

## FOURTH COUNCIL

The Act, 5 and 6 Vic. cap. 76 (July, 1842) constituted a Council of 36 members 12 appointed by the Crown and 24 to be elected by the "inhabitants of the Colony". This Act also provided for the election by the Council of a Speaker of one of its own members.

- SESSION 1.—(1843.) 1 August, 1843, to 28 December, 1843.
- SESSION 2.—(1844.) (Extraordinary.) 5 March, 1844, to 8 March, 1844.
- SESSION 3.—(1844.) 28 May, 1844, to 30 December, 1844.
- SESSION 4.—(1845.) 29 July, 1845, to 13 November, 1845.
- SESSION 5.—(1846.) 12 May, 1846, to 12 June, 1846.
- SESSION 6.—(1846.) 8 September, 1846, to 31 October, 1846.
- SESSION 7.—(1847.) 4 May, 1847, to 2 October, 1847.
- SESSION 8.—(1848.) 21 March, 1848, to 20 June, 1848.

## FIFTH COUNCIL

- SESSION 1.—(1849.) 15 May, 1849, to 12 October, 1849.
- SESSION 2.—(1850.) 4 June, 1850, to 2 October, 1850.
- SESSION 3.—(1851.) 28 March, 1851, to 2 May, 1851.

## SIXTH COUNCIL

The provisions of the Act, 5 and 6 Vic. cap. 76, also conferred upon the Council power to increase its numbers. In 1851 advantage was taken of this, and the number was increased from 36 to 54, of whom not more than 36 could be elected members.

- SESSION 1.—(1851.) 14 October, 1851, to 22 December, 1851.
- SESSION 2.—(1852.) 8 June, 1852, to 28 December, 1852.
- SESSION 3.—(1853.) 10 May, 1853, to 22 December, 1853.
- SESSION 4.—(1854.) 9 May, 1854, to 16 May, 1854.
- SESSION 5.—(1854.) 6 June, 1854, to 2 December, 1854.
- SESSION 6.—(1855.) 5 June, 1855, to 19 December, 1855.

## COUNCIL REPLACED BY A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

In 1855, the Sixth Council, under the powers conferred by clause XXXII of the Imperial Act, 13 and 14 Vic. cap. 59 (August, 1850) passed a bill "to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty". The bill provided inter alia that "There shall be in place of the Legislative Council now subsisting One Legislative Council and One Legislative Assembly . . .". Assent was reserved, and the Bill was taken to England, where the Imperial Parliament, after inserting some amendments, passed the Act 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54 (the New South Wales Act, as amended, being annexed thereto) which enabled Her Majesty to assent to the New South Wales Bill. Royal Assent was given on 16 July, 1855, the Act proclaimed on 24 November following, and the first Parliament opened on 22 May, 1856.

# PARLIAMENTS

RETURN showing the NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTS from the First Parliament under RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, with dates of nomination, polling, return of Writs, and expiry by dissolution or effluxion of time; also, the NUMBER OF SESSIONS in each Parliament, with dates of opening and prorogation.

(The duration of Parliaments 1 to 7, from 1856 to 1874, was limited to five years, but in 1874 the Triennial Parliaments Act was passed, which altered the duration to three years. The maximum period between general elections for the Legislative Assembly extended from three to four years following referendum and Royal Assent of the Constitution (Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, No. 102. 1981.)

## FIRST PARLIAMENT<sup>1</sup>

POLLING DAY—11 March to 19 April, 1856

Return of Writs, 30 April, 1856. Dissolved, 19 December, 1857.

SESSION 1, 1856-7.—22 May, 1856, to 18 March, 1857.

SESSION 2, 1857.—11 August, 1857, to 18 December, 1857.

## SECOND PARLIAMENT<sup>2</sup>

POLLING DAY—13 January to 12 February, 1858

Return of Writs, 27 February, 1858. Dissolved, 11 April, 1859.

SESSION 1, 1858.—23 March, 1858, to 26 November, 1858.

SESSION 2, 1858-9.—8 December, 1858, to 9 April, 1859.

## THIRD PARLIAMENT<sup>2</sup>

POLLING DAY—9 June to 7 July, 1859

Return of Writs, 30 July 1859. Dissolved, 10 November, 1860.

SESSION 1, 1859-60.—30 August, 1859, to 4 July, 1860.

SESSION 2, 1860.—25 September, 1860, to 9 November, 1860.

## FOURTH PARLIAMENT<sup>2</sup>

POLLING DAY—6 December to 24 December, 1860

Return of Writs, 31 December, 1860. Dissolved, 10 November, 1864.

SESSION 1, 1861.—10 January, 1861, to 11 May, 1861.

SESSION 2, 1861-2.—3 September, 1861, to 20 January, 1862.

SESSION 3, 1862.—27 May, 1862, to 20 December, 1862.

SESSION 4, 1863-4.—23 June, 1863, to 22 April, 1864.

SESSION 5, 1864.—18 October, 1864, to 9 November, 1864.

## FIFTH PARLIAMENT<sup>2</sup>

POLLING DAY—22 November, 1864, to 18 January, 1865

Return of Writs, 24 January, 1865. Dissolved, 15 November, 1869.

SESSION 1, 1865.—24 January, 1865, to 21 June, 1865.

SESSION 2, 1865-6.—24 October, 1865, to 7 April, 1866.

SESSION 3, 1866.—24 July, 1866, to 22 December, 1866.

SESSION 4, 1867-8.—2 July, 1867, to 27 April, 1868.

SESSION 5, 1868-9.—13 October, 1868, to 1 April, 1869.

SESSION 6, 1869.—28 September, 1869, to 13 November, 1869.

<sup>1</sup> Fifty-four members elected under the Constitution Act.

<sup>2</sup> The Electors' Act of 1858 provides for 80 Members (and one to represent the University of Sydney) in 1859 the Assembly consisted of 72 Members in consequence of the erection of a portion of N.S.W. into the separate colony of Queensland by Letters Patent, under authority of the 6th Section of 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54, published in *Government Gazette* of 1 December, 1859.

<sup>3</sup> The duration of Parliaments 1 to 7, from 1856 to 1874, was limited to five years; but in 1874 the Triennial Parliaments Act was passed, which altered the duration to three years.