

Weeks, days and hours of sittings

Year	Sitting weeks per year	Sitting days per year [#]	Sitting hours per year ⁺	Federation Chamber [†]	
				Meetings per year	hours of meeting per year ⁺
1901*	31	113	866		
1902	31	107	796		
1903*	22	78	577		
1904	36	122	902		
1905	24	90	831		
1906*	19	70	590		
1907	25	97	808		
1908	26	91	680		
1909	26	98	793		
1910*	22	83	748		
1911	16	61	559		
1912	27	105	966		
1913*	20	74	562		
1914*	21	61	504		
1915	25	72	531		
1916	12	32	260		
1917*	19	52	460		
1918	28	86	872		
1919*	17	51	358		
1920	35	114	842		
1921	27	93	720		
1922*	16	53	432		
1923	13	52	479		
1924	25	83	632		
1925*	13	36	389		
1926	24	84	646		
1927	17	59	523		
1928*	18	62	500		
1929*	16	54	474		
1930	28	98	781		
1931*	29	94	744		
1932	23	73	652		
1933	20	67	630		
1934*	12	35	297		
1935	16	55	460		
1936	22	71	539		
1937*	9	29	257		
1938	22	66	602		
1939	15	51	446		
1940*	15	43	402		
1941	20	50	396		
1942	17	45	404		
1943*	16	48	414		
1944	17	57	517		
1945	26	90	749		
1946*	19	65	566		
1947	26	92	795		
1948	27	90	684		

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1949*	22	80	627		
1950	28	83	803		
1951*	17	56	511		
1952	23	74	667		
1953	17	61	533		
1954*	17	48	460		
1955*	18	52	511		
1956	27	79	771		
1957	21	63	644		
1958*	17	48	491		
1959	24	71	711		
1960	25	74	770		
1961*	19	55	575		
1962	22	66	688		
1963*	18	53	530		
1964	22	65	656		
1965	23	76	765		
1966*	17	55	531		
1967	21	62	646		
1968	23	67	703		
1969*	17	51	532		
1970	20	73	736		
1971	22	74	742		
1972*	21	60	680		
1973	25	81	913		
1974*	21	62	678		
1975*	23	69	743		
1976	25	79	781		
1977*	22	68	676		
1978	22	75	747		
1979	22	68	671		
1980*	17	51	525		
1981	21	62	627		
1982	19	53	554		
1983*	17	49	533		
1984*	13	52	551		
1985	18	66	681		
1986	20	79	781		
1987*	19	74	746		
1988	21	65	701		
1989	18	59	658		
1990*	12	38	433		
1991	21	67	774		
1992	19	60	689		
1993*	14	46	524		
1994	18	68	632	20	61
1995	18	70	637	35	108
1996*	16	61	647	29	90
1997	20	76	800	45	171
1998*	15	54	560	26	97
1999	19	73	710	41	137
2000	19	73	714	41	128

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2001*	15	56	526	32	110
2002	18	69	667	42	183
2003	20	74	682	45	191
2004*	16	59	595	36	152
2005	18	67	615	42	179
2006	18	68	630	55	229
2007*	14	50	452	36	148
2008	18	69	657	61	290
2009	18	68	819	56	268
2010*	15	55	609	46	255
2011	18	64	740	54	377
2012	17	63	661	61	358
2013*	13	48	481	39	257
2014	21	76	759	56	274
2015	19	75	746	57	263
2016*	14	51	507	39	199
2017	10	37	364	36	209
1901-2016 Average	20	67	627	43	197

* Election year.

[#] Days on which the House commenced a sitting, rather than days on which the House sat. On occasion a sitting may continue over more than one day.

⁺ Rounded to the nearest hour. Includes suspensions.

[‡] The Federation Chamber was established in 1994. From 1994 to 2012 the Federation Chamber was known as the Main Committee.

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