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Dissolution of Parliament

The dissolution of Parliament took place on Thursday 30 May 2024. All business in the House of Commons and House of Lords has come to an end. There are currently no MPs and every seat in the Commons is vacant until after the general election on 4 July 2024.

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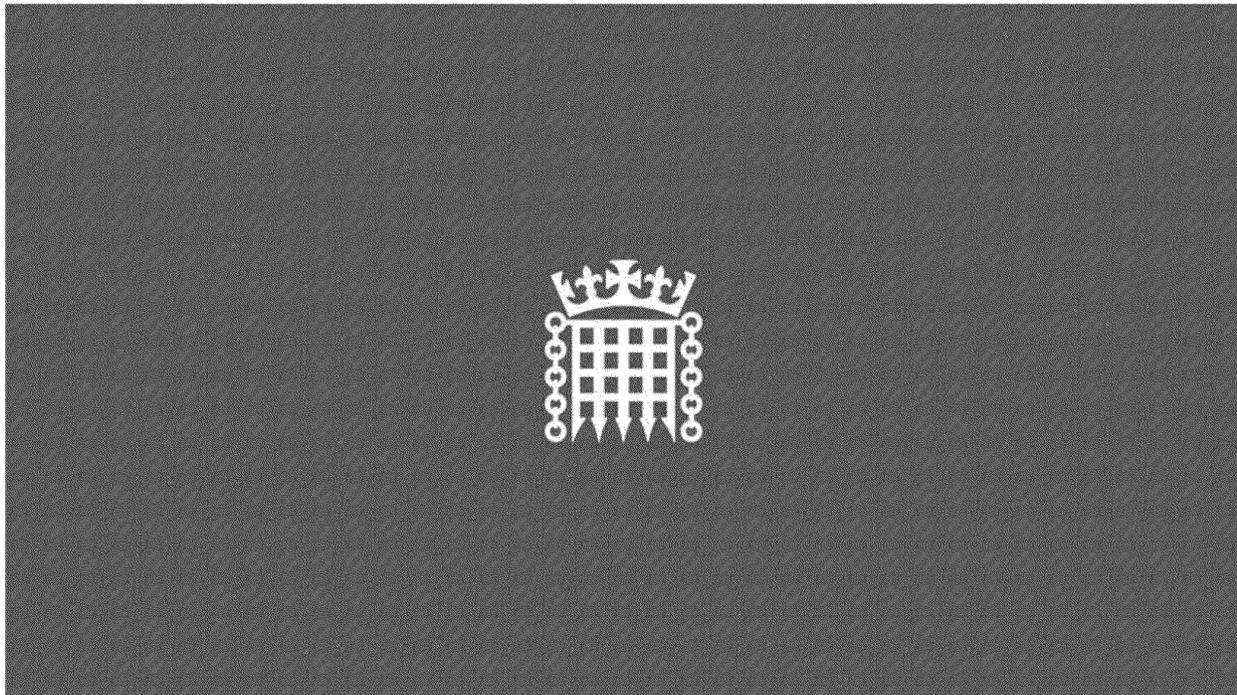
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End of the 2014-15 Parliamentary session

27 March 2015

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The 2014-15 Parliamentary session has been brought to a close with a 'prorogation' announcement on Thursday 26 March 2015.

This year's general election also means that, following prorogation, Parliament will be dissolved on Monday 30 March 2015.

- [Read Lords Hansard: Royal Commission, Royal Assent and Prorogation: Her Majesty's Speech](#)

What is prorogation?

Prorogation marks the formal end of the Parliamentary session. It usually takes the form of an announcement, read on behalf of the Queen, in the House of Lords chamber.

- [Find out more about prorogation](#)

About the prorogation announcement

The announcement lists the major pieces of legislation passed during the session and also describes other measures taken by the government during the Parliamentary year.

Once it has been read in the Lords, the same announcement is repeated by the Speaker in the House of Commons.

New legislation

The following government bills received Royal Assent on Thursday 26 March 2015:

- [Armed Forces \(Service Complaints and Financial Assistance\) Act](#)
- [Consumer Rights Act](#)
- [Corporation Tax \(Northern Ireland\) Act](#)
- [Deregulation Act](#)
- [Finance Act](#)
- [House of Commons Commission](#)
- [Lords Spiritual \(Women\) Act](#)
- [Modern Slavery Act](#)
- [Recall of MPs Act](#)
- [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act](#)
- [Supply and Appropriation \(Anticipation and Adjustments\) Act](#)

What happens next?

Dissolution of Parliament

Under the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011 Parliament will be dissolved on Monday 30 March 2015 and the date of the next general election has been set as Thursday 7 May 2015.

- [Find out more about the General Election 2015 timetable](#)
- [Find out more about the Dissolution of Parliament](#)

New Parliament and State Opening

The Prime Minister will ask Her Majesty to summon the new Parliament to meet on Monday 18 May, when the business will be the election of the Speaker and the swearing-in of members.

The State Opening of Parliament will follow on Wednesday 27 May.

- [GOV.UK: State Opening of Parliament to take place on 27 May 2015 \(external site\)](#)

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