UK House of Commons Leadership Data 1979-2016

Codebook

- **PubWhipID**: unique MP id linked with the person ID on the Public Whip data platform.
- **Surname**: last name of MP
- **Name**: first name of MP
- **Full.Name**: full name of MP
- **Party.Affiliation**:
    - 0 = partyswitcher
    - 1 = Labour
    - 2 = Conservative
    - 3 = Liberal Democrat
    - 4 = Scottish National Party
    - 5 = Ulster Unionist Party
    - 6 = Plaid Cymru
    - 7 = Democratic Unionist Party
    - 8 = Social-Democratic & Labour
    - 9 = Sinn Fein
    - 10 = Independent (*including* party MPs if they are suspended from the party for a period longer than 1 month. In which case, MPs are also marked as 'party switchers')
    - 11 = Ukip
    - 12 = Liberal
    - 13 = Social Democratic Party (SDP)
    - 14 = Referendum Party
    - 15 = Ulster Populist Unionist Party
    - 16 = UK Unionist Party
    - 17 = Green
    - 18 = Speaker of the House of Commons
- **Partyswitcher**: indicates the parties associated with an MP for switchers
- **time**: year_month (eg. **1979_5**)
  Values within each time period correspond to a parliamentary position:
    - 1 = Backbencher (allowing for memberships of select committees)
    - 2 = Committee Chair
    - 3 = Parliamentary Private Secretary
    - 4 = Whips (excluding the Chief Whip when in Cabinet)
    - 5 = Parliamentary Under Secretary/minor Opposition ministers/Solicitor General
    - 6 = Minister of State/Attorney General (and Opposition equivalents)/Paymaster General//Chief or Financial Secretaries to the Treasury
    - 7 = Cabinet Minister/Shadow Cabinet Minister
    - 8 = Speaker of the House of Commons