

## Imprisonment of sitting Members of Parliament since 1945

Member	Constituency	Party	Date House notified*	Hansard reference	Length of imprisonment	Reason For imprisonment
David Weitzmann	Stoke Newington	Labour	30/10/1947	<a href="#">443 c1053</a>	12 months (quashed)	Unlawful supply of toilet preparations (lipstick)
Peter Baker	South Norfolk	Conservative	01/12/1954	<a href="#">535 c145</a>	7 years (expelled from House)	Uttering forged documents (six offences)
Bernadette Devlin	Mid-Ulster	Opposition Unity	02/07/1970	<a href="#">803 c43</a>	6 months	Incitement to riot
Frank McManus	Fermanagh And South Tyrone	Opposition Unity	22/01/1971	<a href="#">809 c1453</a>	6 months	Unlawful procession in contravention of the Public Order Act (Northern Ireland) 1951
Bernadette Devlin	Mid-Ulster	Opposition Unity	20/04/1972	<a href="#">835 c717</a>	6 months	Unlawful procession in contravention of the Public Order Act (Northern Ireland) 1951
Frank McManus	Fermanagh And South Tyrone	Opposition Unity	20/04/1972	<a href="#">835 c718</a>	6 months	Unlawful procession in contravention of the Public Order Act (Northern Ireland) 1951
Harold McCusker	Upper Bann	Ulster Unionist	28/01/1987	<a href="#">109 c317</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of using a motor vehicle not exhibiting a licence
Kenneth Maginnis	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	Ulster Unionist	25/06/1987	<a href="#">118 c36-7</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of using a motor vehicle not exhibiting a licence
Peter Robinson	Belfast East	Democratic Unionist	21/10/1987	<a href="#">120 c703</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of using a motor vehicle not exhibiting a licence
Cecil Walker	Belfast North	Ulster Unionist	11/01/1988	<a href="#">125 c3</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
Peter Robinson**	Belfast East	Democratic Unionist	25/01/1988	<a href="#">126 c1-2</a>	a) 7 days (Belfast) b) 7 days (Enniskillen)	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
Ian Paisley**	North Antrim	Democratic Unionist	01/02/1988	<a href="#">126 c 681-2</a>	a) 7 days (Belfast) b) 7 days (Ballymena)	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
William McCrea	Mid Ulster	Democratic Unionist	01/02/1988	<a href="#">126 c 681</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)

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Roy Beggs	Antrim East	Ulster Unionist	15/02/1988	<a href="#">127 c685</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
Peter Robinson	Belfast East	Democratic Unionist	22/02/1988	<a href="#">128 c1</a>	30 days (actually 7)	Failure to pay fine following conviction of using a motor vehicle not exhibiting a licence
Clifford Forsythe	South Antrim	Ulster Unionist	25/02/1988	<a href="#">128 c423</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
Harold McCusker	Upper Bann	Ulster Unionist	25/02/1988	<a href="#">128 c423</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
Martin Smyth	Belfast South	Ulster Unionist	25/02/1988	<a href="#">128 c423</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
William Ross	Londonderry East	Ulster Unionist	25/02/1988	<a href="#">128 c423</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
Peter Robinson	Belfast East	Democratic Unionist	25/02/1988	<a href="#">128 c424</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of using a motor vehicle not exhibiting a licence
Peter Robinson	Belfast East	Democratic Unionist	19/10/1988	<a href="#">138 c871</a>	7 days	Failure to pay fine following conviction of taking part in a public procession contrary to Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (article 3)
Terry Fields	Liverpool, Broadgreen	Labour	15/07/1991	<a href="#">195 c1</a>	60 Days	Non-payment of the community charge for the period ending 31/03/1991
Fiona Onasanya	Peterborough	Independent	11/02/2019	<a href="#">654 c593</a>	3 months	Perverting the course of public justice

**Notes:**

\* Date that the House was notified is not the same as the date of the conviction nor the date of imprisonment. For full details of the latter two dates please see the Hansard reference where the original letters from the Courts are reproduced

\*\*Member was imprisoned on two separate occasions but the House was informed of both on the same day