Codebook: Parliamentary Positions and Politicians' Private Sector Earnings: Evidence from the UK House of Commons

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main.rda

This is the main data file.

- `id`: MP ID.
- `year`: Year.
- `idyear`: Format: id_year.
- `name`: MP Name.
- `const`: MP Constituency.
- `party`: MP Party.
- `office.years`: Years in Office.
- `enter`: Did MP enter Parliament that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `leave`: Did MP leave Parliament that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `earnings.all.infl`: Sum of private sector earnings, in constant 2015 pounds.
- `earnings.work.infl`: Sum of private sector earnings from regular employment, in constant 2015 pounds.

- `earnings.press.infl`: Sum of private sector earnings from press contributions, in constant 2015 pounds.
- `earnings.speech.infl`: Sum of private sector earnings from speeches, in constant 2015 pounds.
- `earnings.all.infl.log.1`: log(`earnings.all.infl`+1).
- `earnings.work.infl.log.1`: log(`earnings.work.infl`+1).
- `earnings.press.infl.log.1`: log(`earnings.press.infl`+1).
- `earnings.speech.infl.log.1`: log(`earnings.speech.infl`+1).
- `minister`: Was MP cabinet minister that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `minister.state`: Was MP minister of state that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `undersec`: Was MP parliamentary secretary that year? 1=yes, 0=no..
- `shadow.cabinet`: Was MP in shadow cabinet that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `frontbench.team`: Was MP on frontbench team that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `com.chair`: Was MP committee chair that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `com.member`: Was MP committee member that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `minister.post`: Was MP cabinet minister in past? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `minister.state.post`: Was MP minister of state in past? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `undersec.post`: Was MP parliamentary secretary in past? 1=yes, 0=no..
- `shadow.cabinet.post`: Was MP in shadow cabinet in past? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `frontbench.team.post`: Was MP on frontbench team in past? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `com.chair.post`: Was MP committee chair in past? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `com.member.post`: Was MP committee member in past? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `job_director`–`job_other`: Did MP hold job with specified job title that year? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `jobcat_board`–`jobcat_prof`: Did MP hold job with specified job title that year? 1=yes, 0=no. Consolidated job categories.
- `ind_thinktank`–`ind_agriculture`: Did MP hold job in specified industry that year? 1=yes, 0=no.

- `indcat_health`–`indcat_other`: Did MP hold job in specified industry category that year? 1=yes, 0=no. Consolidated industry categories, see Online Appendix E.2.
- `minister.notyears`: Years before (negative) and after (positive) holding a minister position.
- `minister.years`: Years holding minister position.
- `minister.yearstoend`: Years before leaving minister position.
- `minister.state.notyears`: Years before (negative) and after (positive) holding a minister of state position.
- `minister.state.years`: Years holding minister of state position.
- `minister.state.yearstoend`: Years before leaving minister of state position.
- `undersec.notyears`: Years before (negative) and after (positive) holding a parliamentary secretary position.
- `undersec.years`: Years holding parliamentary secretary position.
- `undersec.yearstoend`: Years before leaving parliamentary secretary position.
- `shadow.cabinet.notyears`: Years before (negative) and after (positive) holding a shadow cabinet position.
- `shadow.cabinet.years`: Years holding shadow cabinet position.
- `shadow.cabinet.yearstoend`: Years before leaving shadow cabinet position.
- `frontbench.team.notyears`: Years before (negative) and after (positive) holding a frontbench team position.
- `frontbench.team.years`: Years holding frontbench team position.
- `frontbench.team.yearstoend`: Years before leaving frontbench team position.
- `com.chair.notyears`: Years before (negative) and after (positive) holding a committee chair position.
- `com.chair.years`: Years holding committee chair position.
- `com.chair.yearstoend`: Years before leaving committee chair position.
- `com.member.notyears`: Years before (negative) and after (positive) holding a committee member position.
- `com.member.years`: Years holding committee member position.
- `com.member.yearstoend`: Years before leaving committee member position.

- `selcom.business–selcom.com.intelligence.security`: Did MP hold position in specified committee/select committee that year? 1=yes, 0=no..
- `selcom.business.post–selcom.com.intelligence.security.post`: Did MP hold position in specified committee/select committee in past? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `home–foreign`: Did MP serve as government member in specified ministry? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `home.post–foreign.post`: Did MP serve as government member in specified ministry in past? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `gender`: MP gender.
- `oxbridge`: Does MP hold degree from Cambridge or Oxford? 1=yes, 0=no.
- `nouni`: Does MP not hold a university degree? 1=yes (no university degree), 0=no (university degree).
- `earnings.all.infl.log.10`: log(`earnings.all.infl`+10).
- `earnings.all.infl.log.100`: log(`earnings.all.infl`+100).
- `earnings.all.infl.log.1000`: log(`earnings.all.infl`+1000).

regulation_countries.rda

This file contains a country map and data on regulation of private sector employment necessary to reproduce Figure 1. The relevant regulation data can be found under stateshape@data.

- `color`: gray: Democracies that prohibit MPs from being members of boards of directors, officers (CEO, CFO), and advisors in companies. black: Democracies that allow MPs at least one of these three roles. white: Not a democracy (Polity IV score lower than 6) or no data.

gov_jobs.rda

This file contains the data on jobs taken up by former members of government as reported to the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments. Necessary to reproduce Table 2.

- `name`: MP Name.
- `id`: MP ID.
- `leave.minister`: Year of leaving minister position.
- `leave.minister.state`: Year of leaving minister of state position.

- `leave.undersec`: Year of leaving parliamentary secretary position.
- `leave.mp`: Year of leaving parliament.
- `post.minister.1`: Number of jobs reported in first year after leaving minister position.
- `post.minister.2`: Number of jobs reported in second year after leaving minister position.
- `post.minister.3`: Number of jobs reported in third year after leaving minister position.
- `post.minister.state.1`: Number of jobs reported in first year after leaving minister of state position.
- `post.minister.state.2`: Number of jobs reported in second year after leaving minister of state position.
- `post.minister.state.3`: Number of jobs reported in third year after leaving minister of state position.
- `post.undersec.1`: Number of jobs reported in first year after leaving parliamentary secretary position.
- `post.undersec.2`: Number of jobs reported in second year after leaving parliamentary secretary position.
- `post.undersec.3`: Number of jobs reported in third year after leaving parliamentary secretary position.