**Scrutiny date calculations**

SI 40-day Prayer Period

* Count starts on day of laying
* Count **40 calendar days**
* Count continues as long as either House is sitting
* Recesses of less than 5 days do not stop count
* Recesses of 5 days or more stop the clock from the first non-sitting day.

Legislative Reform Orders/Localism Orders/Public Bodies Orders 40-day scrutiny period

* Count starts on day of laying
* Committee has to report within **30** **calendar days**
* House has up to **40 calendar days** to debate
* Can be extended to **60 calendar days** from laying if Committee in either House so decides.
* Count stops if only one House sits and throughout recesses.

Treaty 21-day scrutiny period

* Count starts first sitting day **after** laying
* Count **21 sitting days** = only days when **both** Houses are sitting (no weekends or non-sitting Fridays)
* Count stops if only one House sits and throughout recesses

EUWA made affirmative 28-day scrutiny period – law lapses if not debated by end of period

* Count starts on day of **making** (not day of laying), **which can include weekends**
* Count 28 **calendar days**
* Count stops if only one House sits and throughout recesses of more than 4 days

*Made affirmatives under other Acts follow the same formula but may have 40, 60 or 120 day scrutiny periods (check italics at head of front page)*

Proposed negative 10-day scrutiny period

* Count starts first sitting day **after** laying
* Count 10 Lords **sitting days**
* Count 10 Commons **sitting days**
* Whichever is the **later date** counts as the 10-day end date

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**Calendar days =** all days including weekends

**Sitting days** = do not include non-sitting Fridays or weekends

Periods during which Parliament is prorogued or dissolved are never counted.

*Swearing-in days* – after an election but before the Queen’s Speech – are included as normal; so all count for SIs, only ones where both Houses swear on the same day count for treaties etc.