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# Members of Parliament holding dual mandates

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Dual mandate (commonly known as 'double jobbing') refers to the situation when elected representatives hold seats in another elected body at the same time.

This list looks at MPs who held dual mandates in the House of Commons and other legislatures since the UK joined the European Economic Community in 1973:

- Northern Ireland Assembly - Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA)
- Scottish Parliament - Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP)
- National Assembly for Wales - Assembly Member (AM)
- European Parliament - Member of the European Parliament (MEP)

### How many Members currently hold dual mandates?

There are currently no MPs holding dual mandates between the House of Commons and the above bodies.

### Is this a new development?

This is not a recent development in Wales and Scotland, where all 18 MPs elected to the devolved legislatures in 1999 resigned from either Westminster or the devolved legislature within two years. Since then, only Alex Salmond held a dual mandate for an extended period of time.

It is more historically unusual in Northern Ireland, where 16 out of 18 Northern Ireland MPs also sat in the Assembly as recently as 2010.

Ian Paisley and John Hume are the only MPs to have held a triple mandate for any period of time. Both sat in the House of Commons, Northern Ireland Assembly and European Parliament simultaneously.

### Are dual mandates still permitted?

Dual mandates are no longer permitted between the House of Commons and the European, Northern Ireland and Welsh legislatures.

Dual mandates are still permitted between the House of Commons and the Scottish Parliament, though there are no MPs in this category at present. The two MSPs elected as MPs in the 2017 general election resigned from the Scottish Parliament immediately upon election.

### How and why were dual mandates banned?

#### National Assembly for Wales

The *Wales Act 2014* bans the holding of dual mandates between the National Assembly for Wales and House of Commons. The Act provides that an existing MP elected as an AM

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has 8 days grace to resign from the House of Commons, while an existing AM elected as an MP must resign immediately from the Assembly. Those elected as an AM and MP in close proximity have 8 days to choose a seat.

One exception is that an existing AM elected as an MP within 372 days of an expected Assembly election is under no obligation to resign from Parliament. This provision is intended to minimise the disruption and cost of by-elections.

The Secretary of State for Wales justified the changes as a response to the increased workload of AMs following the 2011 devolution of further powers.<sup>1</sup>

While there was cross party consensus that dual mandates were undesirable, the First Minister of Wales argued prior to legislation that outlawing the practice was unnecessary and judgement on those seeking a dual mandate was best left to the electorate.<sup>2</sup>

### **Northern Ireland Assembly**

Dual mandates between the House of Commons and the Northern Ireland Assembly are prohibited by the *Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014*. The Act provides that an existing MP elected as an MLA has 8 days to resign from the House of Commons, while an existing MLA elected as an MP must resign immediately from the Assembly. Those elected as an MLA and MP in close proximity have 8 days to choose a seat.

The banning of dual mandates in Northern Ireland followed increasing criticism of the practice in the aftermath of the 2009 MPs' expenses scandal. The Committee on Standards in Public Life highlighted the prevalence of dual mandates in Northern Ireland as of special concern when it recommended ending the ability to sit in the House of Commons and devolved legislatures.<sup>3</sup>

The Conservative Party included a promise to ban dual mandates in Northern Ireland in their manifesto for the 2010 general election. All the major political parties in Northern Ireland independently committed to ending the practice, and no MPs held dual mandates by the time of the 2016 Assembly elections.

*Note: Although the Northern Ireland Assembly was suspended from 14<sup>th</sup> October 2002 to 26 March 2007 and direct rule imposed, an election was held in 2003. MLAs acted in a non-legislative capacity, assisting in preparations for the return of devolved government.<sup>4</sup>*

### **European Parliament**

A European Council Decision<sup>5</sup> in 2002 banned dual mandates between national legislatures and the European Parliament with effect from July 2004. This Decision followed a continued decline in the number of MEPs with dual mandates in all member states, from 105 at the time of the first election in 1979 (25.6% of the European Parliament) to 8 in 1999 (1.2% of total).<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee, [Oral Evidence: Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Wales Bill](#), HC 962, 30 January 2014, Q 420

<sup>2</sup> House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee, [Written Evidence: Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Draft Wales Bill](#); House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee, [Oral Evidence: Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Draft Wales Bill](#), HC 962, 30 January 2014, Q349-353

<sup>3</sup> Committee on Standards in Public Life – [MPs' expenses and allowances](#), 1 November 2009, p.95

<sup>4</sup> Northern Ireland Assembly website: [History of the Assembly](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Act concerning the election of Members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, as amended in 2002](#)

<sup>6</sup> Anthony Teasdale, *Penguin Companion to European Union* (2012), additional [website entry](#)

**MPs with dual mandates****Dual mandates with the Northern Ireland Assembly**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Assembly Constituency</b>	<b>Westminster Constituency</b>	<b>Time period</b>	<b>Reason for end of dual mandate</b>
Gregory Campbell	DUP	East Londonderry	East Londonderry	8 June 2001 – 7 May 2016	Resigned as MLA before 2016 assembly elections
Tom Elliott	UUP	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	8 May 2015 – 24 June 2015	Resigned as MLA after 2015 GE
Mickey Brady	Sinn Fein	Newry and Armagh	Newry and Armagh	8 May 2015 – 8 June 2015	Resigned as MLA after 2015 GE
Daniel Kinahan	UUP	South Antrim	South Antrim	8 May 2015 – 24 June 2015	Resigned as MLA after 2015 GE
Sammy Wilson	DUP	East Antrim	East Antrim	5 May 2005 – 11 August 2015	Resigned as MLA after 2015 GE
Alasdair McDonnell	SDLP	Belfast South	Belfast South	5 May 2005 – 21 June 2015	Resigned as MLA after 2015 GE
Francie Molloy	Sinn Fein	Mid Ulster	Mid Ulster	7 March 2013 – 8 April 2013	Resigned as MLA after 2013 UK by-election
Martin McGuinness	Sinn Fein	Mid Ulster	Mid Ulster	25 June 1998 – 2 January 2013	Resigned as MP
Michelle Gildernew	Sinn Fein	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	7 June 2001 – 7 July 2012	Resigned as MLA
Pat Doherty	Sinn Fein	West Tyrone	West Tyrone	8 June 2001 – 7 July 2012	Resigned as MLA
Conor Murphy	Sinn Fein	Newry and Armagh	Newry and Armagh	5 May 2005 – 7 July 2012	Resigned as MLA
Gerry Adams	Sinn Fein	Belfast West	Belfast West	25 June 1998 – 7 December 2010	Resigned as MLA in 2010
Mark Durkan	SDLP	Foyle	Foyle	5 May 2005 – 9 November 2010	Resigned as MLA in 2010
Nigel Dodds	DUP	Belfast North	Belfast North	7 June 2001 – 10	Resigned as MLA in 2010

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Rev William McCrea	DUP	Mid-Ulster; South Antrim	South Antrim	5 May 2005 – 1 July 2010	Resigned as MLA in 2010
Jeffrey Donaldson	DUP	Lagan Valley	Lagan Valley	26 November 2003 – 9 June 2010	Resigned as MLA in 2010
Ian Paisley	DUP	North Antrim	North Antrim	25 June 1998 – 12 April 2010	Did not stand in 2010 GE
Peter Robinson	DUP	Belfast East	Belfast East	25 June 1998 – 12 April 2010	Lost seat as MP in 2010 GE
Iris Robinson	DUP	Strangford	Strangford	7 June 2001 – 12 January 2010	Resigned as MLA and MP in 2010
David Trimble	UUP	Upper Bann	Upper Bann	25 June 1998 – 5 May 2005	Lost seat as MP in 2005 GE
Eddie McGrady	SDLP	South Down	South Down	25 June 1998 – 26 November 2003	Did not stand in 2003 Assembly election
Seamus Mallon	SDLP	Newry and Armagh	Newry and Armagh	25 June 1998 – 26 November 2003	Did not stand in 2003 Assembly election
John Taylor	UUP	Strangford	Strangford	25 June 1998 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 election
Robert McCartney	UK Unionist Party	North Down	North Down	25 June 1998 – 14 May 2001	Lost seat as MP in 2001 GE
John Hume	SDLP	Foyle	Foyle	25 June 1998 – 1 December 2000	Resigned as MLA in 2000
Gerry Adams	Sinn Fein	West Belfast	West Belfast	9 June 1983 – 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Clifford Forsythe	UUP	South Antrim	South Antrim	9 June 1983 – 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
John Hume	SDLP	Londonderry	Foyle	9 June 1983 – 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986

James Kilfedder	UUP	North Down	North Down	20 October 1982 - 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Ken Maginnis	UUP	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	9 June 1983 – 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Seamus Mallon	SDLP	Armagh	Newry and Armagh	24 January 1986 – 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Rev William McCrea	DUP	Mid-Ulster	Mid-Ulster	9 June 1983 – 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Harold McCusker	UUP	Armagh	Armagh; Upper Bann	20 October 1982 - 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
James Molyneaux	UUP	South Antrim	South Antrim; Lagan Valley	20 October 1982 - 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Ian Paisley	DUP	North Antrim	North Antrim	20 October 1982 - 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Peter Robinson	DUP	Belfast East	Belfast East	20 October 1982 - 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Martin Smyth	UUP	South Belfast	Belfast South	20 October 1982 - 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
John Taylor	UUP	North Down	Strangford	9 June 1983 – 19 June 1986	Assembly abolished in 1986
Jim Nicholson	UUP	Armagh	Newry and Armagh	9 June 1983 – 17 December 1985	Lost seat as MP in 1985 by-election
Owen Carron	SF	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	20 October 1982 – 13 May 1983	Lost seat as MP in 1983 GE

Note: Gerry Adams, Peter Robinson, John Hume, Ian Paisley all held dual mandates on two separate occasions.

**Dual mandates with the Scottish Parliament**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Scottish Parliament Constituency</b>	<b>Westminster Constituency</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Reason for end of dual mandate</b>
Alex Salmond	SNP	Aberdeenshire East	Gordon	8 May 2015 – 24 March 2016	Did not stand in 2016 Scottish election
Margaret Curran	Lab	Glasgow Baillieston	Glasgow East	6 May 2010 – 22 March 2011	Did not stand in 2011 Scottish election
Cathy Jamieson	Lab	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	6 May 2010 – 22 March 2011	Did not stand in 2011 Scottish election
Alex Salmond	SNP	Gordon + Aberdeenshire East	Banff and Buchan	3 May 2007 – 12 April 2010	Did not stand in 2010 UK election
Malcolm Chisholm	Lab	Edinburgh North and Leith	Edinburgh North and Leith	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
Roseanna Cunningham	SNP	Perth	Perth	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
Margaret Ewing	SNP	Moray	Moray	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
Sam Galbraith	Lab	Strathkelvin and Bearsden	Strathkelvin and Bearsden	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Retired (2001)
Donald Gorrie	LD	Central Scotland	Edinburgh West	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
John Home Robertson	Lab	East Lothian	East Lothian	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
John McAllion	Lab	Dundee East	Dundee East	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election

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Henry McLeish	Lab	Central Fife	Central Fife	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	Galloway and Upper Nithsdale	Galloway and Upper Nithsdale	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
Alex Salmond	SNP	Banff and Buchan	Banff and Buchan	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Resigned as MSP (2001)
John Swinney	SNP	North Tayside	North Tayside	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
Jim Wallace	LD	Orkney	Orkney and Shetland	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
Andrew Welsh	SNP	Angus	Angus	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 UK election
Donald Dewar	Lab	Glasgow Anniesland	Glasgow Anniesland	6 May 1999 – 11 October 2000	Deceased

Note: Alex Salmond held a dual mandate on three separate occasions

**Dual mandates with the National Assembly for Wales**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>National Assembly Constituency</b>	<b>Westminster Constituency</b>	<b>Time period</b>	<b>Reason for end of dual mandate</b>
Alun Cairns	Con	<a href="#">South Wales West</a>	<a href="#">Vale of Glamorgan</a>	6 May 2010 – 6 May 2011	Did not stand in 2011 Assembly election
David T.C. Davies	Con	<a href="#">Monmouth</a>	<a href="#">Monmouth</a>	5 May 2005 – 3 May 2007	Did not stand in 2007 Assembly election
Peter Law	Multiple <sup>7</sup>	Blaneau Gwent	Blaneau Gwent	5 May 2005 – 25 April 2006	Deceased
Ronald Davies	<a href="#">Lab</a>	<a href="#">Caerphilly</a>	<a href="#">Caerphilly</a>	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 General Election
Ieuan Wyn Davies	PC	Ynys Mon	Ynys Mon	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 General Election
John Marek	Lab	<a href="#">Wrexham</a>	<a href="#">Wrexham</a>	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 General Election
Dafydd Wigley	PC	Caernarfon	Caernarfon	6 May 1999 – 14 May 2001	Did not stand in 2001 General Election
Alun Michael	Lab	<a href="#">Mid and West Wales</a>	<a href="#">Cardiff South &amp; Penarth</a>	6 May 1999 – 1 May 2000	Resigned as AM (2000)
Cynog Dafis	PC	<a href="#">Mid and West Wales</a>	<a href="#">Ceredigion</a>	6 May 1999 – 10 January 2000	Resigned as MP (2000)

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<sup>7</sup> Lab/co-op + Blaneau Gwent People's Voice + Independent



**Dual mandates with the European Parliament**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>European Parliament Constituency</b>	<b>Westminster Constituency</b>	<b>Time period</b>	<b>Reason for end of dual mandate</b>
John Hume	SDLP	Northern Ireland	Foyle	10 June 1983 – 10 June 2004	Dual mandates prohibited by European Parliament
Ian Paisley	DUP	Northern Ireland	North Antrim	7 June 1979 – 10 June 2004	Dual mandates prohibited by European Parliament
Anne McIntosh	Con	Essex North and Suffolk South	Thirsk and Malton	1 May 1997 – 19 July 1999	Did not stand in 1999 European Election
Llewellyn Smith	Lab	South Wales East	Blaneau Gwent	10 April 1992 – 9 June 1994	Did not stand in 1994 European Election
George Stevenson	Lab	Staffordshire East	Stoke-on-Trent South	10 April 1992 – 9 June 1994	Did not stand in 1994 European Election
Bob Cryer	Lab	Sheffield	Bradford South	11 June 1987 – 15 June 1989	Did not stand in 1989 European Election
David Curry	Con	Essex North East	Skipton and Ripon	11 June 1987 – 15 June 1989	Did not stand in 1989 European Election
Win Griffiths	Lab	South Wales	Bridgend	11 June 1987 – 15 June 1989	Did not stand in 1989 European Election
John Taylor	UUP	Northern Ireland	Strangford	9 June 1983 – 15 June 1989	Did not stand in 1989 European Election

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Richard Caborn	Lab	Sheffield	Sheffield Central	9 June 1983 – 14 June 1984	Did not stand in 1984 European Election
Eric Forth	Con	Birmingham North	Mid Worcestershire	9 June 1983 – 14 June 1984	Did not stand in 1984 European Election
Robert Jackson	Con	Upper Thames	Wantage	9 June 1983 – 14 June 1984	Did not stand in 1984 European Election
Elaine Kellett-Bowman	Con	Cumbria	Lancaster	7 June 1979 – 14 June 1984	Did not stand in 1984 European Election
James Spicer	Con	Wessex	West Dorset	7 June 1979 – 14 June 1984	Did not stand in 1984 European Election
Ann Clywd	Lab	Mid and West Wales	Cynon Valley	3 May 1984 – 14 June 1984	Did not stand in 1984 European Election
John Taylor	Con	Midlands East	Solihull	9 June 1983 – 14 June 1984	Did not stand in 1984 European Election

### 1973-1979: The appointment system

When Britain joined the European Community in 1972, Members of the European Parliament were appointed by national parliaments. Those listed below were the delegates appointed by the House of Commons.

The intention of the European Parliament was for the appointment system to be eventually replaced by direct election, as outlined in Article 138(3) of the Treaty of Rome (1957). A framework for direct elections was eventually agreed to in 1976, with the first direct European Parliament election in 1979 marking the end of the appointment system.

Name	Party	Constituency	Period	Additional notes
Ronald Brown	Lab	Hackney South and Shoreditch	1 March 1977 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Tom Dalyell	Lab	West Lothian	1 July 1975 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system

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Sir Geoffrey de Freitas	Lab	Kettering	1 July 1975 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Gwyneth Dunwoody	Lab	Crewe	1 July 1975 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Robert Edwards	Lab	<a href="#">Wolverhampton South East</a>	1 March 1977 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Tom Ellis	Lab	Wrexham	1 July 1975 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Winifred Woodburn	SNP	Moray and Nairn	7 July 1975 – 3 May 1979	End of the appointment system
Alan Fitch	Lab	Wigan	13 March 1978 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Charles Fletcher-Cooke	Con	Darwen	1 March 1977 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Willie Hamilton	Lab	Central Fife	1 July 1975 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Ralph Howell	Con	North Norfolk	24 July 1974 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Mark Hughes	Lab	City of Durham	1 July 1975 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Russell Johnston	Liberal	Inverness	1 January 1973 – 7 July 1975; 1 October 1976 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Bob Mitchell	Lab	Southampton Itchen	1 July 1975 – 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system

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Tom Normanton	Con	Cheadle	1 January 1973 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
John Osborn	Con	Sheffield Hallam	28 February 1975 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
John Prescott	Lab	Hull East	1 July 1975 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Brandon Rhys-Williams	Con	Kensington; Kensington South	1 January 1973 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Geoffrey Rippon	Con	Hexham	6 May 1977 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
James Scott-Hopkins	Con	West Derbyshire	1 January 1973 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
Michael Shaw	Con	Scarborough and Whitby; Scarborough	24 July 1974 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
James Spicer	Con	West Dorset	28 February 1975 - 10 June 1979	Elected as MEP 1979
Sir Derek Walker-Smith	Con	East Hertfordshire	1 January 1973 - 10 June 1979	End of the appointment system
John Evans	Lab	Newton; St Helens North	1 July 1975 - 13 March 1978	Discharged as delegate
Christopher Price	Lab	Lewisham West	1 March 1977 - 13 March 1978	Discharged as delegate
Betty Boothroyd	Lab	West Bromwich West	1 July 1975 - 1 March 1977	Discharged as delegate
Alex Fletcher	Con	Edinburgh North	18 December 1975 - 1 March 1977	Discharged as delegate

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Peter Kirk	Con	Saffron Walden	1 January 1973 - 17 April 1977	Deceased
William Molloy	Lab	Ealing North	24 May 1976 - 1 March 1977	Discharged as delegate
Frank Tomney	Lab	Hammersmith North	19 November 1976 - 1 March 1977	Discharged as delegate
Michael Stewart	Lab	Fulham	1 July 1975 - 19 November 1976	Discharged as delegate
John Brewis	Unionist/Con	Galloway	1 January 1973 - 28 February 1975	Discharged as delegate
Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker	Con	Cheltenham	1 January 1973 - 28 February 1975	Discharged as delegate
Stanley Hill	Con	Southampton Test	1 January 1973 - 28 February 1975	Discharged as delegate
John Hill	Con	South Norfolk	1 January 1973 - 24 July 1974	Discharged as delegate
Sir John Peel	Con	Leicester South East	1 January 1973 - 24 July 1974	Discharged as delegate
Rafton Pounder	Con	Belfast South	1 January 1973 - 24 July 1974	Discharged as delegate
Dick Taverne	Ind (Democratic Labour)	Lincoln	3 April 1973 - 10 October 1974	Lost seat as MP in October 1974 Election