

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee attendance for Session 2023–24

The Committee was nominated by the House of Commons on 2 March 2020.

Note: Members of Parliament value the opportunity to be a member of a select committee and will try to participate as fully as they can. Not all the work they do happens in formal meetings. As Members of Parliament, committee members have other duties in the House that may sometimes limit their attendance at select committee meetings. They may have commitments in the Chamber or Westminster Hall, or on other parliamentary committees, such as those scrutinising legislation. Most belong to political parties and may have to attend meetings and events in that capacity. Some hold official front-bench positions or work in support of those who do. Most will, on occasion, need to put a constituency issue ahead of committee attendance. Attendance rates can also be affected by such things as illnesses or caring responsibilities. In some cases, a Member might not attend if they have indicated they wish to leave the committee but the House has yet to discharge them.

Current members	Attendance
Sir Robert Buckland (Conservative, South Swindon) (Chair) (added 8 Nov 2022)	19 of 21 (90.5%)
Damian Collins (Conservative, Folkestone and Hythe) (added 14 May 2024)	1 of 1 (100.0%)
Stephen Farry (Alliance, North Down) (added 2 Mar 2020)	20 of 21 (95.2%)
Mary Kelly Foy (Labour, City of Durham) ¹ (added 8 Jun 2020)	6 of 21 (28.6%)
Sir Robert Goodwill (Conservative, Scarborough and Whitby) (added 2 Mar 2020)	19 of 21 (90.5%)
Claire Hanna (Social Democratic & Labour Party, Belfast South) (added 2 Mar 2020)	18 of 21 (85.7%)
Carla Lockhart (Democratic Unionist Party, Upper Bann) (added 8 Nov 2022)	19 of 21 (90.5%)
Jim Shannon (Democratic Unionist Party, Strangford) (added 9 Jan 2023)	18 of 21 (85.7%)
Bob Stewart (Conservative, Beckenham) (added 2 Mar 2020)	6 of 21 (28.6%)

¹ Mary Kelly Foy was absent between 27 November and 19 December 2023 due to family illness and subsequent bereavement; and has been absent since 19 February 2024 due to a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Kelly Tolhurst (Conservative, Rochester and Strood)
(added 22 Jan 2024)

7 of 12
(58.3%)

Former members

Attendance

Simon Hoare (Conservative, North Dorset)
(added 29 Jan 2020; removed 14 Nov 2023)

1 of 1
(100.0%)

Tony Lloyd (Labour, Rochdale)
(added 29 Nov 2022; deceased 17 Jan 2024)

4 of 9
(44.4%)

Mr Robin Walker (Conservative, Worcester)
(added 25 Oct 2022; removed 22 Jan 2024)

0 of 9
(0.0%)

Overall

69.0%