

Appendix 12

GENERAL ELECTIONS—SIGNIFICANT DATES FROM 19TH TO 45TH PARLIAMENTS

Parliament	Election announced in House (outside House)	House rising date	Dates						Number of days between		
			Dissolution	Writs issued	Nominations closed	Date of poll	Date for return of writs (on or before)	Date of first sitting	House rising and polling day	polling day and first sitting	date for return of writs and first sitting
19	26.10.49	27.10.49	31.10.49	31.10.49	14.11.49	10.12.49	25.1.50	22.2.50	44	74	28
20	(17.3.51) ⁱ	16.3.51	19.3.51	28.3.51	6.4.51	28.4.51	13.6.51	12.6.51	43	45	-1 ⁱⁱ
21	6.4.54 ⁱⁱⁱ	14.4.54	21.4.54	23.4.54	6.5.54	29.5.54	7.7.54	4.8.54	45	67	28
22	26.10.55	28.10.55 ^{iv}	4.11.55	7.11.55	16.11.55	10.12.55	25.1.56	15.2.56	43	67	21
23	20.8.58 ^v	2.10.58 ^{iv}	14.10.58	22.10.58	31.10.58	22.11.58	20.1.59	17.2.59	51	87	28
24	12.9.61	27.10.61 ^{iv}	2.11.61	3.11.61	14.11.61	9.12.61	1.2.62	20.2.62	43	73	19
25	15.10.63	30.10.63	1.11.63	1.11.63	8.11.63	30.11.63	30.1.64	25.2.64	31	87	26
26	12.10.66	28.10.66	31.10.66	31.10.66	7.11.66	26.11.66	26.1.67	21.2.67	29	87	26
27	20.8.69	26.9.69	29.9.69	29.9.69	7.10.69	25.10.69	24.11.69	25.11.69	29	31	1
28	10.10.72	26.10.72	2.11.72	2.11.72	10.11.72	2.12.72	31.1.73	27.2.73	37	87	27
29	10.4.74	10.4.74	11.4.74	20.4.74	29.4.74	18.5.74	29.6.74	9.7.74	38	52	10
30	11.11.75	11.11.75	11.11.75	17&21.11.75 ^{vi}	28.11.75	13.12.75	22.1.76	17.2.76	32	66	26
31	27.10.77	8.11.77	10.11.77	10.11.77	18.11.77	10.12.77	8.2.78	21.2.78	32	73	13
32	11.9.80	18.9.80	19.9.80	19.9.80	27.9.80	18.10.80	17.12.80	25.11.80	30	38	-22 ⁱⁱ
33	(3.2.83)	15.12.82 ^{iv}	4.2.83	4.2.83	19.2.83	5.3.83	5.5.83	21.4.83	80	47	-14 ⁱⁱ
34	8.10.84	11.10.84	26.10.84	26.10.84	6.11.84	1.12.84	24.1.85	21.2.85	51	82	28
35	27.5.87	4.6.87	5.6.87	5.6.87	18.6.87	11.7.87	3.9.87	14.9.87	37	65	11
36	(16.2.90)	22.12.89	19.2.90	19.2.90	2.3.90	24.3.90	30.5.90	8.5.90	92	45	-22 ⁱⁱ
37	(7.2.93)	18.12.92 ^{iv}	8.2.93	8.2.93	19.2.93	13.3.93	19.5.93	4.5.93	85	52	-15 ⁱⁱ
38	(27.1.96)	1.12.95 ^{iv}	29.1.96	29.1.96	9.2.96	2.3.96	8.5.96	30.4.96	92	59	-8 ⁱⁱ
39	(30.8.98)	15.7.98	31.8.98	31.8.98	10.9.98	3.10.98	9.12.98	10.11.98	80	38	-29 ⁱⁱ
40	(5.10.01)	27.9.01	8.10.01	8.10.01	18.10.01	10.11.01	16.1.02	12.2.02	44	94	27
41	(29.8.04)	13.8.04 ^{iv}	31.8.04	31.8.04	16.9.04	9.10.04	8.12.04	16.11.04	57	38	-22 ⁱⁱ
42	(14.10.07)	20.9.07	17.10.07	17.10.07	1.11.07	24.11.07	25.1.08	12.2.08	65	80	18
43	(17.7.10)	24.6.10	19.7.10	19.7.10	29.7.10	21.8.10	27.10.10	28.9.10	58	38	-29 ⁱⁱ
44	(4.8.13)	27.6.13	5.8.13	5.8.13	15.8.13	7.9.13	13.11.13	12.11.13	72	66	-1 ⁱⁱ
45	(8.5.16)	5.5.16	9.5.16	16.5.16	9.6.16	2.7.16	8.8.16	30.8.16	58	59	22

ⁱ On 16 March 1951 the Prime Minister indicated he had tendered advice to the Governor-General but was not in a position to inform the House of the reply.

ⁱⁱ The first sitting day preceded the date fixed for the return of writs.

ⁱⁱⁱ Dates for closing of nominations and issue of writs announced in answer to question without notice.

^{iv} Continuation of previous day's sitting.

^v Announced in answer to question without notice.

^{vi} Writs issued for Northern Territory, ACT and all States except South Australia and Western Australia on 17 November 1975; writs issued for South Australia and Western Australia on 21 November 1975.

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