

Defence Committee attendance for Session 2024–26, as at 13 February 2026

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
Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Labour, Slough) (Chair) (added 11 Sep 2024)	46 of 46 (100.0%)
Mr Calvin Bailey (Labour, Leyton and Wanstead) (added 21 Oct 2024)	38 of 46 (82.6%)
Alex Baker (Labour, Aldershot) (added 21 Oct 2024)	36 of 46 (78.3%)
Lincoln Jopp (Conservative, Spelthorne) (added 21 Oct 2024)	36 of 46 (78.3%)
Emma Lewell (Labour, South Shields) (added 21 Oct 2024)	32 of 46 (69.6%)
Mike Martin ¹ (Liberal Democrat, Tunbridge Wells) (added 28 Oct 2024)	29 of 46 (63.0%)
Jesse Norman (Conservative, Hereford and South Herefordshire) (added 21 Oct 2024)	35 of 46 (76.1%)
Ian Roome (Liberal Democrat, North Devon) (added 28 Oct 2024)	43 of 46 (93.5%)

¹ Mike Martin was certified by the Speaker as eligible for a proxy vote which was in operation from 6 October 2025 to 2 January 2026 under Standing Order No. 39A and the Speaker's certificate of 2 September 2025 (varied on 5 January 2026).

Michelle Scrogham (Labour, Barrow and Furness) (added 21 Oct 2024)	41 of 46 (89.1%)
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Fred Thomas (Labour, Plymouth Moor View) (added 21 Oct 2024)	38 of 46 (82.6%)
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Derek Twigg (Labour, Widnes and Halewood) (added 21 Oct 2024)	36 of 46 (78.3%)
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Overall	81.0%
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