

House of Commons Budget Debates and Finance Bills since 1968

Date of Budget	Chancellor	Length of speech	Budget Report (the Red Book)	Length of Budget Debate	Finance Bill Stages (House of Commons)	Finance Act
Wed 16-Mar-15	George Osborne	1 hr 6 mins	HC 901 2015-16		Finance (NO, 2) Bill 2015-16 2R: 11.4.2016; CO: 11.4.2016	-
Wed 08-Jul-15	George Osborne	1hr 7mins	HC 264 2015-16	4 days	Finance Bill 2015-16 2R: 21.7.2015; Comm: 8.9.2015; PBC: 6 sittings 17.9-15.10.2015 (3days); Rep: 26.10.2015; 3R: 26.10.2015	Finance (No.2) Act 2015, c.33
Wed 18-Mar-15	George Osborne	1hr 1min	HC 1093 2014-15	4 days	Finance (No.2) 2014-15 2R: 25.3.2015; Comm: 25.3.2015; 3R: 25.3.2015	Finance Act 2015, c.11
					Finance Bill 2014-15 (originally <i>Finance (No. 2) Bill 2013-14</i>) 2R: 5.6.2014; PBC: 5 sittings 10-17.6.2014 (3 days); Rep: 1&2.7.2014; 3R: 2.7.2014	Finance Act 2014, c.26
Wed 19-Mar-14	George Osborne	57 mins	HC 1104 2013-14	4 days	Finance (No. 2) Bill 2013-14 (continues as <i>Finance Bill 2014-15</i>) 2R: 1.4.2014; CO: 1.4.2014; CWH: 8&9.4.2014; PBC: 9 sittings 29.4-13.5.2014 (5 days);	
					Finance Bill 2013-14 (originally <i>Finance (No. 2) Bill 2012-13</i>) 2R: 9.5.2013; PBC: 16 sittings 16.5-20.6.2013 (8 days); Rep: 1&2.7.2013; 3R: 2.7.2013	Finance Act 2013, c.29
Wed 20-Mar-13	George Osborne	57 mins	HC 1033 2012-13	4 days	Finance (No. 2) Bill 2012-13 (continues as <i>Finance Bill 2013-14</i>) 2R: 15.4.2013; CO: 15.4.2013; CWH: 17&18.4.2013; PBC: 4 sittings 23&25.4.2013 (2 days); □	
					Finance Bill 2012-13 (originally <i>Finance (No. 4) Bill 2010-12</i>) 2R: 10.5.2012; PBC: 14 sittings 22.5-26.6.2012 (7 days); Rep: 2&3.7.2012; 3R: 3.7.2012	Finance Act 2012, c.14

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Wed 21-Mar-12	George Osborne	1 hr	HC 1853 2010-12	4 days	Finance (No. 4) Bill 2010-12 (continues as <i>Finance Bill 2012-13</i>) 2R: 16.4.2012; CO: 16.4.2012; CWH: 18&19.4.2012; PBC: 4 sittings 24-26.4.2012 (2 days);	
Wed 23-Mar-11	George Osborne	59 mins	HC 836 2010-12	4 days	Finance (No.3) Bill 2010-12 2R: 26.4.2011; CWH: 3&4.5.2011; PBC: 14 sittings 10.5-9.6.2011 (7 days); Rep: 28.6, 4&5.7.2011; 3R: 5.7.2011	Finance Act 2011, c.11
	George Osborne	<i>Bill introduced to enact measures announced in the March 2010 budget of the previous administration which the Colalition Government undertook to honour.</i> ¹			Finance (No.2) Bill 2010-12 2R: 11.10.2010; PBC: 5 sittings 19-28.10.2010 (3 days); Rep&3R: 8.11.2010	Finance (No.3) Act 2010, c.33
Tue 22-Jun-10	George Osborne	56 mins	HC 61 2010-12	4 days	Finance Bill 2010-12 2R: 6.7.2010; CWH: 12,13&15.7.2010; 3R: 20.7.2010	Finance (No.2) Act 2010, c.31
Wed 24-Mar-10	Alistair Darling	1 hr	HC 451 2010-11	4 days	Finance Bill 2009-10 2R: 7.4.2010; CWH: 7.4.2010; 3R: 7.4.2010	Finance Act 2010, c.13
Wed 22-Apr-09	Alistair Darling	52 mins	HC 407 2008/09	4 days	Finance Bill 2008-09 2R: 6.5.2009; CWH: 12&13.5.2009; PBC: 18 sittings 19.5-25.6.2009 (9 days); Rep: 7&8.7.2009; 3R: 8.7.2009	Finance Act 2009, c.10
Wed 12-Mar-08	Alistair Darling	52 mins	HC 388 2007/08	4 days	Finance Bill 2007-08 2R: 21.4.2008; CWH: 28&29.4.2008; PBC: 24 sittings 6.5-19.6.2008 (12 days); Rep: 1&2.7.2008; 3R: 2.7.2008	Finance Act 2008, c.9
Wed 21-Mar-07	Gordon Brown	51 mins	HC 342 2006/07	4 days	Finance Bill 2006-07 2R: 23.4.2007; CWH: 30.4&1.5.2007; PBC: 14 sittings 8.5-7.6.2007 (8 days); Rep&3R: 26.6.2007	Finance Act 2007, c.11
Wed 22-Mar-06	Gordon Brown	1 hr, 3 mins	HC 968 2005/06	4 days	Finance (No.2) Bill 2005-06 2R: 24.4.2006; CWH: 2&3.5.2006; SCA: 21 sittings 9.5-20.6.2006 (11 days); Rep: 4&5.7.2006; 3R: 5.7.2006	Finance Act 2006, c.25

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-	-	-	-	-	Finance Bill 2005-06 2R: 7.6.2005; CWH: 13.6.2005; SCB: 8 sittings 21-30.6.2005 (4 days); Rep&3R: 6.7.2005	Finance (No.2) Act 2005, c.22
Wed 16-Mar-05	Gordon Brown	52 mins	HC 482 2004/05	4 days	Finance (No.2) Bill 2004-05 All stages: 6.4.2005 Finance (No.1) Bill withdrawn	Finance Act 2005, c.7
Wed 17-Mar-04	Gordon Brown	55 mins	HC 301 2003/04	4 days	Finance Bill 2003-04 2R: 20.4.2004; CWH: 27&28.4.2004; SCA: 21 sittings 6.5 - 24.6.2004 (11 days); Rep: 6&7.7.2004; 3R: 7.7.2004	Finance Act 2004, c.12
Wed 09-Apr-03	Gordon Brown	1 hr, 2 mins	HC 500 2002/03	4 days	Finance Bill 2002-03 2R: 6.5.2003; CWH: 13&14.5.2003; SCB:15 sittings/16 parts 15.5-17.6.2003(8 days); Rep&3R: 1.7.2003	Finance Act 2003, c.14
Wed 17-Apr-02	Gordon Brown	1 hr	HC 592 2001/02	4 days	Finance Bill 2001-02 2R: 30.4.2002; CWH: 8&9.5.2002; SCF: 16 sittings 14.5-25.6.2002 (9 days); Rep: 3&4.7.2002; 3R: 4.7.2002	Finance Act 2002, c.23
Wed 07-Mar-01	Gordon Brown	54 mins	HC 279 2000/01	4 days	Finance Bill 2000-01 2R: 9.4.2001; CWH: 23&24.4.2001; SCA: 7 sittings 26.4-8.5.2001 (4 days); Rep&3R: 9.5.2001	Finance Act 2001, c.9
Tue 21-Mar-00	Gordon Brown	52 mins	HC 346 1999/00	4 days	Finance Bill 1999-2000 2R: 17.4.2000; CWH: 2&3.5.2000; SCH: 26 sittings/28 parts 4.5-29.6.2000 (15 days); Rep: 18.7.2000; 3R: 19.7.2000	Finance Act 2000, c.17
Tue 09-Mar-99	Gordon Brown	1 hr, 9 mins	HC 298 1998/99	4 days	Finance Bill 1998-99 2R: 20.4.1999; CWH: 27&28.4.1999; SCB: 19 sittings 4.5-22.6.1999 (10 days); Rep: 5&6.7.1999; 3R: 6.7.1999	Finance Act 1999, c.16

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Tue 17-Mar-98	Gordon Brown	1 hr, 4 mins	HC 620 1997/98	4 days	Finance (No.2) Bill 1997-98 2R: 21.4.1998; CWH: 27,28&29.4.1998; SCE: 23 sittings/30 parts 5.5-23.6.1998 (12 days); Rep: 30.6&1.7.1998; 3R: 1.7.1998	Finance Act 1998, c.36
Wed 02-Jul-97	Gordon Brown	1 hr, 3 mins	HC 85 1997/98	4 days	Finance Bill 1997-98 2R: 10.7.1997; CWH: 15&16.7.1997; SCA: 9 sittings/11 parts 17-23.7.1997 (5 days); Rep: 28&29.7.1997; 3R: 29.7.1997	Finance (No.2) Act 1997, c.58
Tue 26-Nov-96	Kenneth Clarke	1 hr, 18 mins	HC 90 1996/97	5 days	Finance Bill 1996-97 2R: 14.1.1997; CWH: 22&23.1.1997; SCB: 14 sittings 28.1-25.2.1997 (9 days); Rep&3R: 11.3.1997	Finance Act 1997, c.16
Tue 28-Nov-95	Kenneth Clarke	1 hr, 10 mins	HC 30 1995/96	5 days	Finance Bill 1995-96 2R: 15.1.1996; CWH: 23&25.1.1996; SCE: 25 sittings 30.1-12.3.1996 (13 days); Rep: 27&28.3.1996; 3R: 28.3.1996	Finance Act 1996, c.8
Tue 29-Nov-94	Kenneth Clarke	1 hr, 26 mins	HC 12 1994/95	5 days	<i>01-Jan-95 revised tables</i> Finance Bill 1994-95 2R: 17.1.1995; CWH: 23,25&30.1.1995; SCD: 25 sittings 31.1-16.3.1995 (14 days); Rep: 3&4.4.1995; 3R: 4.4.1995	Finance Act 1995, c.4
Tue 30-Nov-93	Kenneth Clarke	1 hr, 16 mins	HC 31 1993/94	5 days (Nov)	Finance Bill 1993-94 2R: 25.1.1994; CWH: 31.1&1.2.1994; SCA: 16 sittings/22 parts 3.2-29.3.1994 (16 days); Rep: 19&20.4.1994; 3R: 20.4.1994	Finance Act 1994, c.9
Tue 16-Mar-93	Norman Lamont	1 hr, 53 mins	HC 547 1992/93	4 days (Mar)	Finance (No.2) Bill 1992-93 2R: 26.4.1993; CWH: 10,11&12.5.1993; SCA: 10 sittings/17 parts 18.5-29.6.1993 (9 days); Rep: 12&13.7.1993; 3R: 13.7.1993	Finance Act 1993, c.34
-	-	-	-	-	Finance Bill 1992-93 2R: 2.6.1992; CWH: 10.6.1992; SCB: 7 sittings/14 parts 16.6-1.7.1992 (6 days); Rep: 7&8.7.1992; 3R: 8.7.1992	Finance (No.2) Act 1992, c.48

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Tue 10-Mar-92	Norman Lamont	1 hr, 11 mins	HC 319 1991/92	3 days	Finance Bill 1991-92 All stages 13.3.1992	Finance Act 1992, c.20
Tue 19-Mar-91	John Major	1 hr, 18 mins	HC 300 1990/91	4 days	Finance Bill 1990-91 2R: 30.4.1991; CWH: 7&8.5.1991; SCB: 9 sittings/15 parts 14.5-20.6.1991 (9 days); Rep: 15.7.1991; 3R: 16.7.1991	Finance Act 1991, c.31
Tue 20-Mar-90	Nigel Lawson	1 hr, 25 mins	HC 286 1989/90	4 days	Finance Bill 1989-90 2R: 1.5.1990; CWH: 15&16.5.1990; SCE: 10 sittings/12 parts 17.5-3.7.1990 (11 days); Rep: 16&17.7.1990; 3R: 17.7.1990	Finance Act 1990, c.29
Tue 14-Mar-89	Nigel Lawson	n/a	HC 235 1988/89	4 days	Finance Bill 1988-89 2R: 25.4.1989; CWH: 9&10.5.1989; SCG:13 sittings/18 parts11.5-29.6.1989(13 days); Rep: 11&12.7.1989; 3R: 12.7.1989	Finance Act 1989, c.26
Tue 15-Mar-88	Nigel Lawson	n/a	HC 361 1987/88	4 days	Finance (No.2) Bill 1987-88 2R: 26.4.1988; CWH: 3,9&10.5.1988; SCA:14 sittings/23 parts 12.5-30.6.1988(14 days); Rep: 13.7.1988; 3R: 14.7.1988	Finance Act 1988, c.39
-	-	-	-	-	Finance Bill 1987-88 2R: 8.7.1987; CWH: 14,15&16.7.1987; Rep&3R: 20.7.1987	Finance (No.2) Act 1987, c.51
Tue 17-Mar-87	Nigel Lawson	n/a	HC 194 1986/87	4 days	Finance Bill 1986-87 2R: 22.4.1987; CWH: 29&30.4&12.5.1987; SCB: 2 sittings/3 parts 5.5-7.5.1987 (2 days); Rep&3R: 12.5.1987	Finance Act 1987, c.16
Tue 18-Mar-86	Nigel Lawson	n/a	HC 273 1985/86	4 days	Finance Bill 1985-86 2R: 29.4.1986; CWH: 6&7.5.1986; SCG:10 sittings/15 parts13.5-19.6.1986(10 days); Rep: 8&17.7.1986; 3R: 17.7.1986	Finance Act 1986, c.41
Tue 19-Mar-85	Nigel Lawson	n/a	HC 265 1984/85	4 days	Finance Bill 1984-85 2R: 29.4.1985; CWH: 7&8.5.1985; SCB: 9 sittings/19 parts 14.5-18.6.1985 (9 days); Rep: 9&10.7.1985; 3R: 10.7.1985	Finance Act 1985, c.54

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Tue 13-Mar-84	Nigel Lawson	n/a	HC 304 1983/84	4 days	Finance (No.2) Bill 1983-84 2R: 10.4.84; CWH: 30.4,1&3.5.1984; SCA: 13 sittings/42 parts 8.5-26.6.1984 (13 days); Rep: 11.7.1984; 3R: 12.7.1984	Finance Act 1984, c.43
-	-	-	-	-	Finance Bill 1983-84 2R: 6.7.1983; CWH: 12&14.7.1983; Rep&3R: 14.7.1983	Finance (No.2) Act 1983, c.49
Tue 15-Mar-83	Geoffrey Howe	n/a	HC 216 1982/83	4 days	Finance Bill 1982-83 2R: 14.4.1983; CWH: 25,27&28.4.1983; Rep&3R: 11.5.1983	Finance Act 1983, c.28
Tue 09-Mar-82	Geoffrey Howe	n/a	HC 237 1981/82	4 days	Finance Bill 1981-82 2R: 6.4.1982; CWH: 22,26,27.4&5.5.1982; SCA:11 sittings/21 parts11.5 -24.6.1982(11 days); Rep: 12&13.7.1982; 3R: 13.7.1982	Finance Act 1982, c.39
Tue 10-Mar-81	Geoffrey Howe	n/a	HC 197 1980/81	4 days	Finance Bill 1980-81 2R: 13.4.1981; CWH: 30.4&5,6,11,12.5.1981; SCE:11 sittings/26 parts 14.5-30.6.1981(11 days); Rep: 14&15.7.1981; 3R: 20.7.1981	Finance Act 1981, c.35
Wed 26-Mar-80	Geoffrey Howe	n/a	HC 500 1979/80	4 days	Finance (No.2) Bill 1979-80 2R: 8.5.1980; CWH: 2,3&4.6.1980; SCA: 10 sittings/17 parts 20.5-3.7.1980 (9 days); Rep: 16&17.7.1980; 3R: 17.7.1980	Finance Act 1980, c.48
Tue 12-Jun-79	Geoffrey Howe	n/a	HC 98 1979/80	4 days	Finance Bill 1979-80 2R: 27.6.1979; CWH: 3,4,5,9&10.7.1979; Rep&3R: 18.7.1979	Finance (No.2) Act 1979, c.47
	Denis Healey	<i>"Caretake Budget" introduced after the Govt had lost a vote of confidence and an election had been called</i>			Finance Bill 1978-79 All stages 3.4.1979	Finance Act 1979, c.25
Tue 11-Apr-78	Denis Healey	n/a	HC 310 1977/78	4 days	Finance Bill 1977-78 2R: 27.4.1978; CWH: 8,10&16.5.1978; SCA:10 sittings/21 parts 17.5-27.6.1978(10 days); Rep: 5,11,12&13.7.1978; 3R: 13.7.1978	Finance Act 1978, c.42

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Tue 29-Mar-77	Denis Healey	n/a	HC 271 1976/77	4 days	Finance Bill 1976-77 2R: 28.4.1977; CWH: 9,10&12.5.1977; SCD: 8 sittings/20 parts 19.5-23.6.1977 (8 days); Rep: 14,21&25.7.1977; 3R: 25.7.1977	Finance Act 1977, c.36
Tue 06-Apr-76	Denis Healey	n/a	HC 306 1975/76	4 days	Finance Bill 1975-76 2R: 3.5.1976; CWH: 11,13&17.5.1976; SCE: 13 sittings/28 parts 18.5-1.7.1976 (13 days); Rep: 13,14&15.7.1976; 3R: 19.7.1976	Finance Act 1976, c.40
Tue 15-Apr-75	Denis Healey	n/a	HC 317 1974/75	4 days	Finance (No.2) Bill 1974-75 2R: 8.5.1975; CWH: 15&20.5.&10.6.1975; SCH: 8 sittings 12.6-3.7.1975 (8 days); Rep: 16&17.7.1975; 3R: 17.7.1975	Finance (No.2) Act 1975, c.45
Tue 12/11/1974 (st	Denis Healey	n/a	HC 18 1974/75	4 days	Finance Bill 1974-75 2R: 17.12.1974; CWH: 15,21&22.1.1975; SCA: 12 sittings 23.1-18.2.1975 (12 days); Rep: 3,4,5,6&10.3.1975; 3R: 10.3.1975	Finance Act 1975, c.7
Tue 26-Mar-74	Denis Healey	n/a	HC 45 1973/74	4 days	Finance Bill 1974 2R: 9.5.1974; CWH: 16&21.5&10,13&19.6.1974; SCA: 9 sittings 17.6-2.7 1974 (7 days); Rep: 16,17&22.7.1974; 3R: 22.7.1974	Finance Act 1974, c.30
Tue 06-Mar-73	Anthony Barber	n/a	HC 173 1972/73	4 days	Finance Bill 1972-73 2R: 2.4.1973; CWH: 10&11.4.1973; SCH: 7 sittings 2.5-23.5.1973 (7 days); Rep: 10.7.1973; 3R: 11.7.1973	Finance Act 1973, c.51
Tue 21-Mar-72	Anthony Barber	n/a	HC 189 1971/72	4 days	Finance Bill 1971-72 2R: 20.4.1972; CWH: 9,10,11,15,16&17.5.1972; SCE: 20 sittings 23.5-28.6.1972 (15 days); Rep: 10,11,12.7.1972; 3R: 19.7.1972	Finance Act 1972, c.41
Tue 30-Mar-71	Anthony Barber	n/a	HC 330 1970/71	4 days	Finance Bill 1970-71 2R: 28.4.1971; CWH: 11,12,18&20.5.1971; SCH: 7 sittings 24.5-21.6.1971 (7 days); Rep: 5,6&7.7.1971; 3R: 7.7.1971	Finance Act 1971, c.68
Tue 14-Apr-70	Roy Jenkins	n/a	HC 214 1969/70	4 days	Finance Bill 1969-70 2R: 5.5.1970; CWH: 12,13&27.5.1970; Rep&3R: 27.5.1970	Finance Act 1970, c.24

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Tue 15-Apr-69	Roy Jenkins	n/a	HC 211 1968/69	4 days	Finance Bill 1968-69 2R: 6.5.1969; CWH: 13,14,20&21.5.1969; SCF: 1 sitting 11.6.1969; Rep: 15,16&17.7.1969; 3R: 18.7.1969	Finance Act 1969, c.32
Tue 19-Mar-68	Roy Jenkins	n/a	HC 151 1967/68	4 days	Finance Bill 1967-68 2R: 24.4.1968; SCA: 1 sitting 1.5.1968; CWH: 18,19&20.6.1968; Rep: 1,2,3&4.7.1968; 3R: 4.7.1968	Finance Act 1968, c.44

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Key

2R	Second reading
CWH	Committee of the Whole House
SC	Standing Committee (Cmt stage of the Bill upto 2006)
PBC	Public Bill Committee (Cmt stage of Bills after 2006)
Rep	Report
3R	Third Reading
CO	Carry over motion