

# Dissension in the House of Commons 1979 to 1992 Codebook

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## **Introduction**

The datasets to which this handbook is a companion record the occasions on which MPs from the two main British political parties (Conservatives and Labour) cast dissenting votes against the instructions of their ‘whips’ (the party managers) in the three parliaments between 1979 and 1992 inclusive. It also contains additional data about the socioeconomic and political backgrounds of each MP.

The data comes in three separate sets, each of which covers a parliament:

- i) 1979 to 1983
- ii) 1983 to 1987
- iii) 1987 to 1992.

Each dataset stands alone, but it is possible to merge the three datasets (although users should note that care is required when doing this: the identification numbers used in each set are different and the variable names for the divisions may clash).

Each case is an MP in the parliament from either of the two main parties. There are 620 in the 1979 dataset; 615 in the 1983 dataset; and 623 in the 1987 dataset.

There are 266 variables in the 1979 dataset, 290 in the 1983 dataset, and 317 in the 1987 dataset. The vast majority of these variables contain the record of dissenting votes; 17 variables provide socioeconomic data about each MP as well as identification (in the form of an id number, name and constituency). This codebook lists all the variables in the three datasets as well as providing information about the way each variable was coded.

## **Coverage**

The datasets cover the 4,156 divisions between 1979 and 1992, and recording every dissenting vote cast by MPs from the two main political parties (Labour and Conservative). Our definition of intra-party dissent encompasses those occasions when one or more Labour or Conservative Members votes against their own party whip or the apparently clear wishes (sometimes implicit) of their own front bench. This is the definition employed in Norton's earlier research. As in that work, we have excluded from our analysis votes on matters of private legislation, private members' bills (except when the parties have issued instructions on how to vote), matters internal to the House of Commons, and other free votes.

One drawback of divisions in the House of Commons is that, unlike in some other legislative chambers, abstentions cannot be formally recorded. An absence from a vote may be formally sanctioned by the party managers (the whips), it may be accidental, or it may be deliberate. There is no information on the record that allows us to establish, at least not systematically, the cause of absences. We cannot therefore necessarily read anything into non-voting. For the purpose of systematic analysis over time, we have to rely on the votes cast.

The principal data source was House of Commons division lists, recorded in Hansard. Each division list was read and checked manually. A researcher went methodically through each division list and identified any MP who cast a dissenting vote. Potential errors - such as printing errors - were, where possible, checked with the MPs concerned. Small Labour votes in the early-1980s proved especially problematic. A near-breakdown of normal party management on the Labour side meant that it was often difficult to discern whether a small number of Labour MPs forcing a vote were acting with official sanction or going against the wishes of the leadership. We were able to resolve most cases and, where in doubt, erred on the side of caution, not including a vote unless it was clear that the MPs were voting against their party. Consequently, the figures generated by the research are robust: their reliability is extremely high and superior to any other source of data. The data on the socioeconomic and political background of the MPs were drawn from the standard data sources (such as Who's Who, the Times Guide to the House of Commons and Dods).

## Variable list

Each dataset contains 17 variables which provide socioeconomic, political and identification data about each MP.

ID:	Identification number.
NAME:	Name of MP.
PARTY:	Party to which they belong.
CONST:	Constituency name.
GEN:	Gender.
DOB:	Date of birth.
DOE:	Date of first entry to the Commons.
FIRST:	First occupation.
PRIN:	Principal occupation
PREV:	Previous occupation.
SCH:	Schooling.
HGH:	Higher education.
SECOND:	Second place.
TURNNO:	Turnout.
VOTE:	Votes.
MAJ:	Majority.
TOTVOT:	Total votes

In addition, each division (vote) seeing at least one dissenting vote by an MP from either Labour or the Conservatives has its own variable. Each such variable is titled as follows:

DIV<sub>xy</sub>

where x is a letter indicating in which session (parliamentary year) the division took place (from A, which is the first session, to E, which is the fifth) and where y is a number indicating the division number.

For example, variable DIVC13 records the voting that occurred on division 13 in the third session of that parliament; DIVA244 shows the voting that occurred on division 244 of the first session. It is important to note that the division variables are specific to each parliament. DIVC12 in the 1987 parliament is not the same as DIVC12 in the 1983 parliament.

These division variables constitute the vast majority of each of the three datasets.

## **Variables and values**

This section of the codebook explains what each variable signifies and provides details of how each was coded.

**ID** Identification number.

Each MP has a unique identification number. Note that these numbers are specific to each parliament: thus MP number 56 in the 1979 parliament is not necessarily the same as MP 56 in the 1983 parliament.

**NAME:** Name of MP.

A string (alphanumeric) variable, giving the name of the MP (surname first and shorn of titles) up to 8 characters in length.

**CONST:** Constituency name.

A string (alphanumeric) variable, giving the name of the MP's constituency up to 8 characters in length.

**PARTY:** Party

The MP's party, coded as 1 (Conservative), 2 (Labour).

**GEN:** Gender.

The MP's gender, coded as 1 (Male); 2 (Female).

**DOB:** Date of birth.

The year the MP was born.

**DOE:** Date of first entry to the Commons.

The year the MP first entered the House of Commons.

**FIRST:** First occupation.

**PRIN:** Principal occupation

**PREV:** Occupation immediately previous to becoming an MP.

These three variables are coded in the same way. Because coding MPs' occupations is notoriously problematic, this dataset utilises three discrete variables which record the MP's: i) first occupation; ii) principal job (defined as the occupation which he or she has pursued for the longest period of time); and iii) job immediately prior to entering the House of Commons. The researcher can choose which of these variables to utilise, or whether to create collapsed or recoded variables.

If an MP had multiple occupations, preference was given to the one which he or she has pursued the longest. In the absence of any dates, the preference was given to the job with the 'highest' social category. Solicitors and barristers, unless the MP stopped practising, are preferred over other occupations. Preference has also been given to directorships unless landownership/farmland outweighs the directorships held.

Occupations fall under four generic headings: i) professions; ii) business; iii) miscellaneous; iv) manual workers. They are coded as follows:

*Professions:*

Person administering a registered charity=1

Person administering a public sector body, such as the National Health Service, local government=2

Person administering a private sector organisation, such as the CBI, IOD, Trade Union, Fabian Society and so on (but not someone who manages the business or acts as a trade union official)=3

Barrister (or Scottish Advocate)=4

Other legal jobs, including legal advisers=5

Chartered Surveyor or Engineer with professional qualifications, including architects and valuation auctioneers)=6

Civil Servant (including old colonial service, clerks of the House of Commons, and special advisers if previous career points to civil service background)=7

Armed Services (including merchant navy, but not including national service [ended 1960] or war service, 1939-1948)=8

Civilian Airline Pilot (or River Pilot)=9

Diplomatic Service=10

Lecturer (including those teaching at colleges of further education, tutors and research fellows)=11

School Teacher=12

Arts and Entertainment (including actors, theatre producers and television presenters whose previous career has not included experience of journalism)=13

Doctor/Dentist=14

Accountant/Chartered Accountant=15

Scientific worker (including computer analysts and other technology jobs)=16

Minister of Religion (not including MPs who are Methodist lay preachers or those with strong religious affiliations)=17

Anyone working in social services including youth worker, probation officer=18

*Business:*

Small business (eg. bakers, butchers, fruiterers)=19

Directors: all persons who achieve this status, regardless of their root occupation. For example, the director of a group of financial companies would not be coded as a Banker, but as a Director. The same applies to a director of a publishing company. Category also includes directors of the co-operative society and directors of football clubs=20

Banker/financier (including investment analysts, economists and stockbrokers)=21

Executive/Management (including personnel managers, sales managers and managers of nationalised industries, and managing directors who are not members of the board of directors)=22

Commerce/insurance (such as insurance brokers)=23

Business consultant (including public relations)=24

Sales/Clerical (including sales representatives)=25

*Miscellaneous:*

White collar (salaried staff, not factory, especially researchers, personnel officers, office managers, estate agents)=26

Full-time political worker (including party agents, political researchers, national organisers, special advisers)=27

Full-time Trade Union official (and co-operative party organisers)=28

Farmer/landowner (including arboriculturalists, but not agricultural workers)=29

Housewife (if their words)=30

Journalist/author/writer=31

Police officer=32

Other (including footballers)=33.

*Manual Worker:*

Railwayman (including railway clerks and firemen)=34

Miner (any on site worker at a colliery except supervisors and pit managers)=35

Skilled Worker (all workers who have served an apprenticeship, but do not have professional qualifications, such as draughtsmen, printers, fitters, electricians, joiners, plumbers, basic engineers, nurses, firemen)=36

Semi/unskilled worker (labourers, bar men, bus drivers, heavy goods vehicle drivers, agricultural workers, store men)=37

Unemployed=38

No occupation prior to becoming an MP=39

**SCH:**                      Schooling.

If an MP went to more than one school, then he or she has been coded as going to the highest from the institutions attended. The variable is coded as follows:

Eton=1

Other Clarendon public schools (Harrow, Winchester, Charterhouse, Shrewsbury, Rugby, Westminster, St. Paul's, Merchant Taylors)=2

Other public school: (defined as all other fee-paying independent schools and/or all those represented at the headmaster's Conference or on the Governing Bodies Association of Public Schools, the Governing Bodies of the Girls' Schools Association and the Royal Naval College)=3

Overseas Schools (all overseas schools, regardless of their status)=4

Elementary Schools (defined as board or council schools of a non-selective type which existed before the Education Act)=5

State Secondary (defined as all schools which are free at the point of delivery including all comprehensives, direct grant schools, voluntary aided schools, voluntary controlled schools, secondary moderns and all non fee-paying grammar schools not members of the Headmaster's Conference)=6

Other (such as convent schools, or those who matriculated by private study)=7

**HGH:** Higher education

If an MP went to more than higher education institute, then he or she has been coded as going to the 'highest' from the institutions attended. The variable is coded as follows:

Service college (an officer training college attached to one of the three defence services; for first degrees, this means Sandhurst, Cranwell and Dartmouth; for second degrees, this means Camberley, Greenwich, Bracknell)=8

Oxbridge (Oxford and Cambridge Universities)=9

Non-Oxbridge universities (full-time attendance at all other universities, including foreign universities)=10

Part-time tertiary: (Labour colleges; Ruskin College, Oxford; extra mural studies at university)=11

Other tertiary: (full-time education at any degree awarding polytechnic, all teacher training colleges, law colleges and agricultural colleges. Also the Royal Academy of Music, RADA, and the Royal Academy of Speech and Drama)=12

Further Education (colleges of Commerce and Technical College)=14

No higher education=15

**SECOND:** Second place.

The party which was in second place in the MP's constituency at the last election, coded Conservative (1); Labour (2); Lib/SDP (3); Plaid Cymru (4); SNP (5); Scottish Labour Party (6); Independent Labour (7); Scottish Militant Labour (8).

**TURNO:** Turnout.

Percentage turnout in the MP's constituency at the last election.

**VOTE:** Votes.

Number of votes cast for the MP in his or her constituency at the last election.

**MAJ:** Majority.

Size (in votes) of the MP's majority at the last election.

**TOTVOT:** Total votes

Total number of votes cast in the MP's constituency at the last election.

**Note: if any of the above votes have missing data it is coded as 99.**

## **DIVxy**

The division variables are coded as 1 for MPs who rebelled by voting no; 2 for MPs who rebelled by voting aye. If the MP(s) concerned did not vote against his or her party in that vote, they are coded as missing (99). Note that this is not necessarily the same as saying that the MP voted with his or her party: the MP may have been absent or have failed to vote for some other reason. The dataset records those acts of rebellion which occur in the division lobbies; it does not record acts of abstention or absence.

## **Divisions**

Below is a list of all the divisions between 1979 and 1992 which saw dissenting votes and which are included in the three datasets. Each entry shows the variable name (DIVxy, as explained above), as well as the date on which the vote took place, the topic covered, and the type of division. This last category is a number from 1 to 82, indicating what sort of vote was taking place at the time. The key to this number is given after the list of divisions.

### 1979 TO 1983

Div.	Issue	Code	Date
DIVA3	Kiribati Bill	1	24 May 1979
DIVA4	Kiribati Bill	11	11 June 1979
DIVA5	Kiribati Bill	11	11 June 1979
DIVA6	Kiribati Bill	11	11 June 1979

DIVA7	Budget Resolutions and Economic Situation	49	12 June 1979
DIVA12	European Community (Water)	60	18 June 1979
DIVA14	European Community (Aircraft Noise)	60	19 June 1979
DIVA28	Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)	50	26 June 1979
DIVA29	Select Committee on Welsh Affairs	77	26 June 1979
DIVA34	Northern Ireland Act 1974	56	2 July 1979
DIVA35	Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978	56	2 July 1979
DIVA37	Finance Bill	12	3 July 1979
DIVA43	Finance Bill	12	4 July 1979
DIVA54	Ministerial and Other Salaries and Pensions	51	11 July 1979
DIVA60	European Assembly (Salaries and Pensions)	10	16 July 1979
DIVA63	Defence and Civil Estimates 1979-80 (Outstanding Votes)	44	17 July 1979
DIVA82	Adjournment (Summer)	69	26 July 1979
DIVA124	Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	56	11 December 1979
DIVA128	Water Charges	51	17 December 1979
DIVA130	Tachographs	51	19 December 1979
DIVA145	Nuclear Weapons	67	24 January 1980
DIVA149	National Heritage Bill	20	30 January 1980
DIVA164	Industry Bill	25	7 February 1980
DIVA169	British Aerospace Bill	26	11 February 1980
DIVA170	British Aerospace Bill	32	11 February 1980
DIVA173	Education (No 2) Bill	24	12 February 1980
DIVA175	Education (No 2) Bill	21	12 February 1980
DIVA176	Education (No 2) Bill	21	12 February 1980
DIVA180	Education (No 2) Bill	23	13 February 1980
DIVA189	Broadcasting [Money]	7	18 February 1980
DIVA190	Benefit Payments (Sub-Post Offices)	72	19 February 1980
DIVA215	Prevention of Terrorism	51	4 March 1980
DIVA232	Social Security Bill	26	18 March 1980
DIVA257	Employment Bill	23	17 April 1980
DIVA259	Employment Bill	28	22 April 1980
DIVA261	Employment Bill	28	22 April 1980
DIVA265	Employment Bill	23	23 April 1980
DIVA268	Northern Ireland Fair Employment Agency	77	29 April 1980
DIVA270	Defence Estimates 1980	44	29 April 1980
DIVA271	Census Order	51	29 April 1980
DIVA278	Business of the House	79	1 May 1980
DIVA280	London	51	2 May 1980
DIVA285	Port of London	10	6 May 1980
DIVA290	Iran (Temporary Powers) Bill	1	12 May 1980
DIVA313	Housing Bill	24	19 May 1980
DIVA322	Social Security (No 2) Bill	21	21 May 1980
DIVA335	Finance (No 2) Bill	10	4 June 1980
DIVA336	Iran (Sanctions)	51	4 June 1980
DIVA337	Export of Goods	63	4 June 1980
DIVA338	Export of Goods	51	4 June 1980
DIVA341	Loitering with Intent	72	5 June 1980
DIVA353	Tenants Rights (Scotland) Bill	29	10 June 1980
DIVA363	Construction Industry	64	12 June 1980
DIVA383	Prices and Incomes Policy	74	1 July 1980
DIVA384	Prices and Incomes Policy	75	1 July 1980
DIVA392	Local Government Planning and Land Bill	21	8 July 1980
DIVA393	Local Government Planning and Land Bill	23	8 July 1980
DIVA405	Finance (No 2) Bill	28	16 July 1980
DIVA409	Summer Time	51	16 July 1980
DIVA425	Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	56	22 July 1980
DIVA439	International Monetary Fund	51	30 July 1980
DIVA440	European Communities	58	31 July 1980
DIVA441	Civil and Defence Estimates	44	31 July 1980
DIVA442	Civil and Defence Estimates	44	31 July 1980
DIVA445	Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No 2) Bill	13	4 August 1980
DIVA471	Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill	6	28 October 1980
DIVA472	Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill	1	28 October 1980

DIVA473 Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill	77	28 October 1980
DIVA474 Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill	77	28 October 1980
DIVA476 Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill	10	28 October 1980
DIVA477 Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill	10	28 October 1980
DIVA478 Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill	13	28 October 1980
DIVA479 Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions) Bill	32	28 October 1980
DIVA492 Northern Ireland (Remanded Persons)	56	10 November 1980
DIVB3 Imprisonment (Temporary Provisions)	51	27 November 1980
DIVB4 European Community (Draft Budget)	59	28 November 1980
DIVB9 Legal Aid (Care Proceedings)	59	3 December 1980
DIVB16 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	56	10 December 1980
DIVB33 Prisons	51	15 December 1980
DIVB35 Adjournment (Christmas)	67	17 December 1980
DIVB53 Times Newspapers	67	27 January 1981
DIVB54 Lorries and the Environment	67	27 January 1981
DIVB55 Prisons	51	27 January 1981
DIVB66 Toxic Waste Disposal	59	9 February 1981
DIVB77 House of Commons Members Fund and Parliamentary Pensions	13	19 February 1981
DIVB81 Social Security Bill	1	24 February 1981
DIVB82 European Communities (Medical, Dental and Nursing Professions)	51	24 February 1981
DIVB86 Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industries	72	26 February 1981
DIVB87 Employment and the Economy (Southern England)	71	26 February 1981
DIVB88 Contempt of Court Bill	1	2 March 1981
DIVB90 Town and Country Planning	51	3 March 1981
DIVB103 Budget Resolutions and Economic Situation	49	16 March 1981
DIVB110 Prevention of Terrorism	51	18 March 1981
DIVB113 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill	29	23 March 1981
DIVB124 Ports (Financial Assistance) Bill	2	25 March 1981
DIVB125 Parliamentary Commissioner (Consular Complaints) Bill	32	30 March 1981
DIVB127 Forestry Bill	23	31 March 1981
DIVB128 Forestry Bill	23	31 March 1981
DIVB133 British Telecommunications Bill	27	1 April 1981
DIVB153 Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Bill	77	13 April 1981
DIVB165 Finance Bill	11	30 April 1981
DIVB182 Finance Bill	12	12 May 1981
DIVB186 Social Security Bill	21	14 May 1981
DIVB187 Social Security Bill	32	14 May 1981
DIVB192 Defence Estimates	44	20 May 1981
DIVB195 British Nationality Bill	26	2 June 1981
DIVB197 British Nationality Bill	28	2 June 1981
DIVB203 British Nationality Bill	21	4 June 1981
DIVB206 Members Salaries	80	5 June 1981
DIVB221 Contempt of Court Bill	26	16 June 1981
DIVB223 Contempt of Court Bill	23	16 June 1981
DIVB230 Representation of the People Bill	11	25 June 1981
DIVB239 Belize Bill	10	30 June 1981
DIVB242 London Docklands Development Corporation	51	1 July 1981
DIVB244 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	56	2 July 1981
DIVB245 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	56	2 July 1981
DIVB255 Defence Programme	64	7 July 1981
DIVB260 Antigua (Termination of Association)	51	8 July 1981
DIVB272 Finance Bill	21	15 July 1981
DIVB278 Finance Bill	21	15 July 1981
DIVB280 European Community Budget	59	20 July 1981
DIVB287 Contempt of Court Bill	38	22 July 1981
DIVB288 Adjournment (Royal Wedding and Summer)	69	23 July 1981
DIVB291 Transport Bill	39	28 July 1981
DIVB300 Wildlife and Countryside Bill	22	30 July 1981
DIVB310 British Broadcasting Corporation (External Services)	64	26 October 1981
DIVC13 Adjournment Debates (Applicatons)	67	1 December 1981
DIVC16 Employment Protection Statutory Instruments etc	51	7 December 1981

DIVC21	Lorries, People and the Environment	72	9 December 1981
DIVC22	Lorries, People and the Environment	73	9 December 1981
DIVC29	Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	56	15 December 1981
DIVC30	Television Licence Fee	72	16 December 1981
DIVC37	Local Government Finance (No 2)	1	18 January 1982
DIVC56	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)	28	3 February 1982
DIVC70	Canada Bill	1	17 February 1982
DIVC76	European Community Documents	77	23 February 1982
DIVC77	European Community Documents	77	23 February 1982
DIVC78	Canada Bill	10	23 February 1982
DIVC83	Canada Bill	10	3 March 1982
DIVC85	Canada Bill	32	8 March 1982
DIVC88	Budget Resolutions and Economic Situation	49	15 March 1982
DIVC91	Prevention of Terrorism	51	15 March 1982
DIVC95	Social Security and Housing Benefits	26	18 March 1982
DIVC96	Social Security and Housing Benefits	26	18 March 1982
DIVC97	Social Security and Housing Benefits	9	18 March 1982
DIVC98	Social Security and Housing Benefits	9	18 March 1982
DIVC126	Finance Bill	12	22 April 1982
DIVC129	Finance Bill	12	22 April 1982
DIVC131	Finance Bill	9	26 April 1982
DIVC138	Finance Bill	12	5 May 1982
DIVC140	Northern Ireland Bill	4	10 May 1982
DIVC141	Northern Ireland Bill	1	10 May 1982
DIVC149	Criminal Justice Bill	28	12 May 1982
DIVC165	Falkland Islands	71	20 May 1982
DIVC175	Northern Ireland Bill	77	27 May 1982
DIVC176	Northern Ireland Bill	19	8 June 1982
DIVC177	Northern Ireland Bill	12	8 June 1982
DIVC179	Northern Ireland Bill	19	8 June 1982
DIVC180	Northern Ireland Bill	17	8 June 1982
DIVC181	Northern Ireland Bill	12	8 June 1982
DIVC182	Northern Ireland Bill	19	8 June 1982
DIVC183	Northern Ireland Bill	12	8 June 1982
DIVC184	Northern Ireland Bill	77	8 June 1982
DIVC185	Northern Ireland Bill	19	9 June 1982
DIVC186	Northern Ireland Bill	12	9 June 1982
DIVC187	Northern Ireland Bill	12	9 June 1982
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DIVC191	Northern Ireland Bill	19	9 June 1982
DIVC192	Northern Ireland Bill	11	9 June 1982
DIVC193	Northern Ireland Bill	12	9 June 1982
DIVC194	Northern Ireland Bill	13	9 June 1982
DIVC195	Northern Ireland Bill	19	9 June 1982
DIVC196	Northern Ireland Bill	77	9 June 1982
DIVC197	Northern Ireland Bill	19	9 June 1982
DIVC198	Northern Ireland Bill	12	9 June 1982
DIVC199	Northern Ireland Bill	12	9 June 1982
DIVC206	Northern Ireland Bill	19	15 June 1982
DIVC207	Northern Ireland Bill	13	15 June 1982
DIVC209	Northern Ireland Bill	19	15 June 1982
DIVC210	Northern Ireland Bill	12	15 June 1982
DIVC211	Northern Ireland Bill	12	15 June 1982
DIVC212	Northern Ireland Bill	19	15 June 1982
DIVC213	Northern Ireland Bill	12	15 June 1982
DIVC214	Northern Ireland Bill	8	15 June 1982
DIVC215	Northern Ireland Bill	12	15 June 1982
DIVC216	Northern Ireland Bill	19	15 June 1982
DIVC217	Northern Ireland Bill	80	15 June 1982
DIVC218	Northern Ireland Bill	19	15 June 1982
DIVC219	Northern Ireland Bill	13	15 June 1982
DIVC220	Northern Ireland Bill	19	16 June 1982

DIVC221 Northern Ireland Bill	12	16 June 1982
DIVC222 Northern Ireland Bill	12	16 June 1982
DIVC223 Northern Ireland Bill	12	16 June 1982
DIVC225 Northern Ireland Bill	19	16 June 1982
DIVC226 Northern Ireland Bill	12	16 June 1982
DIVC227 European Union	59	17 June 1982
DIVC231 Northern Ireland Bill (Allocation of Times)	77	22 June 1982
DIVC232 Northern Ireland Bill	12	23 June 1982
DIVC233 Northern Ireland Bill	11	23 June 1982
DIVC234 Northern Ireland Bill	12	23 June 1982
DIVC235 Northern Ireland Bill	13	23 June 1982
DIVC236 Northern Ireland Bill	11	23 June 1982
DIVC237 Northern Ireland Bill	13	23 June 1982
DIVC238 Northern Ireland Bill	12	23 June 1982
DIVC240 Northern Ireland Bill	13	23 June 1982
DIVC241 Northern Ireland Bill	13	23 June 1982
DIVC242 Northern Ireland Bill	13	23 June 1982
DIVC250 Northern Ireland Bill	29	29 June 1982
DIVC251 Northern Ireland Bill	28	29 June 1982
DIVC252 Northern Ireland Bill	20	29 June 1982
DIVC253 Northern Ireland Bill	32	29 June 1982
DIVC254 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	56	30 June 1982
DIVC255 Unemployment	74	5 July 1982
DIVC256 Administration of Justice [Money]	1	5 July 1982
DIVC269 Finance Bill	23	13 July 1982
DIVC272 Finance Bill	21	13 July 1982
DIVC288 Seat Belts	51	22 July 1982
DIVC291 Legal Aid Bill	26	26 July 1982
DIVC293 Northern Ireland Assembly	56	26 July 1982
DIVC315 Driving Licences	51	20 October 1982
DIVC73 Lloyds Bill	77	22 February 1982
DIVC117 Business of the House	77	3 April 1982
DIVC174 Northern Ireland Bill	77	27 May 1982
DIVC178 Northern Ireland Bill Business of the House	77	8 June 1982
DIVC190 Northern Ireland Bill	77	9 June 1982
DIVC208 Northern Ireland Bill Business of the House	77	15 June 1982
DIVC224 Northern Ireland Bill Business of the House	77	16 June 1982
DIVC279 The Royal Navy	77	19 July 1982
DIVD6 Immigration	57	11 November 1982
DIVD19 Heavy Lorries	52	25 November 1982
DIVD28 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	56	9 December 1982
DIVD34 Immigration	57	15 December 1982
DIVD37 Adjournment (Christmas)	67	20 December 1982
DIVD42 Water Bill	26	18 January 1983
DIVD44 Water Bill	22	18 January 1983
DIVD49 Rate Support Grant	51	20 January 1983
DIVD67 Immigration	57	15 February 1983
DIVD74 Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales)	51	21 February 1983
DIVD83 Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland)	51	3 March 1983
DIVD110 House of Commons Disqualification Order	51	12 April 1983
DIVD116 The Brandt Commission Report	67	18 April 1983
DIVD122 Social Security and Housing Benefits	9	20 April 1983
DIVD135 Finance Bill	18	27 April 1983
DIVD139 Police and Criminal Evidence Bill	22	3 May 1983
DIVD140 Police and Criminal Evidence Bill	22	3 May 1983
DIVD141 Police and Criminal Evidence Bill	77	3 May 1983
DIVD143 Police and Criminal Evidence Bill	26	4 May 1983
DIVD146 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance)	51	12 May 1983

DIVC5	Debate on the Address	64	13 November 1985
DIVC7	Okehampton Bypass (Confirmation of Orders) Bill	32	19 November 1985
DIVC10	Agriculture Bill	5	25 November 1985
DIVC12	Anglo-Irish Agreement	64	27 November 1985
DIVC14	Dockyard Services Bill	1	2 December 1985
DIVC19	Channel (Fixed Link)	67	9 December 1985
DIVC23	European Communities (Spanish and Portuguese Accession) Bill	13	10 December 1985
DIVC41	Rate Support Grant (England)	51	20 January 1986
DIVC46	Gartcosh Steel Mill	72	23 January 1986
DIVC52	Social Security Bill	5	28 January 1986
DIVC55	Exchange and Interest Rates	74	29 January 1986
DIVC58	European Community Budget	44	3 February 1986
DIVC65	Channel Tunnel	64	10 February 1986
DIVC67	Wages Bill	5	11 February 1986
DIVC78	Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill	1	17 February 1986
DIVC93	European Court of Auditors	58	5 March 1986
DIVC100	City of London	73	12 March 1986
DIVC103	Gas Bill	29	17 March 1986
DIVC107	Gas Bill	23	17 March 1986
DIVC113	Budget Resolutions and Economic Situation	49	24 March 1986
DIVC118	Dockyard Services Bill	79	8 April 1986
DIVC124	Dockyard Services Bill	32	8 April 1986
DIVC127	Airports Bill	28	9 April 1986
DIVC128	Airports Bill	22	9 April 1986
DIVC129	Airports Bill	23	9 April 1986
DIVC140	Shops Bill	2	14 April 1986
DIVC141	Shops Bill	1	14 April 1986
DIVC142	Social Security Bill	77	15 April 1986
DIVC144	Libya	67	16 April 1986
DIVC145	Agriculture	25	17 April 1986
DIVC149	Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill	21	21 April 1986
DIVC150	Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill	32	21 April 1986
DIVC153	Transport	73	22 April 1986
DIVC154	European Communities (Amendment) Bill	1	23 April 1986
DIVC162	Employment Subsidies	51	29 April 1986
DIVC166	Public Order Bill	32	30 April 1986
DIVC176	Nuclear Industry	64	13 May 1986
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DIVB275 Water Bill	38	3 July 1989
DIVB276 Water Bill	39	4 July 1989
DIVB277 Water Bill	39	4 July 1989
DIVB279 Road Traffic Bill	32	4 July 1989
DIVB282 Representation of the People Bill	9	5 July 1989
DIVB283 Representation of the People Bill	13	5 July 1989
DIVB284 Representation of the People Bill	13	5 July 1989
DIVB285 Representation of the People Bill	32	5 July 1989
DIVB287 Civil Aviation Services	44	10 July 1989
DIVB288 Civil Aviation Services	44	10 July 1989
DIVB289 Civil Aviation Services	44	10 July 1989
DIVB290 Solicitors (Northern Ireland)	56	10 July 1989

DIVB291 Trade Marks	58	10 July 1989
DIVB294 Finance Bill	27	11 July 1989
DIVB298 China and Hong Kong	71	13 July 1989
DIVB299 Football Spectators Bill	77	17 July 1989
DIVB310 Social Security Bill	38	19 July 1989
DIVB311 Social Security Bil	38	19 July 1989
DIVB331 Defence Estimates	44	19 October 1989
DIVB335 Children Bill	25	24 October 1989
DIVB340 Companies Bill	26	25 October 1989
DIVB350 Companies Bill	79	25 October 1989
DIVB353 Merchant Shipping	51	25 October 1989
DIVB360 Football Spectators Bill	50	27 October 1989
DIVB361 Football Spectators Bill	22	30 October 1989
DIVB362 Football Spectators Bill	32	30 October 1989
DIVB365 National Health Service	51	1 November 1989
DIVB374 Local Government and Housing Bill	79	7 November 1989
DIVB382 Local Government and Housing Bill	77	8 November 1989
DIVB286 Information Technology	77	6 July 1989

## **Type of division**

Each division listed above has a code number, indicating the sort of vote taking place. These are not included in the datasets, but may be of use to researchers who wish to look at the level of rebellion to occur during different stages of the parliamentary process.

### *Legislation*

- 1: Second Reading (including whipped votes on private members' bills)
- 2: Official Opposition frontbench reasoned amendments on Second Reading
- 3: Backbench (Labour) reasoned amendments on Second Reading
- 4: Backbench (Conservative) reasoned amendments on Second Reading
- 5: Third party reasoned amendments on Second reading
- 6: Closure motions prior to Second Reading
- 7: Money resolutions

### *Committee of the whole house*

- 8: Government amendments
- 9: Official Opposition front bench amendments
- 10: Backbench (Labour) amendments
- 11: Backbench (Conservative) amendments
- 12: Third party amendments
- 13: Clause stand part motions
- 14: Government new clauses
- 15: Official Opposition frontbench new clauses
- 16: Backbench (Labour) new clauses
- 17: Backbench (Conservative) new clauses
- 18: Third party new clauses
- 19: Closure motions

### *Report stage (based on mover of the motions, regardless of whether it is subsequently withdrawn)*

- 20: Government amendments
- 21: Official Opposition front bench amendments
- 22: Backbench (Labour) amendments
- 23: Backbench (Conservative) amendments
- 24: Third party amendments

- 25: Government new clauses on second reading
- 26: Official Opposition frontbench new clauses on second reading
- 27: Backbench (Labour) new clauses on second reading
- 28: Backbench (Conservative) new clauses on second reading
- 29: Third party new clauses on second reading
- 30: That the clause be added to the bill
- 31: Closure motions
- 32: Third reading
- 33: Official Opposition frontbench reasoned amendments on Third Reading
- 34: Backbench (Labour) reasoned amendment
- 35: Backbench (Conservative) reasoned amendment
- 36: Third party reasoned amendment
- 37: Closure motion prior to Third Reading

*Lords amendments:*

- 38: Government Lords amendments
- 39: Official Opposition frontbench Lords amendments
- 40: Backbench (Labour) Lords amendments
- 41: Backbench (Conservative) Lords amendments
- 42: Third party Lords amendments
- 43: Closure motions on Lords amendments

*Supply motions:*

- 44: Estimates (including votes on estimates days, supplementary estimates and european budget motions)
- 45: Official Opposition frontbench amendments on the Estimates
- 46: Backbench (Labour) amendments on the Estimates
- 47: Backbench (Conservative) amendments on the Estimates
- 48: Third party amendments on the Estimates
- 49: Budget resolutions and economic situation and other ways and means
- 50: Closure motions

*delegated legislation:*

- 51: Motions to approve statutory instruments and orders in council (including amendments & renewal motions)

- 52: Official Opposition frontbench motions to annul statutory instruments only
- 53: Backbench (Labour) motions to annul statutory instruments only
- 54: Backbench (Conservative) motions to annul statutory instruments only
- 55: Third party motions to annul statutory instruments only
- 56: Northern Ireland orders in council (motions to approve and annul)
- 57: Other delegated legislation (including Church of England measures and immigration rules and amendments thereof)
- 58: European legislation Government take note motions
- 59: Official Opposition frontbench amendments to take note motions
- 60: Backbench (Labour) amendments to take note motions
- 61: Backbench (Conservative) amendments to take note motions
- 62: Third party amendments to take note motions
- 63: Closure motions

*Government motions:*

- 64: Substantive government motions (eg. "that this house supports...," and debate on the address)
- 65: Official opposition front bench amendments to substantive government motions
- 66: Third party amendment to substantive government motions
- 67: Government adjournment motions (including "that this house do now adjourn," recess adjournment motions, and votes of confidence)
- 68: Official Opposition frontbench amendments to government adjournment motions
- 69: Backbench (Labour) amendments to government adjournment motions
- 70: Backbench (Conservative) amendments to government adjournment motions
- 71: Closure motions

*Opposition motions:*

- 72: Official Opposition frontbench substantive motions
- 73: Government amendment to official frontbench substantive motions
- 74: Third party substantive motions
- 75: Government amendments to Third party substantive motions
- 76: Closure motions

*Procedural motions:*

77: Government procedural motions (including allocation of time, business of the house, motions to adjourn proceedings, referral motions, order that the bill be taken, appointments to select committees, censure motions and amendments)

78: Official Opposition frontbench procedural motions

79: Backbench (Labour) procedural motions (eg. *That strangers do withdraw*)

80: Backbench (Conservative) procedural motions (eg. *That strangers do withdraw*)

81: Third party procedural motions

82: Closure motions.