

Members' Attendance in the House of Assembly

Section 13 of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act requires that a Member (excluding the Premier, the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Leader of a Third Party) attend the House of Assembly when it is sitting, but outlines acceptable reasons for a Member's absence, such as:

- sickness of the Member;
- adoption, pregnancy or parental leave as established by directive;
- a serious illness related to the Member's family;
- bereavement;
- attendance at a meeting of a committee of the House of Assembly, the Management Commission or a committee of the Commission;
- attendance to duties as a Member of a caucus, attendance to constituency business, or attendance to ministerial duties; and
- other circumstances as approved by the Speaker.

By January 31 of each year, a Member is required to file with the Clerk a declaration under oath or affirmation of his or her attendance while the House of Assembly was sitting in the previous year. Dates of any absences and an explanation for those absences must be provided. A deduction in the amount of \$200 is made from the Member's salary for each day the Member was absent from a sitting of the House of Assembly for a reason other than those provided for in the legislation.

The following table provides a summary of the attendance of all Members of the House of Assembly, including those who resigned or were elected during the reporting period January 1 to December 31, 2013. The House of Assembly had 50 sitting days during this period. The Summary of Members' Attendance includes Members who were elected to the 47th General Assembly.

Summary of Members' Attendance for the Period January 1 - December 31, 2013

Member	District	Approved Absences	Other Absences
Dwight Ball	Humber Valley	0	1
Jim Bennett	St. Barbe	2	0
David Brazil	Conception Bay East - Bell Island	2	0
Felix Collins	Placentia - St. Mary's	0	0
Sandy Collins	Terra Nova	0	0
Tony Cornect	Port au Port	2	0
Eli Cross	Bonavista North	0	0
Dan Crummell	St. John's West	0	0
Derrick Dalley	The Isles of Notre Dame	4	0
Paul Davis	Topsail	1	0
Lisa Dempster	Cartwright-L'Anse Au Clair	0	0
John Dinn	Kilbride	2	0
Kathy Dunderdale	Virginia Waters	6	0
Randy Edmunds	Torngat Mountains	3	0
Clayton Forsey	Exploits	2	0
Terry French	Conception Bay South	0	0
Vaughan Granter	Humber West	16	0
Tom Hedderson	Harbour Main	0	0
Ray Hunter	Grand Falls-Windsor - Green Bay South	10	0
Keith Hutchings	Ferryland	4	1
Clyde Jackman	Burin - Placentia West	1	0
Charlene Johnson	Trinity - Bay De Verde	47	0
Eddie Joyce	Bay of Islands	1	0

Steve Kent	Mount Pearl North	0	0
Darin King, Ph.D	Grand Bank	5	0
Dale Kirby	St. John's North	0	0
Paul Lane	Mount Pearl South	0	0
Glen Little	Bonavista South	0	0
Glenn Littlejohn	Port de Grave	0	0
Tom Marshall	Humber East	1	0
Nick McGrath	Labrador West	2	0
Lorraine Michael	Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi	0	0
Christopher Mitchelmore	The Straits - White Bay North	0	0
George Murphy	St. John's East	3	0
Kevin O'Brien	Gander	0	0
Tom Osborne	St. John's South	0	1
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo - La Poile	0	0
Kevin Parsons	Cape St. Francis	0	0
Calvin Peach	Bellevue	1	0
Tracey Perry	Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune	0	0
Kevin Pollard	Baie Verte-Springdale	1	0
Gerry Rogers	St. John's Centre	0	0
Keith Russell	Lake Melville	0	0
Joan Shea	St. George's - Stephenville East	8	0
Susan Sullivan	Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans	3	0
Wade Verge	Lewisporte	7	0
Ross Wiseman	Trinity North	0	0