



HOUSE OF LORDS

Library Note

House of Lords: Profile of Membership

This Library Note provides background information about the membership and age profile of the House of Lords, together with information on the public positions held by Members, as the House was composed on 30 March 2015—the date on which the 2010–15 Parliament was dissolved. In section two, the Note lists, as at 30 March 2015, the 40 eligible Members who held the longest length of membership; Life Peers with membership of 30 years or more; and female Members with membership of 20 years or more. Section three provides a statistical snapshot of the age profile of the House, together with lists of Members aged under 50 and Members aged 90 and over, as at the end of the 2010–15 Parliament. The final section lists a selection of public positions and the Members who have held them.

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1. Introduction

This Library Note presents a range of information about the membership of the House of Lords as at the date of the dissolution of the 2010–15 Parliament (30 March 2015). It therefore includes the names of Members who have retired or died since that date. Footnotes indicate when such a Member is listed. Section two contains tables which list Members with the longest continuous membership of the House: table 2.1 lists the top 40 Members eligible to attend as at 30 March 2015; table 2.2 lists Life Peers with membership of 30 years or more as at that date; and table 2.3 lists all female Members with membership of 20 years or more as at that date. Section three of the Note provides information about the age profile of the membership of the House as at 30 March 2015. Table 3.1 provides a snapshot of the membership of the whole House by age bands; table 3.2 breaks this information down, showing the age bands in each party/group; table 3.3 lists the names of Members aged under 50 as at 30 March 2015; and table 3.4 lists those Members who were aged 90 and over on the same date. Finally, section four provides information about public positions held by Members of the House up to the end of the 2010–15 Parliament. In this section, Members are listed by select public office, including positions in the Cabinet, once or currently held. Titles throughout are given in short form.

The information for this Note has been drawn from a range of sources, including *Dods Parliamentary Companion*, *Who's Who*, *Whitaker's Almanac* and information held by the House of Lords Library. There may therefore be gaps, particularly in the biographical information. Membership of the House, for the purpose of the Note, is taken to start when the Member receives his or her Letters Patent.

2. Length of Membership

2.1 Longest Continuous Membership of the House

Members who were on leave of absence as at 30 March 2015 are not numbered in sequence for the purposes of counting the 40 Members with the longest continuous membership of the House who were eligible to attend the House as at the end of the last Parliament.

	Title	Peerage Type	Affiliation	Date Membership Started	Membership Approx Length (Yr:M)
1	Carrington, L	Hereditary given Life Peerage	Conservative	04/04/1941	73:11
2	Montagu of Beaulieu, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	07/11/1947	67:4
3	Denham, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	09/12/1949	65:3
4	Lyell, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	16/12/1960	54:3
—	Snowdon, E	Hereditary given Life Peerage	Leave of absence	06/10/1961	53:5
5	Trefgarne, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	29/06/1962	52:9
6	Selsdon, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	30/07/1963	51:8
—	Chalfont, L	Life Peer	Leave of absence	11/11/1964	50:4
7	Colwyn, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	02/01/1967	48:2
8	Brougham and Vaux, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	24/01/1968	47:2
9	Hylton, L	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	06/06/1968	46:9
10	Liverpool, E	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	23/10/1969	45:5
11	Caithness, E	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	02/12/1969	45:3
12	Masham of Ilton, B	Life Peer	Crossbench	12/02/1970	45:1
13	Slim, V	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	01/04/1971	43:11
14	Tanlaw, L	Life Peer	Crossbench	21/05/1971	43:10
15	Avebury, L	Elected Hereditary	Liberal Democrat	20/09/1971	43:6
16	Selborne, E	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	23/12/1971	43:3
17	Elton, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	13/05/1973	41:10
18	Peel, E	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	15/05/1973	41:10
19	Sharples, B	Life Peer	Conservative	18/06/1973	41:9
20	Astor, V	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	04/07/1973	41:8
21	Skelmersdale, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	08/07/1974	40:8
22	Falkender, B	Life Peer	Labour	11/07/1974	40:8
23	Craigavon, V	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	26/07/1974	40:8
—	Crawford and Balcarres, E	Life Peer ¹	Leave of absence	24/01/1975	40:2
—	Bridges, L	Elected Hereditary	Leave of absence	12/02/1975	40:1
24	Geddes, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	20/03/1975	40:0
25	Kirkhill, L	Life peer	Labour	17/07/1975	39:8
26	Mar, C	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	11/09/1975	39:6
27	Greenway, L	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	08/10/1975	39:5

¹ Sits by virtue of a life peerage awarded January 1975 (Lord Balniel). He inherited the Earldom later that year.

28	Weidenfeld, L	Life Peer	Crossbench	25/06/1976	38:9
—	Briggs, L	Life Peer	Leave of absence	19/07/1976	38:8
29	Brabazon of Tara, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	24/09/1976	38:6
30	McCluskey, L	Life Peer	Crossbench	29/09/1976	38:6
31	Swinfen, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	13/05/1977	37:10
32	Crathorne, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	25/05/1977	37:10
33	Glenarthur, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	21/06/1977	37:9
34	Baldwin of Bewdley, E	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	15/11/1977	37:4
—	Lockwood, B	Life Peer	Leave of absence	27/02/1978	37:1
35	Henley, L	Elected Hereditary	Conservative	28/02/1978	37:1
36	Howie of Troon, L	Life Peer	Labour	21/04/1978	36:11
37	Taylor of Blackburn, L	Life Peer	Labour	04/05/1978	36:10
38	St John of Bletso, L	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	08/06/1978	36:9
39	Erroll, E	Elected Hereditary	Crossbench	30/06/1978	36:9
40	Mackay of Clashfern, L	Life Peer	Conservative	06/07/1979	35:8

2.2 Life Peers with Membership Longer than 30 Years

As at 30 March 2015.

	Title	Affiliation	Date Membership Started	Membership Approx Length (Yr:M)
1	Carrington, L ²	Conservative	04/04/1941	73:11
2	Snowdon, E ³	Leave of absence	06/10/1961	53:5
3	Chalfont, L	Leave of absence	11/11/1964	50:4
4	Masham of Ilton, B	Crossbench	12/02/1970	45:1
5	Tanlaw, L	Crossbench	21/05/1971	43:10
6	Sharples, B	Conservative	18/06/1973	41:9
7	Falkender, B	Labour	11/07/1974	40:8
8	Crawford and Balcarres, E ⁴	Leave of absence	24/01/1975	40:2
9	Kirkhill, L	Labour	17/07/1975	39:8
10	Weidenfeld, L	Crossbench	25/06/1976	38:9
11	Briggs, L	Leave of absence	19/07/1976	38:8
12	McCluskey, L	Crossbench	29/09/1976	38:6
13	Lockwood, B	Leave of absence	27/02/1978	37:1
14	Howie of Troon, L	Labour	21/04/1978	36:11
15	Taylor of Blackburn, L	Labour	04/05/1978	36:10
16	Mackay of Clashfern, L	Conservative	06/07/1979	35:8
17	Brooks of Tremorfa, L	Leave of absence	17/07/1979	35:8
18	Trumpington, B	Conservative	04/02/1980	35:1
19	Tordoff, L	Liberal Democrat	11/05/1981	33:10
20	Elystan-Morgan, L	Crossbench	27/05/1981	33:10
21	Thomas of Swynnerton, L	Crossbench	16/06/1981	33:9

² Hereditary peer given life peerage in 1999 (Lord Carington of Upton).

³ Hereditary peer of first creation given life peerage in 1999 (Lord Armstrong-Jones).

⁴ Sits by virtue of a life peerage awarded January 1975 (Lord Balniel). He inherited the Earldom later that year.

22	Gardner of Parkes, B	Conservative	19/06/1981	33:9
23	Nicol, B	Leave of absence	20/01/1983	32:2
24	Cox, B	Crossbench	24/01/1983	32:2
25	Ezra, L	Liberal Democrat	02/02/1983	32:1
26	Prys-Davies, L ⁵	Leave of absence	09/02/1983	32:1
27	Graham of Edmonton, L	Labour	12/09/1983	31:6
28	Stoddart of Swindon, L	Independent Labour	14/09/1983	31:6
29	Eden of Winton, L	Conservative	03/10/1983	31:5
30	Cameron of Lochbroom, L	Crossbench	08/06/1984	30:9
31	Young of Graffham, L	Conservative	10/10/1984	30:5
32	Warnock, B ⁶	Crossbench	06/02/1985	30:1
33	Vinson, L	Conservative	07/02/1985	30:1

2.3 Female Members with Membership Longer than 20 Years

As at 30 March 2015.

	Title	Affiliation	Date Membership Started	Membership Approx Length (Yr:M)
1	Masham of Ilton, B	Crossbench	12/02/1970	45:1
2	Sharples, B	Conservative	18/06/1973	41:9
3	Falkender, B	Labour	11/07/1974	40:8
4	Mar, C	Crossbench	11/09/1975	39:6
5	Lockwood, B	Leave of absence	27/02/1978	37:1
6	Trumpington, B	Conservative	04/02/1980	35:1
7	Gardner of Parkes, B	Conservative	19/06/1981	33:9
8	Nicol, B	Leave of absence	20/01/1983	32:2
9	Cox, B	Crossbench	24/01/1983	32:2
10	Warnock, B ⁷	Crossbench	06/02/1985	30:1
11	Turner of Camden, B	Labour	29/05/1985	29:10
12	Hooper, B	Conservative	10/06/1985	29:9
13	Blackstone, B	Labour	18/03/1987	28:0
14	Oppenheim-Barnes, B	Conservative	09/02/1989	26:1
15	Eccles of Moulton, B	Conservative	10/05/1990	24:10
16	Cumberlege, B	Conservative	18/05/1990	24:10
17	Hollis of Heigham, B	Labour	01/06/1990	24:9
18	Flather, B	Crossbench	11/06/1990	24:9
19	Seccombe, B	Conservative	14/02/1991	24:1
20	Hamwee, B	Liberal Democrat	06/06/1991	23:9
21	Hilton of Eggardon, B	Labour	14/06/1991	23:9
22	Mallalieu, B	Labour	19/06/1991	23:9
23	O'Cathain, B	Conservative	21/06/1991	23:9
24	Perry of Southwark, B	Conservative	16/07/1991	23:8

⁵ Lord Prys-Davies retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 23 May 2015.

⁶ Baroness Warnock retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 1 June 2015.

⁷ Baroness Warnock retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 1 June 2015.

25	Chalker of Wallasey, B	Conservative	24/04/1992	22:11
26	Jay of Paddington, B	Labour	29/07/1992	22:8
27	Williams of Crosby, B	Liberal Democrat	01/02/1993	22:1
28	Gould of Potternewton, B	Labour	26/10/1993	21:5
29	Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, B	Labour	12/10/1993	21:5
30	Farrington of Ribbleson, B	Labour	29/09/1994	20:6
31	Rawlings, B	Conservative	05/10/1994	20:5
32	Thomas of Walliswood, B	Leave of absence	06/10/1994	20:5
33	Hogg, B	Crossbench	03/02/1995	20:1
34	Smith of Gilmorehill, B	Labour	17/02/1995	20:1

3. Age Range of Current Members

As at 30 March 2015.

3.1 Age Profile of the House

Age Band	Total Membership		Total Membership Eligible to Participate ⁸	
	Number	%	Number	%
<39	2	0.2	2	0.2
40–49	27	3.2	27	3.4
50–59	111	13.2	106	13.5
60–69	248	29.5	239	30.4
70–79	294	35.0	281	35.8
80–89	133	15.9	114	14.5
90>	25	3.0	17	2.2
Total	840	100.0	786	100.0

3.2 Age Profile of the House by Affiliation

Excludes Members on leave of absence, subject to a disqualification or suspended as at 30 March 2015.⁹

Age Band	Conservative		Labour		Liberal Democrat		Crossbench		Other Parties	Non-affiliated	Bishops
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.	No.
<39	2	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40–49	12	5.3	6	2.8	6	5.8	3	1.7	0	0	0
50–59	29	12.9	24	11.2	17	16.5	19	10.6	0	5	12

⁸ Excludes Members on leave of absence, subject to a disqualification or suspended as at 30 March 2015. Figures rounded to one decimal place.

⁹ Figures rounded to one decimal place.

60–69	59	26.1	62	28.8	35	34.0	58	32.2	6	5	14
70–79	77	34.0	88	40.9	36	35.0	64	35.5	8	8	n/a
80–89	42	18.6	31	14.4	8	7.7	29	16.1	1	3	n/a
90>	5	2.2	4	1.9	1	1.0	7	3.9	0	0	n/a
Total	226	100	215	100	103	100	180	100	15	21	26

3.3 Members Aged Under 50

As at 30 March 2015.

	Title	Affiliation	Age
1	Wei, L	Conservative	38
2	Evans of Bowes Park, B	Conservative	39
3	Purvis of Tweed, L	Liberal Democrat	41
4	Lane-Fox of Soho, B	Crossbench	42
5	Berridge, B	Conservative	43
6	Holmes of Richmond, L	Conservative	43
7	Worthington, B	Labour	43
8	Warsi, B	Conservative	44
9	Freyberg, L	Crossbench	44
10	Grey-Thompson, B	Crossbench	45
11	Smith of Newnham, B	Liberal Democrat	45
12	Brady, B	Conservative	45
13	Kennedy of Cradley, B	Labour	46
14	Suttie, B	Liberal Democrat	46
15	Helic, B	Conservative	46
16	Ahmad of Wimbledon, L	Conservative	46
17	Wood of Anfield, L	Labour	47
18	Harding of Winscombe, B	Conservative	47
19	Wolfson of Aspley Guise, L	Conservative	47
20	King of Bow, B	Labour	47
21	Redesdale, L	Liberal Democrat	47
22	Stowell of Beeston, B	Conservative	47
23	Williams of Trafford, B	Conservative	47
24	Morgan of Ely, B	Labour	48
25	Mendelsohn, L	Labour	48
26	Feldman of Elstree, L	Conservative	49
27	Allan of Hallam, L	Liberal Democrat	49
28	Scriven, L	Liberal Democrat	49
29	Goschen, V	Conservative	49

3.4 Members Aged 90 and Over

As at 30 March 2015.

	Title	Affiliation	Age
1	Healey, L	Labour	97
2	Barber of Tewkesbury, L	Leave of absence	96
3	Ezra, L	Liberal Democrat	96
4	Carrington, L	Conservative	95
5	Weidenfeld, L	Crossbench	95
6	Chalfont, L	Leave of absence	95
7	Quirk, L	Crossbench	94
8	Shaw of Northstead, L ¹⁰	Conservative	94
9	Briggs, L	Leave of absence	93
10	Walton of Detchant, L	Crossbench	92
11	Trumpington, B	Conservative	92
12	Moser, L	Crossbench	92
13	Sharples, B	Conservative	92
14	Nicol, B	Leave of absence	92
15	Sheldon, L ¹¹	Labour	91
16	Griffiths, L ¹²	Leave of absence	91
17	Prys-Davies, L ¹³	Leave of absence	91
18	Lockwood, B	Leave of absence	91
19	Rix, L	Crossbench	91
20	Howie of Troon, L	Labour	91
21	Warnock, B ¹⁴	Crossbench	90
22	Mason of Barnsley, L ¹⁵	Leave of absence	90
23	Tombs, L ¹⁶	Crossbench	90
24	Graham of Edmonton, L	Labour	90
25	Plumb, L	Conservative	90

3.5 Current Members Who Received Life Peerage at Youngest Age

Title	Age When Letters Patent Received (Approx)
Redesdale, L	32 years 9 months
Wei, L	33 years 4 months
Alli, L	33 years 8 months
Masham of Ilton, B	34 years 10 months

¹⁰ Lord Shaw of Northstead retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 31 March 2015.

¹¹ Lord Sheldon retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 18 May 2015.

¹² Lord Griffiths died on 30 May 2015.

¹³ Lord Prys-Davies retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 23 May 2015.

¹⁴ Baroness Warnock retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 1 June 2015.

¹⁵ Lord Mason of Barnsley died on 19 April 2015.

¹⁶ Lord Tombs retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 31 March 2015.

4. Select Public Offices and Positions Held by Members

4.1 Government

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Healey, L	Denis Healey	1974–1979
Howe of Aberavon, L ¹⁷	Richard (Geoffrey) Howe	1979–1983
Lawson of Blaby, L	Nigel Lawson	1983–1989
Lamont of Lerwick, L	Norman Lamont	1990–1993

Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Title	Name	Years Position Held
MacGregor of Pulham Market, L	John MacGregor	1985–1987
Lamont of Lerwick, L	Norman Lamont	1989–1990
Waldegrave of North Hill, L	William Waldegrave	1995–1997
Boateng, L	Paul Boateng	2002–2005
Browne of Ladyton, L	Desmond (Des) Browne	2005–2006

Home Secretary

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Hurd of Westwell, L	Douglas Hurd	1985–1989
Baker of Dorking, L	Kenneth Baker	1990–1992
Howard of Lympne, L	Michael Howard	1993–1997
Reid of Cardowan, L	John Reid	2006–1907

Foreign Secretary

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Owen, L	David Owen	1977–1979
Carrington, L	Peter Carington	1979–1982
Howe of Aberavon, L ¹⁸	Richard (Geoffrey) Howe	1983–1989
Hurd of Westwell, L	Douglas Hurd	1989–1995

Defence Secretary

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Healey, L	Denis Healey	1964–1970
Carrington, L	Peter Carington	1970–1974
Mason of Barnsley, L ¹⁹	Roy Mason	1974–1976
Heseltine, L	Michael Heseltine	1983–1986

¹⁷ Lord Howe of Aberavon retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 19 May 2015.

¹⁸ Lord Howe of Aberavon retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 19 May 2015.

¹⁹ Lord Mason of Barnsley died on 19 April 2015.

King of Bridgewater, L	Thomas (Tom) King	1989–1992
Robertson of Port Ellen, L	George Robertson	1997–1999
Reid of Cardowan, L	John Reid	2005–2006
Browne of Ladyton, L	Desmond (Des) Browne	2006–2008
Hutton of Furness, L	John Hutton	2008–2009

Lord Chancellor

Title	Name	Years Position Held
MacKay of Clashfern, L	James Mackay	1987–1997
Irvine of Lairg, L	Alexander Irvine	1997–2003
Falconer of Thoroton, L	Charles Falconer	2003–2007

Secretary of State for International Development

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Amos, B	Valerie Amos	2003

Secretary of State for Energy

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Carrington, L	Peter Carington	1974
Howell of Guildford, L	David Howell	1979–1981
Lawson of Blaby, L	Nigel Lawson	1981–1983
Parkinson, L	Cecil Parkinson	1987–1989
Wakeham, L	John Wakeham	1989–1992

Secretary of State for Environment

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Heseltine, L	Michael Heseltine	1979–1983 and 1990–1992
King of Bridgewater, L	Thomas (Tom) King	1983
Baker of Dorking, L	Kenneth Baker	1985–1986
Patten of Barnes, L	Chris Patten	1989–1990
Howard of Lympne, L	Michael Howard	1992–1993
Deben, L	John Gummer	1993–1997
Prescott, L	John Prescott	1997–2001

Secretary of State for Transport

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Rodgers of Quarry Bank, L	William Rodgers	1976–1979
Fowler, L	Peter Fowler	1981
Howell of Guildford, L	David Howell	1981–1983
King of Bridgewater, L	Thomas (Tom) King	1983
Moore of Lower Marsh, L	John Moore	1986–1987
Parkinson, L	Cecil Parkinson	1989–1990

MacGregor of Pulham Market, L	John MacGregor	1992–1994
Mawhinney, L	Brian Mawhinney	1994–1995
Prescott, L	John Prescott	1997–2001
Adonis, L	Andrew Adonis	2009–2010

Secretary of State for Business (Trade)

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Mason of Barnsley, L ²⁰	Roy Mason	1969–1970
Williams of Crosby, B	Shirley Williams	1974–1976 (as Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection)
Hattersley, L	Roy Hattersley	1976–1979 (as Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection)
Parkinson, L	Cecil Parkinson	1983
Tebbit, L	Norman Tebbit	1983–1985
Young of Graffham, L	David Young	1987–1989
Heseltine, L	Michael Heseltine	1992–1995
Lang of Monkton, L	Ian Lang	1995–1997
Mandelson, L	Peter Mandelson	1998 and 2008–2010
Hutton of Furness, L	John Hutton	2007–2008

Secretary of State for Education

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Williams of Crosby, B	Shirley Williams	1976–1979
Baker of Dorking, L	Kenneth Baker	1986–1989
MacGregor of Pulham Market, L	John MacGregor	1989–1990
Patten, L	John Patten	1992–1994
Shephard of Northwold, B	Gillian Shephard	1994–1997 (Education and Employment)
Morris of Yardley, B	Estelle Morris	2001–2002

Secretary of State for Health

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Fowler, L	Peter Fowler	1981–1987 (Health and Social Security)
Moore of Lower Marsh, L	John Moore	1987–1988 (Health and Social Security)
Waldegrave of North Hill, L	William Waldegrave	1990–1992
Bottomley of Nettlestone, B	Virginia Bottomley	1992–1995
Reid of Cardowan, L	John Reid	2003–2005

²⁰ Lord Mason of Barnsley died on 19 April 2015.

Secretary of State for Employment/Social Security/Work and Pensions

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Prior, L	James Prior	1979–1981 (Employment)
Tebbit, L	Norman Tebbit	1981–1983 (Employment)
King of Bridgewater, L	Thomas (Tom) King	1983–1985 (Employment)
Young of Graffham, L	David Young	1985–1987 (Employment)
Fowler, L	Peter Fowler	1987–1990 (Employment)
Moore of Lower Marsh, L	John Moore	1988–1989 (Social Security)
Howard of Lympne, L	Michael Howard	1990–1992 (Employment)
Shephard of Northwold, B	Gillian Shephard	1992–1993 (Employment) and 1995–1997 (Education and Employment)
Hunt of Wirral, L	David Hunt	1993–1994 (Employment)
Hutton of Furness, L	John Hutton	2005–2007 (Work and Pensions)

Secretary of State for Scotland

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Lang of Monkton, L	Ian Lang	1990–1995
Forsyth of Drumlean, L	Michael Forsyth	1995–1997
Reid of Cardowan, L	John Reid	1999–2001
Liddell of Coatdyke, B	Helen Liddell	2001–2003
Browne of Ladyton, L	Desmond (Des) Browne	2007–2008

Secretary of State for Wales

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Morris of Aberavon, L	John Morris	1974–1979
Crickhowell, L	Nicholas Edwards	1979–1987
Hunt of Wirral, L	David Hunt	1990–1993

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Mason of Barnsley, L ²¹	Roy Mason	1976–1979
Prior, L	James Prior	1981–1984
Hurd of Westwell, L	Douglas Hurd	1984–1985
King of Bridgewater, L	Thomas (Tom) King	1985–1989
Brooke of Sutton Mandeville, L	Peter Brooke	1989–1992
Mayhew of Twysden, L ²²	Patrick Mayhew	1992–1995
Mandelson, L	Peter Mandelson	1999–2001
Reid of Cardowan, L	John Reid	2001–2002

²¹ Lord Mason of Barnsley died on 19 April 2015.

²² Lord Mayhew of Twysden retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 1 June 2015.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Parkinson, L	Cecil Parkinson	1982–1983
Tebbit, L	Norman Tebbit	1985–1987
Baker of Dorking, L	Kenneth Baker	1989–1990
Patten of Barnes, L	Chris Patten	1990–1992
Waldegrave of North Hill, L	William Waldegrave	1992–1994
Hunt of Wirral, L	David Hunt	1994–1995
Freeman, L	Roger Freeman	1995–1997
Clark of Windermere, L	David Clark	1997–1998
Cunningham of Felling, L	John Cunningham	1998–1999
Macdonald of Tradeston, L	Angus Macdonald	2001–2003
Hutton of Furness, L	John Hutton	May to November 2005
Armstrong of Hill Top, B	Hilary Armstrong	2006–2007
Royall of Blaisdon, B	Janet Royall	2009–2010
Strathclyde, L	Thomas Galbraith	2010–2013
Hill of Oareford, L	Jonathan Hill	2013–2014

Lord Privy Seal

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Wakeham, L	John Wakeham	1987–88 ²³ and 1992–94
Salisbury, M (as V Cranborne)	Robert Gascoyne-Cecil	1994–1997
Richard, L	Ivor Richard	1997–1998
Jay of Paddington, B	Margaret Jay	1998–2001
Stowell of Beeston, B	Tina Stowell	2014–present

Lord President of the Council

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Wakeham, L	John Wakeham	1988–1989 ²⁴
Howe of Aberavon, L ²⁵	Richard (Geoffrey) Howe	1989–1990 ²⁶
MacGregor of Pulham Market, L	John MacGregor	1990–1992 ²⁷
Taylor of Bolton, B	Ann Taylor	1997–1998 ²⁸
Reid of Cardowan, L	John Reid	2003–2003 ²⁹
Amos, B	Valerie Amos	2003–2007
Ashton of Upholland, B	Catherine Ashton	2007–2008
Royall of Blaisdon, B	Janet Royall	2008–2009
Mandelson, L	Peter Mandelson	2009–2010

²³ Lord Wakeham first served as Lord Privy Seal as a Member of the House of Commons.

²⁴ Lord Wakeham served as Lord President of the Council as a Member of the House of Commons.

²⁵ Lord Howe of Aberavon retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 19 May 2015.

²⁶ Lord Howe of Aberavon served as Lord President of the Council as a Member of the House of Commons.

²⁷ Lord MacGregor of Pulham Market served as Lord President of the Council as a Member of the House of Commons.

²⁸ Baroness Taylor of Bolton served as Lord President of the Council as a Member of the House of Commons.

²⁹ Lord Reid of Cardowan served as Lord President of the Council as a Member of the House of Commons.

Leader of the House of Commons

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Prior, L	James Prior	1972–1974
Wakeham, L	John Wakeham	1987–1989
Howe of Aberavon, L ³⁰	Richard (Geoffrey) Howe	1989–1990
MacGregor of Pulham Market, L	John MacGregor	1990–1992
Taylor of Bolton, B	Ann Taylor	1997–1998
Reid of Cardowan, L	John Reid	April to June 2003

Leader of the House of Lords

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Wakeham, L	John Wakeham	1992–1994
Salisbury, M (as V Cranborne)	Robert Gascoyne-Cecil	1994–1997
Richard, L	Ivor Richard	1997–1998
Jay of Paddington, B	Margaret Jay	1998–2001
Amos, B	Valerie Amos	2003–2007
Ashton of Upholland, B	Catherine Ashton	2007–2008
Royall of Blaisdon, B	Janet Royall	2008–2010
Strathclyde, L	Thomas Galbraith	2010–2013
Hill of Oareford, L	Jonathan Hill	2013–2014
Stowell of Beeston, B	Tina Stowell	2014–present

Chief Whip (Commons)

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Jopling, L	Thomas Jopling	1979–1983
Wakeham, L	John Wakeham	1983–1987
Renton of Mount Harry, L	Ronald Renton	1989–1990
Ryder of Wensum, L	Richard Ryder	1990–1995
Goodlad, L	Alastair Goodlad	1995–1997
Taylor of Bolton, B	Ann Taylor	1998–2001
Armstrong of Hill Top, B	Hilary Armstrong	2001–2006

Chief Whip (Lords)

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Denham, L	Bertram Bowyer	1979–1991
Ullswater, V	Nicholas Lowther	1993–1994
Strathclyde, L	Thomas Galbraith	1994–1997
Grocott, L	Bruce Grocott	2002–2008
Royall of Blaisdon, B	Janet Royall	January to October 2008
Bassam of Brighton, L	John (Steve) Bassam	2008–2010
Anelay of St Johns, B	Joyce Anelay	2010–2014
Taylor of Holbeach	John Taylor	2014–present

³⁰ Lord Howe of Aberavon retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 19 May 2015.

4.2 Party Leaders

United Kingdom

Title	Party Leader	Years Position Held
Steel of Aikwood, L	Liberal (Democrat)	1976–1988
Kinnock, L	Labour	1983–1992
Owen, L	SDP	1983–1987
Maclennan of Rogart, L	SDP	1987–1988
Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon, L	Liberal Democrat	1988–1999
Howard of Lympne, L	Conservative	2003–2005
Pearson of Rannoch, L	UKIP	2009–2010

Northern Ireland

Title	Party Leader	Years Position Held
Alderdice, L	Alliance	1987–1998
Trimble, L	UUP	1995–2005
Empey, L	UUP	2005–2010

Scotland

Title	Party Leader	Years Position Held
McConnell of Glenscorrodale, L	Labour	2001–2007
Wallace of Tankerness, L	Liberal Democrat	1992–2005
Stephen, L	Liberal Democrat	2005–2008
Goldie, B	Conservative	2005–2011

Wales

Title	Party Leader	Years Position Held
Wigley, L	Plaid Cymru	1981–1984 and 1991–2000
Elis-Thomas, L	Plaid Cymru	1984–1991
Carlile of Berriew, L	Liberal Democrat	1992–1997
Bourne of Aberystwyth, L	Conservative	1999–2011
German, L	Liberal Democrat	2007–2008

4.3 Parliament

Speaker of the House of Commons

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Boothroyd, B	Betty Boothroyd	1992–2000
Martin of Springburn, L	Michael Martin	2000–2009

Lord Speaker

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Hayman, B	Helene Hayman	2006–2011
D'Souza, B	Frances D'Souza	2011–present

Leader of Conservatives in the House of Lords

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Carrington, L	Peter Carrington	1963–1970 and 1974–1979
Wakeham, L	John Wakeham	1992–1994
Salisbury, M (as V Cranborne)	Robert Gascoyne-Cecil	1994–1998
Strathclyde, L	Thomas Galbraith	1998–2013
Hill of Oareford, L	Jonathan Hill	2013–2014
Stowell of Beeston, B	Tina Stowell	2014–present

Leader of Labour in the House of Lords

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Richard, L	Ivor Richard	1992–1998
Jay of Paddington, B	Margaret Jay	1998–2001
Amos, B	Valerie Amos	2003–2007
Ashton of Upholland, B	Catherine Ashton	2007–2008
Royall of Blaisdon, B	Janet Royall	2008–2015 ³¹

Leader of Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Rodgers of Quarry Bank, L	William Rodgers	1998–2001
Williams of Crosby, B	Shirley Williams	2001–2004
McNally, L	Tom McNally	2004–2013
Wallace of Tankerness, L	James Wallace	2013–present

Crossbench Convener in the House of Lords

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Craig of Radley, L	David Craig	1999–2004
Williamson of Horton, L	David Williamson	2004–2007
D'Souza, B	Frances D'Souza	2007–2011
Laming, L	William Laming	2011–present

Chairman of Committees

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Tordoff, L	Geoffrey Tordoff	2001–2002
Brabazon of Tara, L	Ivon Moore-Brabazon	2002–2012
Sewel, L	John Sewel	2012–present

³¹ Baroness Smith of Basildon became Leader of Labour in the House of Lords in May 2015.

Principal Deputy Chairman of Committees

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Tordoff, L	Geoffrey Tordoff	1994–2001
Brabazon of Tara, L	Ivon Moore-Brabazon	2001–2002
Roper, L ³²	John Roper	2008–2012
Boswell of Aynho, L	Timothy Boswell	2012–present

Clerk of the House of Commons

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Lisvane, L	Robert Rogers	2011–2014

4.4 Devolved Legislatures/Bodies**First Minister**

Title	Position	Years Position Held
Trimble, L	Northern Ireland	1998–2001 and 2001–2002
Empey, L (acting)	Northern Ireland	July to November 2001
McConnell of Glenscorrodale, L	Scotland	2001–2007

Speaker/Presiding Officer

Title	Position	Years Position Held
Alderdice, L	Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly	1998–2004
Hay of Ballyore, L	Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly	2011–2014
Steel of Aikwood, L	Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament	1999–2003
Elis-Thomas, L	Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales	1999–2011

Member of Devolved Legislatures/Bodies

Title	Legislature	Term
Doocey, B	London	2004–2012
Hamwee, B	London	2000–2004
Harris of Haringey, L	London	2000–2004
Jones of Moulsecomb, B	London	2000–present
Tope, L	London	2000–2008
Alderdice, L	Northern Ireland	1998–2003
Browne of Belmont, L	Northern Ireland	2007–2011
Empey, L	Northern Ireland	1998–2011
Hay of Ballyore, L	Northern Ireland	1998–2014
Kilclooney, L	Northern Ireland	1998–2011
Morrow, L	Northern Ireland	1998–present
Trimble, L	Northern Ireland	1998–2007
Foulkes of Cumnock, L	Scotland	2007–2011

³² Lord Roper retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 23 May 2015.

Goldie, B	Scotland	1999–present
McConnell of Glenscorrodale, L	Scotland	1999–2011
Purvis of Tweed, L	Scotland	2003–2011
Selkirk of Douglas, L	Scotland	1999–2007
Steel of Aikwood, L	Scotland	1999–2003
Stephen, L	Scotland	1999–2011
Wallace of Tankerness, L	Scotland	1999–2007
Watson of Invergowrie, L	Scotland	1999–2005
Bourne of Aberystwyth, L	Wales	1999–2011
Elis-Thomas, L	Wales	1999–present
German, L	Wales	1999–2010
Humphreys, B	Wales	1999–2001
Randerson, B	Wales	1999–2011
Wigley, L	Wales	1999–2003

4.5 Civil Service

Cabinet Secretary

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Armstrong of Ilminster, L	Robert Armstrong	1979–1987
Butler of Brockwell, L	Frederick Butler	1988–1998
Wilson of Dinton, L	Richard Wilson	1998–2002
Turnbull, L	Andrew Turnbull	2002–2005
O'Donnell, L	Augustine (Gus) O'Donnell	2005–2011

Head of the Home Civil Service

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Armstrong of Ilminster, L	Robert Armstrong	1981–1987
Butler of Brockwell, L	Frederick Butler	1988–1998
Wilson of Dinton, L	Richard Wilson	1998–2002
Turnbull, L	Andrew Turnbull	2002–2005
O'Donnell, L	Augustine (Gus) O'Donnell	2005–2011
Kerslake, L	Robert (Bob) Kerslake	2012–2014

Permanent Secretary to the Treasury

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Burns, L	Terence Burns	1991–1998
Turnbull, L	Andrew Turnbull	1998–2002
O'Donnell, L	Augustine (Gus) O'Donnell	2002–2005

Head of the Diplomatic Service

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Wright of Richmond, L	Patrick Wright	1986–1991
Kerr of Kinlochard, L	John Kerr	1997–2002
Jay of Ewelme, L	Michael Jay	2002–2006

Director-General of the Security Service (MI5)

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Manningham-Buller, B	Eliza Manningham-Buller	2002–2007
Evans of Weardale, L	Jonathan Evans	2007–2013

4.6 Military**Chief of Defence Staff³³**

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Craig of Radley, L	David Craig	1988–1991
Vincent of Coleshill, L	Richard Vincent	1991–1992
Inge, L	Peter Inge	1994–1997
Guthrie of Craigiebank, L	Charles Guthrie	1997–2001
Boyce, L	Michael Boyce	2001–2003
Walker of Aldringham, L	Michael Walker	2003–2006
Stirrup, L	Graham (Jock) Stirrup	2006–2010
Richards of Herstmonceux, L	David Richards	2010–2013

4.7 Finance**Governor of the Bank of England**

Title	Name	Years Position Held
King of Lothbury, L	Mervyn King	2003–2013

4.8 Law**Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police**

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Imbert, L	Peter Imbert	1987–1993
Condon, L	Paul Condon	1993–2000
Stevens of Kirkwhelpington, L	John Stevens	2000–2005
Blair of Boughton, L	Ian Blair	2005–2008

³³ Excludes Lord Bramall who took voluntary retirement from the House on 25 April 2013.

Lord Chief Justice

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Woolf, L	Harry Woolf	2000–2005
Phillips of Worth Matravers, L	Nicholas Phillips	2005–2008
Judge, L	Igor Judge	2008–2013
Thomas of Cwmgiedd, L	Roger Thomas	2013–present

Master of the Rolls

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Woolf, L	Harry Woolf	1996–2000
Phillips of Worth Matravers, L	Nicholas Phillips	2000–2005
Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony, L	Anthony Clarke	2005–2009
Neuberger of Abbotsbury, L	David Neuberger	2009–2013

Attorney General for England and Wales

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Mayhew of Twysden, L ³⁴	Patrick Mayhew	1987–1992
Morris of Aberavon, L	John Morris	1997–1999
Goldsmith, L	Peter Goldsmith	2001–2007
Scotland of Asthal, B	Patricia Scotland	2007–2010

Solicitor-General

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Howe of Aberavon, L ³⁵	Richard (Geoffrey) Howe	1970–1972
Mayhew of Twysden, L ³⁶	Patrick Mayhew	1983–1987
Falconer of Thoroton, L	Charles Falconer	1997–1998

Lord Advocate

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Mackay of Clashfern, L	James Mackay	1979–1984
Cameron of Lochbroom, L	Kenneth Cameron	1984–1989
Mackay of Drumadoon, L	Donald Mackay	1995–1997
Hardie, L	Andrew Hardie	1997–2000
Boyd of Duncansby, L	Colin Boyd	2000–2006

³⁴ Lord Mayhew of Twysden retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 1 June 2015.

³⁵ Lord Howe of Aberavon retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 19 May 2015.

³⁶ Lord Mayhew of Twysden retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 1 June 2015.

4.9 State, Honours and Awards

Private Secretary to the Queen

Title	Name	Year Position Held
Fellowes, L	Robert Fellowes	1990–1999
Janvrin, L	Robin Janvrin	1999–2007

Knights and Ladies Companion (KG and LG)

Title	Name	Year Awarded
Carrington, L	Peter Carrington	1985
Sainsbury of Preston Candover, L	John Sainsbury	1990
Inge, L	Peter Inge	2001
Butler of Brockwell, L	Frederick Butler	2003
Morris of Aberavon, L	John Morris	2003
Luce, L	Richard Luce	2008
Phillips of Worth Matravers, L	Nicholas Phillips	2011
Boyce, L	Michael Boyce	2011
Stirrup, L	Graham (Jock) Stirrup	2013
King of Lothbury, L	Mervyn King	2014
Manningham-Buller, B	Eliza Manningham-Buller	2014

Nobel Peace Prize

Title	Name	Year Awarded
Trimble, L	William (David) Trimble	1998

4.10 Church of England

Former Archbishops of Canterbury and York

Title	Position	Years Position Held
Carey of Clifton, L	Archbishop of Canterbury	1991–2002
Hope of Thornes, L ³⁷	Archbishop of York	1995–2005
Williams of Oystermouth, L	Archbishop of Canterbury	2002–2012

4.11 BBC

Director-General

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Birt, L	John Birt	1992–2000
Hall of Birkenhead, L	Anthony (Tony) Hall	2013–present

³⁷ Lord Hope of Thornes retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 30 April 2015.

Chair of the Board of Governors/BBC Trust

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Ryder of Wensum, L (acting)	Richard Ryder	January to April 2004
Grade of Yarmouth, L	Michael Grade	2004–2006
Patten of Barnes, L	Chris Patten	2011–2014

4.12 International**Member of European Parliament (MEP)**

Title	Name	Years in Office ³⁸
Balfe, L	Richard Balfe	1979–2004
Billingham, B	Angela Billingham	1994–1999
Boothroyd, B	Betty Boothroyd	1975–1977
Callanan, L	Martin Callanan	1999–2014
Cashman, L	Michael Cashman	1999–2014
Crawley, B	Christine Crawley	1984–1999
Dykes, L	Hugh Dykes	1974–1977
Evans of Parkside, L ³⁹	John Evans	1975–1978
Harrison, L	Lyndon Harrison	1989–1999
Hooper, B	Gloria Hooper	1979–1984
Inglewood, L	William Richard Fletcher-Vane	1989–1994 and 1999–2004
Kilclooney, L	John Taylor	1979–1989
Kinnock of Holyhead, B	Glenys Kinnock	1999–2009
Ludford, B	Sarah Ludford	1999–2014
Morgan of Ely, B	Eluned Morgan	1994–2009
Nicholson of Winterbourne, B	Emma Nicholson	1999–2009
Plumb, L	Charles Plumb	1979–1999
Prescott, L	John Prescott	1975–1979
Quin, B	Joyce Quin	1979–1989
Rawlings, B	Patricia Rawlings	1989–1994
Shaw of Northstead, L ⁴⁰	Michael Shaw	1974–1979
Taverne, L	Dick Taverne	1973–1974
Teverson, L	Robin Teverson	1994–1999
Tomlinson, L	John Tomlinson	1989–1999
Truscott, L	Peter Truscott	1994–1999

³⁸ MEPs before 1979 were delegates from the Westminster Parliament.

³⁹ Lord Evans of Parkside retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 20 April 2015.

⁴⁰ Lord Shaw of Northstead retired under the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 on 31 March 2015.

European (EU) Commissioner

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Tugendhat, L	Christopher Tugendhat	1977–1985
Richard, L	Ivor Richard	1980–1985
Clinton-Davis, L	Stanley Clinton-Davis	1985–1988
Kinnock, L	Neil Kinnock	1995–2004
Patten of Barnes, L	Chris Patten	1999–2004
Mandelson, L	Peter Mandelson	2004–2008
Ashton of Upholland, B	Catherine Ashton	2008–2014
Hill of Oareford, L	Jonathan Hill	2014–present

NATO Secretary-General

Title	Name	Years Position Held
Carrington, L	Peter Carrington	1984–1988
Robertson of Port Ellen, L	George Robertson	1999–2003