STATES OF JERSEY



MEETINGS OF THE STATES IN 2021

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REPORT

The Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) is required to fix dates for States meetings for the following year no later than the end of September each year. Following a decision taken by PPC a number of years ago, the dates are drafted as far as possible to avoid meetings during any school holiday periods. In 2021, School term dates are as follows –

- Spring term: 4th January to 1st April (half term 15th to 19th February)
- Summer term: 19th April to 15th July (half term 31st May to 4th June)
- Autumn term: 6th September to 17th December (half term 25th to 29th October)

Standing Orders 3 and 4 provide that –

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.

As required by Standing Orders, the first meeting of 2021 will be on 19th January which is the third Tuesday of January.

Following the decision made by the Assembly at its meeting of 22nd September 2020 to adopt P.106/2020 ('States Meetings in 2021: Move to a Three weekly cycle') and move to a 3 weekly meeting cycle on a trial basis in 2021, the meeting dates are detailed as an Appendix to this Report. School holidays have been avoided where possible and the dates provide for 13 meetings (plus Liberation day). It is anticipated that the move to 3 weekly meetings would include Friday as an additional continuation day.

The 3 weekly cycle continues, apart from a gap to avoid meeting during the Spring half term (15th to 19th February). After the Easter holidays (2nd to 18th April), the States will meet on 20th April. The States will then meet on Liberation Day, which falls on a Sunday in 2021. There will then be a 3-week gap to accommodate the summer half term (31st May to 4th June). The cycle is followed from 8th June until the last meeting before the summer recess, which will commence on 20th July. Although this date was adopted by Members when approving the proposition of the Privileges and Procedures Committee (P106/2020) it may be that Members will wish to consider moving the July meeting date so as to avoid the school holidays.

As required by <u>Standing Orders of the States of Jersey</u>, the first meeting of the second session will be on the second Tuesday in September, namely 14th September 2021. The meetings will continue until the final meeting of 2021, which will commence on 14th December 2021. The schools break for Christmas on 17th December 2021.

The first meeting of 2022 will be on Tuesday 18th January 2022.

APPENDIX



2021 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 2021.

First Session

	Continuation (if necessary)
January 19th	January 20th, 21st and 22nd
February 9th	February 10th, 11th and 12th
March 2nd	March 3rd, 4th and 5th
March 23rd	March 24th, 25th and 26th
April 20th	April 21st, 22nd and 23rd
May 9th	
May 11th	May 12th, 13th and 14th
June 8th	June 9th, 10th and 11th
June 29th	June 30th, July 1st and 2nd
July 20th	July 21st, 22nd and 23rd

Second Session

	Continuation (if necessary)
September 14th	September 15th, 16th and 17th
October 5th	October 6th, 7th and 8th
November 2nd	November 3rd, 4th and 5th
November 23rd	November 24th, 25th, 26th
December 14th	December 15th, 16th and 17th

The first meeting of 2022 will be on 18th January 2022.

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