

Members of the House of Lords with criminal convictions or included on Adults and/or Children's Barring List

Request:

- 1. How many Lords (elected or otherwise) have voluntarily disclosed a criminal record in the past five years?**
- 2. How many current sitting Lords (elected or otherwise) have unspent criminal convictions?**
- 3. How many (if any) elected or otherwise Lords within the House of Lords are included on the Adults or Children's Barring List (or Both) (as it stands today).**

Response:

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOIA") provides a right of access, subject to specified exemptions, to recorded information held by a public authority. In the case of the House of Lords, the rights of access apply to recorded information held by the House of Lords Administration.

The House Administration does not hold this information. The Administration neither appoints nor employs Members. The House Administration is only notified of a criminal conviction when a Member is given a custodial sentence which would prevent him/her from attending the House. In such circumstances, the House Administration is notified by the relevant court and the Lord Speaker formally notifies the House.

The only relevant information held by the House is a list of such notifications, although this will not confirm the numbers you are requesting. The notifications themselves are published in the daily Minutes of Proceedings and the sessional House of Lords Journal. Relevant notifications can be found in the published Minutes.

There is no requirement for courts or other bodies to notify the Administration of criminal convictions incurring a non-custodial sentence or any convictions gained prior to the individual becoming a Member of the House.

You may find the information published via the following links to be of help with your research:

<http://lordsbusiness.parliament.uk/>

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldjournal.htm>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/business-papers/lords/lords-business/#session=28&year=2017&month=3&day=27>