



## Members Suspended from the House of Commons

### Parliamentary Information List

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Date	Member	Reference	Reason for Suspension	Period
18.07.1949	Ellis Smith (Lab)	467 c1089-91	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	-
27.11.1951	Sydney Silverman (Lab)	494 c1305-1311	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	-
27.03.1952	Bessie Braddock (Lab)	498 c720-32	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	-
23.05.1968	Dame Irene Ward (Con)	765 c893-5	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	-
13.03.1972	Charles Loughlin (Lab)	883 c168-177	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	-
12.02.1981	Rev. Ian Paisley (DUP)	998 c969-70	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
08.04.1981	Ron Brown (Lab)	12 c950-1	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
15.07.1981	Ron Brown (Lab)	8 c1159	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	20 sitting days
16.11.1981	John McQuade (DUP)	13 c24-5	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	-
16.11.1981	Peter Robinson (DUP)	13 c24-5	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
16.11.1981	Rev. Ian Paisley (DUP)	13 c24-5	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	-
26.05.1982	Andrew Faulds (Lab)	14 c928-931	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days

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02.05.1984	Tam Dalyell (Lab)	59 c345-9	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
17.07.1984	Dennis Skinner (Lab)	64 c181-5	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
31.07.1984	Martin Flannery (Lab)	65 c218-21	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
11.11.1985	Brian Sedgemore (Lab)	86 c313-6	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
20.01.1986	Dafydd Wigley (PC)	90 c153-5	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
12.11.1987	Tam Dalyell (Lab)	122 c565-70	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
24.11.1987	Dafydd Wigley (PC)	123 c232	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
11.01.1988	John Hughes (Lab)	125 c1-3	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
25.01.1988	Ken Livingstone (Lab)	126 c31-3	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
18.02.1988	Harry Cohen (Lab)	127 c1245-9	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
15.03.1988	Alex Salmond (SNP)	129 c1008-11	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
13.04.1988	Davel Nellist (Lab)	131 c181-7	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days

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20.04.1988	Ron Brown (Lab)	131 c934-960	Damaging the mace	20 sitting days
25.07.1988	Tam Dalyell (Lab)	138 c17-20	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	20 sitting days
14.03.1989	Jim Sillars (SNP)	<a href="#">149 c289-90, 92</a>	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
24.07.1989	Tam Dalyell (Lab)	<a href="#">157 c730-2</a>	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
07.03.1990	John Browne (Con)	<a href="#">168 c889-976</a>	Non-disclosure of pecuniary interests (Members Interests Committee recommendation)	20 sitting days
23.07.1990	Dick Douglas (Ind Lab)	<a href="#">177 c21-3</a>	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
29.11.1993	Rev. Ian Paisley (DUP)	<a href="#">233 c790-794</a>	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 sitting days
20.04.1995	David Tredinnick (Con)	<a href="#">258 c350-82</a>	Privilege Committee report (HC 351 1994-95) - Payments for tabling PQs	20 sitting days
20.04.1995	Graham Riddick (Con)	<a href="#">258 c350-82</a>	Privilege Committee report (HC 351 1994-95)	10 sitting days
29.07.1997	Robert Wareing (Lab)	<a href="#">299 c1051-2</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 182 1997-98)</a> <a href="#">Non-disclosure of directorship</a>	1 week
12.07.1999	Ernie Ross (Lab)	<a href="#">335 c26-60</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 607 1998-99)</a> <a href="#">Disclosure of draft select committee report</a>	10 sitting days
21.10.1999	Don Touhig (Lab)	<a href="#">336 c600-5</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 747 1998-99)</a> <a href="#">Receiving leaked select committee report</a>	3 sitting days

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21.10.1999	Kali Mountford (Lab)	<a href="#">336 c600-5</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 747 1998-99)</a> <a href="#">Disclosure of select committee report</a>	5 sitting days
01.03.2000	Teresa Gorman (Con)	<a href="#">345 c428-59</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 260 1999-00)</a> <a href="#">Non-disclosure of property interests</a>	1 month
31.10.2001	Geoffrey Robinson (Lab)	<a href="#">373 c884-906</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 297 2000-01)</a> <a href="#">Non-disclosure of contract</a>	-
			<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 297 2001-02)</a> <a href="#">Supplemental</a>	3 weeks
13.02.2002	Keith Vaz (Lab)	<a href="#">380 c213-23</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 605 2001-02)</a> <a href="#">Breaches of the code of conduct &amp; contempt of the House</a>	1 month
27.02.2003	Michael Trend (Con)	<a href="#">400 c424-9</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 435 2002-03)</a> <a href="#">Misuse of additional costs allowance</a>	2 weeks
17.07.2003	Clive Betts (Lab)	<a href="#">409 c473</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 947 2002-03)</a> <a href="#">Misuse of parliamentary pass</a>	7 sitting days
07.02.2005	Jonathan Sayeed (Con)	<a href="#">430 c1463-72</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 233 &amp; HC 473 2004-05)</a> <a href="#">Misuse of access to the House</a>	2 weeks
23.07.2007	George Galloway (Respect)	<a href="#">463 c610-638</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 909) Conduct of Mr George Galloway</a>	18 days
31.01.2008	Derek Conway (Con)	<a href="#">471 c481-491</a>	<a href="#">Standards &amp; Privileges Committee report (HC 280) Conduct of Mr Derek Conway</a>	10 days
15.01.2009	John McDonnell (Lab)	<a href="#">486 c367</a>	S/Os relating to disorderly conduct	5 days

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**Notes:**

1. Salary: Since the passing of Standing Order 45A in 1998, the withholding of a Member's salary has been an automatic consequence of suspension. Prior to that, those Members listed here who were suspended for order offences did not lose their salary while those suspended for other reasons (7 March 1990, 20 April 1995, 30 October 1997) did so. In the case of 20 April 1988, the Member was suspended and "...held responsible for the damage that was sustained by the mace."

2. Please note that this PIL does not contain information regarding Members of Parliament who were ordered to leave the Chamber.

3. Two research assistants were suspended following unauthorised disclosure of a select committee paper. See HC Deb 8 June 2009 c529-

**Sources:**

Twentieth century British Political Facts, Commons Journal, Select Committee reports and Hansard as appropriate