

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, 2016. The House of Assembly had 57 sitting days during this period. The Summary of Members' Attendance includes Members of the 48th General Assembly.

Summary of Members' Attendance for the Period January 1 - December 31, 2016

Member	District	Approved Absences	Other Absences
Dwight Ball	Humber – Gros Morne	4	0
Cathy Bennett	Windsor Lake	2	0
Derek Bennett	Lewisporte - Twillingate	5	0
Derrick Bragg	Fogo Island – Cape Freels	1	0
David Brazil	Conception Bay East - Bell Island	1	0
Mark Browne	Placentia West - Bellevue	0	0
Gerry Byrne	Corner Brook	8	0
Siobhan Coady	St. John's West	4	0
Steve Crocker	Carbonear-Trinity-Bay de Verde	5	
Bernard Davis	Virginia Waters - Pleasantville	0	0
Paul Davis	Topsail - Paradise	4	0
Jerry Dean	Exploits	0	0
Lisa Dempster	Cartwright-L'Anse Au Clair	3	0
Randy Edmunds	Torngat Mountains	5	0
John Finn	Stephenville – Port au Port	1	0
Sherry Gambin Walsh	Placentia – St. Mary's	1	0
John Haggie	Gander	4	0
Carol Anne Haley	Burin – Grand Bank	1	0
Allan Hawkins	Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans	1	0
Colin Holloway	Terra Nova	0	0
Keith Hutchings	Ferryland	0	1
Eddie Joyce	Humber - Bay of Islands	0	0
Steve Kent	Mount Pearl North	2	0

Neil King	Bonavista	2	0
Dale Kirby	Mount Scio	0	0
Paul Lane	Mount Pearl - Southlands	0	0
Graham Letto	Labrador West	0	0
Lorraine Michael	St. John's East - Quidi Vidi	4	0
Christopher Mitchelmore	St. Barb – L'Anse aux Meadows	4	0
Tom Osborne	Waterford Valley	1	0
Elizabeth Parsley	Harbor Main	3	0
Andrew Parsons	Burgeo - La Poile	1	0
Kevin Parsons	Cape St. Francis	0	0
Pam Parsons	Harbour Grace – Port de Grave	0	0
Tracey Perry	Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune	4	0
Barry Petten	Conception Bay South	0	0
Scott Reid	St. George's – Humber	0	0
Gerry Rogers	St. John's Centre	0	0
Perry Trimper	Lake Melville	0	0
Brian Warr	Baie Verte – Green Bay	0	0