

# **README: UK House of Commons Standing Orders Dataset, Version 1.2.0, *ParlRulesData Project*. 2020.**

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## **Data coverage:**

Dataset covers all the UK House of Commons' permanent Standing Orders relating to Public Business, between 21 June 1811 and 5 November 2019.

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Users of this dataset are kindly requested to use the following two citations:

- UK House of Commons Standing Orders Dataset, Version 1.2.0, *ParlRulesData Project*. 2020.; and
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## Data structure:

The dataset is organised into consolidated versions – new versions of the standing orders created on each date when they were amended. This only reflects permanent amendments, so excludes those which were made on a temporary or ‘sessional’ basis. Each consolidated version is divided into sub-articles, defined as the smallest unit of separately labeled or numbered text.

For each sub-article in a consolidated version, we provide three pieces of information. First, we provide the text of the sub-article as it stood on that day. Second, we provide a ‘root number’. This is a unique identifier allocated at birth to each sub-article in the data, allowing sub-articles to be traced over time, *across* consolidated versions, even where they are amended. Third, we provide a ‘current number’. This indicates the order of sub-articles *within* each consolidated version. It consists of two parts – the actual number of the standing order of which a sub-article is a part, and a further number (after a decimal point) showing the order of sub-articles within each standing order. For example, the sixth sub-article in standing order 4 would have the current number 4.06.

## Data sources:

The following sources were used to create this dataset:

- UK Parliamentary Papers database ([parlipapers.proquest.com](http://parlipapers.proquest.com)).
- UK Parliament website ([parliament.uk](http://parliament.uk)).
- UK House of Commons Hansard ([hansard.parliament.uk](http://hansard.parliament.uk)).
- UK House of Commons Journal ([publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmjournal.htm](http://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmjournal.htm))

## Changes from previous version (1.1.1):

- Minor textual changes throughout (largely to punctuation).

- Adding consolidated versions with the following dates: 20 July 1855, 8 April 1902, 29 April 1902, 1 May 1902, 6 November 1946, 5 March 1947, 28 April 1948, 8 November 1991, 7 January 2019.
- Removing consolidated versions with the following dates: 18 July 1855, 16 August 1867, 4 November 1953, 22 October 1984, 22 November 1988, 14 November 1991, 23 January 2001, 10 October 2005, 18 December 2008, 18 September 2012, 26 March 2015, 20 April 2017, 28 January 2019.