STATES OF JERSEY



MEETINGS OF THE STATES IN 2015

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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 for 2015 are shown in the **Appendix**.

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 proposed 2015 meeting dates attached all again avoid school holiday periods.

In accordance with the requirements of Standing Orders, the first meeting of 2015 is on the third Tuesday of January, namely 20th January. The normal fortnightly cycle is interrupted in February to avoid the half-term week (16th to 19th February 2015), then followed until the Easter recess which covers the Easter school holidays.

Starting after the end of the school holidays on Tuesday 14th April, the fortnightly cycle is then followed until the summer recess, with 2 exceptions. There is a 3 week break at the end of May to avoid the Spring Bank Holiday and the school half-term during the last week of May, and at the end of June it is proposed that the Assembly meets 2 weeks in a row to avoid holding a meeting during the first week of July, when the Island Games are being held and when States members and other Islanders may be busy with involvement in the Games.

The Autumn Session begins on 8th September, the second Tuesday of September as required by Standing Orders. Because of the Air Display on 10th September it is proposed, as in recent years, to include a continuation day on the morning of 10th only, with an additional continuation day (if necessary) on Friday 11th. The normal fortnightly cycle is possible throughout the second Session and fortunately avoids the half-term week of 26th to 30th October 2015.

APPENDIX







2015 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 2015.

First Session

Continuation (if necessary)

January 20th	January 21st and 22nd
February 3rd	February 4th and 5th
February 24th	February 25th and 26th
March 10th	March 11th and 12th
March 24th	March 25th and 26th
April 14th	April 15th and 16th
April 28th	April 29th and 30th
May 12th	May 13th and 14th
June 2nd	June 3rd and 4th
June 16th	June 17th and 18th
June 23rd	June 24th and 25th
July 14th	July 15th and 16th

Second Session

Continuation (if necessary) September 9th. 10th (a.m. only) and 11th

September 8th	September 9th, 10th (a.m. only) and 11th
September 22nd	September 23rd and 24th
October 6th	October 7th and 8th
October 20th	October 21st and 22nd
November 3rd	November 4th and 5th
November 17th	November 18th and 19th
December 1st	December 2nd and 3rd
December 15th	December 16th and 17th

The first meeting of 2016 will be on 19th January 2016.

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