



Chairs of the Public Accounts Select Committee

Year	Chair	Party	Administration
1861-1863	Sir Francis Thornhill Baring	Liberal	Liberal
1864-1866	Rt Hon Edward Pleydell Bouverie	Liberal	Liberal
1866	Mr George Sclater-Booth	Conservative	Liberal to 26 June 1866; Conservative from 28 June 1866
1867-1868	Mr Hugh C E Childers	Liberal	Conservative
1869	Mr William Pollard Urquhart	Liberal	Liberal
1870-1871	Rt Hon George Ward Hunt	Conservative	Liberal
1872-1873	Mr George Sclater-Booth	Conservative	Liberal
1874-1876	Rt Hon John George Dodson	Liberal	Conservative
1877-1880	Lord Frederick Cavendish	Liberal	Conservative to 21 April 1880; Liberal from 23 April 1880
1880-1883	Sir Henry Holland	Conservative	Liberal
1884-1885	Mr Thomas Salt	Conservative	Liberal to 9 June 1885; Conservative from 23 June 1885
1886	Sir John Eldon Gorst	Conservative	Conservative to 28 January 1886; Liberal 1 February to 20 July 1886; Conservative from 25 July 1886
1887-1888	Sir John Lubbock	Liberal Unionist	Unionist
1889-1892	Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth	Liberal	Unionist to 11 August 1892; Liberal from 15 August 1892
1893	Mr Edmond Wodehouse	Liberal Unionist	Liberal
1894-1895	Sir Richard Temple	Conservative	Liberal
1896-1900	Mr Arthur O'Connor	Irish Nationalist	Unionist
1901-1905	Rt Hon Sir Arthur Hayter	Liberal	Unionist
1906-1908	Rt Hon Victor Christian William	Liberal Unionist	Liberal
1908-1915	Col. Robert Williams	Unionist	Liberal to 25 May 1915; Coalition from 25 May 1915
1916-1918	Col. Sir Robert Williams	Unionist	Coalition
1919-1920	Rt Hon Sir Francis Dyke Acland	Liberal	Coalition
1921-1922	Mr Aneurin Williams	Liberal	Coalition to 19 October 1922; Conservative
1923	Mr Frederick William Jowett	Labour	Conservative
1924	Lt Col Rt Hon Walter Edward Guinness	Conservative	Conservative to 22 January 1924; Labour 22 January to 4 November 1924; Conservative from 4 November 1924
1925-1929	Rt Hon William Graham	Labour	Conservative
1929-1931	Mr Arthur Michael Samuel	Conservative	Labour
1931-1938	Mr Morgan Jones	Labour	National [Labour PM] to 7 June 1935; National [Conservative PM] after 7 June 1935
1938-1941	Rt Hon Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence	Labour	National to 10 May 1940; Coalition after 10 May 1940
1941-1943	Lt Col Rt Hon Walter Elliot	Conservative	Coalition
1943-1945	Lt Col Sir Assheton Pownall OBE TD	Conservative	Coalition
1945-1948	Rt Hon Osbert Peake	Conservative	Labour
1948-1950	Ralph Assheton	Conservative	Labour
1950-1951	(1) Sir Ronald Cross [Resigned as MP in February 1951 on appointment as Governor of Tasmania] (2) Rt Hon Charles Waterhouse	Conservative	Labour
1951-1952	Mr [Lewis] John Edwards	Labour	Conservative
1952-1959	George Benson	Labour	Conservative - Knighted in 1958
1959-1963	Rt Hon Harold Wilson	Labour	Conservative
1963-1964	Rt Hon [A.L.N.] Douglas Houghton	Labour	Conservative
1964-1970	Rt Hon John Boyd-Carpenter	Conservative	Labour
1970-1973	Rt Hon Harold Lever	Labour	Conservative
1972-1973	Rt Hon Edmund Dell	Labour	Conservative - Acting due to Lever's illness
1974-1979	Rt Hon Edward Du Cann	Conservative	Labour
1979-1983	Rt Hon Joel Barnett	Labour	Conservative

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1983-1997	Rt Hon Robert Sheldon	Labour	Conservative
1997-2001	Rt Hon David Davis	Conservative	Labour
2001-2005	Mr Edward Leigh	Conservative	Labour
2005-2010	Mr Edward Leigh	Conservative	Labour
2010-2015	Mrs Margaret Hodge	Labour	Liberal Democrat/Conservative Coalition
2015-present	Meg Hillier	Labour (Co-op)	Conservative

Please note:

On 4 March 2010, the House agreed with a recommendation from the Select Committee on the Reform of the House of Commons that references to “chairman” etc in Standing Orders should be replaced by references to “chair” etc.[1]

[\[1\] HC Deb 4 March 2010 cc1086-1088](#)

