

# **README: UK House of Commons Standing Orders Dataset, Version 4.0.0, *ParlRulesData Project*. 2026.**

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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 25 November 2024.

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## **Preferred citation formats:**

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

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## **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 (3.3.0):**

- Removing article-level dataset and sqlite download.

## **Further details to note:**

- Data contains a new version of the standing orders for each date on which the House of Commons adopted permanent amendments to those orders, or for dates when a new version was published with renumbered orders. In some cases, the date when reforms were adopted is not the same as the date on which they came into effect. Where new published editions of the standing orders contained minor editorial changes that were not formally adopted by the House, our data includes these in a nearby version rather than creating a new version.
- Some ‘current numbers’ – particularly in the nineteenth century and in longer gaps between published editions of the standing orders – may only approximate the ‘official’ numbering of standing orders.
- Some standing orders were adopted during the period covered by our data but without initially being published in collected editions of the public business standing orders. We list these from the dates of their adoption (6 April 1835, 14 April 1842, and 5 February 1845).

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