10th	December 11th and 12th

The first meeting of 2014 will be on 21st January 2014.

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