

27 June 2011

Election of the Speaker of the House of Lords: list of candidates

Six candidatures were received by the closing date, 23 June. The candidates are as follows:

Lord Colwyn
Lord Desai
Baroness D'Souza
Lord Goodlad
Baroness Harris of Richmond
Lord Redesdale

This notice contains:

1. Candidates' election addresses (limited to 75 words).
2. Candidates' records of Parliamentary service.
3. Candidates' entries in the Register of Lords' Interests.

Voting will take place in the Queen's Robing Room between 10 am and 8 pm on Wednesday 13 July. The result will be announced on Monday 18 July. The new Lord Speaker will formally take office on Thursday 1 September.

For those Members who have requested postal votes, ballot papers will be sent out by Electoral Reform Services on Wednesday 29 June, for return to the Clerk of the Parliaments' Office no later than 5 pm on Wednesday 13 July. Requests for postal votes may continue to be made in writing to the Clerk of the Parliaments, until Friday 1 July.

DAVID BEAMISH
Clerk of the Parliaments



Lord Colwyn

(proposed by Lord Bowness, seconded by Lord Bragg)

Candidate's statement

With over 40 years' experience as a member of this House, including four years as a Deputy Chairman and Deputy Speaker, I would be enormously proud and honoured to continue Baroness Hayman's innovative diplomatic role as an ambassador for the House.

Inside the Chamber, the Lord Speaker assists rather than rules, and I would strive to maintain the self-regulatory aspect of our work scrutinising legislation and improving the quality of government.

Record of parliamentary service

17 January 1967	First sat in the House of Lords
1999-	Elected hereditary peer
2007-	Deputy Chairman of Committees
2008-	Deputy Speaker

Select Committees

1993-1997	Select Committee on Medical Ethics
1997-2003	Chairman, Refreshment Committee
1997-2002	House of Lords' Offices Committee
2000	Science and Technology Committee, Sub-Committee I (Complementary and Alternative Medicine)
2003-07	European Union Committee, Sub-Committee G (Social Policy and Consumer Affairs)
2006-10	Science and Technology Select Committee

All-Party Groups

Chair or Co-Chair:

- Emergency Ambulance and Paramedic Services
- Jazz appreciation

Vice-Chair:

- Dentistry

President:

- Integrated healthcare

Entry in the Register of Lords' Interests

Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Occasional fees from work as semi-professional musician/bandleader
Dental Practitioner (1965-2007; now non-practising)

Category 5: Land and property

Buy-to-let flat in Paddington, London W2, from which rental income is
received

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

Vice President, British Fluoridation Society



Lord Desai

(proposed by Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws, seconded by Lord Dholakia)

Candidate's statement

I have been active in debates and working on Committees for twenty years.

I value, above all, the self-regulatory nature of the House.

The Speaker's powers *within the Chamber* should be cautiously extended *only* if there is consensus.

Within the House, we need to improve our working conditions.

Outside the House, my international profile as an academic will help in the outreach activities which are a vital part of the Speaker's duties.

Record of parliamentary service

18 June 1991	Introduced into the House of Lords
1991-94	Opposition Whip
1991-93	Opposition Spokesperson for Health
1992-93	Opposition Spokesperson for Treasury and Economic Affairs

Select Committees

1991-92	Science and Technology Committee
1995-99	European Communities Committee, Sub-Committee A (Economic and Financial Affairs, Trade and External Affairs)
2001-05	Delegated Powers Scrutiny Committee
2003-04	Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments
2003-05	Speakership of the House Committee
2007-08	Intergovernmental Organisations Committee

Other

1995-2003	Executive Committee, Inter-Parliamentary Union British Group
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All-Party Groups

Vice-Chair:

- Foreign Affairs

Member:

- British-Argentine
- Bridge
- Drug Policy Reform

Entry in the Register of Lords' Interests

Category 10: Non-financial interests (a)

Osian Art Auctions, Mumbai, India



Baroness D'Souza
(proposed by Baroness Boothroyd, seconded by Lord Higgins)

Candidate's statement

As Lord Speaker I will:

- defend and promote the House of Lords as a vital revising Chamber with outstanding expertise
- act with complete impartiality, representing the whole House and seeking improved contact with the Commons
- expand outreach work with young people and the wider public and further links with other parliaments.

My record as Convenor, academic background and international experience linking me to political, professional and geographical communities will add value to this role.

Record of parliamentary service

15 September 2004 Introduced into the House of Lords
2007- Convenor of the Crossbench Peers

Select Committees

2005- Procedure Committee
2005-07 Freedom of Information Panel
2006-07 European Union Sub-Committee F (Home Affairs)
2007- Administration and Works Committee
 House Committee
 Liaison Committee
 Committee for Privileges and Conduct
 Joint Committee on Security
 Committee of Selection
 Accommodation Steering Group

Other

2009 Privy Counsellor
 Life Member, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and
 Inter-Parliamentary Union
 Member, Lord Speaker's Outreach Advisory Group and Schools
 Programme



All-Party Groups

Vice-Chair:

- Africa
- Urban Regeneration, Sport and Culture
- Women, Peace and Security
- Zimbabwe

Member:

- Afghanistan
- Arts and Heritage
- Central Asia
- Classical Music
- Conflict Issues
- Great Lakes Region of Africa
- Human Rights
- Mozambique

Entry in the Register of Lords' Interests

Category 4: Shareholdings (b)

T Bailey TB Wise Investment Account

Category 6: Sponsorship

As Convenor of the Crossbench Peers, I have received assistance from Intelligence Squared Ltd, 'Just add air' LLP, RNID, Lloyds', Merrill Corporation and the Royal Opera House in connection with the organisation and holding of a public debate on House of Lords Reform in November 2010

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

Trustee, Zimbiala Trust (human rights in Zimbabwe)

Member, Advisory Board, LEAD

Member, Advisory Board, British Institute for Human Rights

Member, Advisory Board, Evidence for Development

Member, Executive Board, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)



Lord Goodlad

(proposed by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, seconded by Lord Irvine of Lairg)

Candidate's statement

I seek the honour of being elected Lord Speaker with two objectives:

- Through work in committees to contribute to the continued enhancement of the House's ability to scrutinise legislation, hold the Government to account, provide a forum for debate, run its affairs efficiently, and protect the rights of its Members and interests of its servants.
- To continue to maintain the House's reputation and dignity, and spread awareness of its work for the public.

Record of parliamentary service

House of Commons

1974-83	Member of Parliament for Northwich
1983-99	Member of Parliament for Eddisbury
1979-81	Select Committee on Agriculture
1981-82	Assistant Government Whip
1982-84	Government Whip and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury
1984-87	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Dept of Energy
1987-88	Select Committee on Televising the Proceedings of the House
1989-90	Government Whip, Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household
1990-92	Government Deputy Chief Whip, Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household
1989-91	Services Committee
1990-92	Chairman, Joint Committee on Security
1992-95	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
1995-97	Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Government Chief Whip
1997-98	Shadow Secretary of State for International Development
1998-99	Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges

House of Lords

20 July 2005	Introduced into the House of Lords
2007-10	Chairman, Constitution Committee
2010-11	Chairman, Leader's Group on Working Practices
2010-	Chairman, Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee

Other

1992	Privy Counsellor
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Entry in the Register of Lords' Interests

Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Member, Advisory Board of GovNet Communications Ltd

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust

Opera Australia Capital Fund



Baroness Harris of Richmond

(proposed by Baroness Williams of Crosby, seconded by Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington)

Candidate's statement

As past chair of a Police Authority having cross-party and independent members, I gained experience of working in a consensual, non-partisan environment. I have chaired councils at all levels of local government. Soon after entering the House I chaired an EU Select sub-committee. As a Deputy Speaker I understand how the House conducts its business. I was a JP and am a Deputy Lieutenant and seek to serve all members of the House.

Record of parliamentary service

25 October 1999	Introduced into the House of Lords
2000-08	Liberal Democrat Whip
2008-	Deputy Speaker
2008-	Deputy Chairman of Committees

Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

2003-10	Northern Ireland
2005-10	Home Office (police)

Select Committees

2000-04	European Union Committee
2000-04	Chairman, European Union Committee, Sub-Committee F (Home Affairs)
2003-07	Refreshment Committee
2007-	Administration and Works Committee

Other

1999-	British-American Parliamentary Group
2003-	Inter-Parliamentary Union
2005-	British/Irish Parliamentary Assembly
2010-	Chair, Industry and Parliament Trust

All-Party Groups

Vice-Chair:

- United Kingdom-Isle of Man

Secretary:

- Policing

Member:

- Archaeological
- British-Norwegian
- British-Qatar
- Estonia
- Portugal
- United Kingdom Overseas Territories

Entry in the Register of Lords' Interests

Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

Occasional speaker for House Magazine; Westminster Explained;
Understanding ModernGov
Occasional speaker on cruise ships



Category 8: Gifts, benefits and hospitality

Visit to Isle of Man, 3–5 July 2010, as guest of Tynwald - the Manx Parliament, to attend the Tynwald Day Ceremonies and associated functions; met own travel costs; accommodation paid by Tynwald.

Visit to Belfast, 25–28 September 2010, to attend National Police Memorial Day; meetings were also held during that time with the Police Service of Northern Ireland Police Federation; Chief Constable of PSNI; Equality Commission; Human Rights Commission; Northern Ireland Hospice; Delta Packaging; Police Ombudsman and Belfast Harbour Police; flights and accommodation were provided by Mr T Cross.

Visit to Belfast, 19–21 April 2011; visit included meetings with Chief Constable, PSNI; Human Rights Consortium, The Children’s Law Centre; Belfast Unemployed Law Centre; New Start Education Centre; European Women’s Platform; Queerspace; Belong; Contact a Family; FPA; Carers (NI); REAL Network (Disability Rights group); Lower Castlereagh Community Group; WAVE Trauma Centre; Nine Towers housing project and NICEM Migrant Centre; accommodation was provided by Lord Rana.

Visit to Glasgow, 12 June 2011, to attend Defence Police Federation Conference dinner; cost of flights and accommodation met by Defence Police Federation.

Category 10: Non-financial interests (e)

Trustee, Industry and Parliament Trust

Trustee, Flint House, Police Rehabilitation Centre



Lord Redesdale

(proposed by Lord Marks of Henley-on-Thames, seconded by Lord Lester of Herne Hill)

Candidate's statement

I believe in a self-regulating House of Lords. If elected I intend to do as little as possible in the Chamber for the money.

Record of parliamentary service

20 June 1991- Sat as Lord Redesdale
11 November 1999
18 April 2000 Took seat as a life peer (Lord Mitford)

Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

1994-99 Overseas Development
1999 Northern Ireland
2000 Tourism
2000-01 International Development
2001-05 Defence
2005-09 Energy
2006-09 Agriculture

Select Committees

1993-97 Science and Technology Committee
1994-97, 2006-07 Science and Technology Committee, Sub-Committee II
(Science and Heritage)
2002-05 Works of Art Committee
2003-07 Refreshment Committee

All-Party Groups

Vice-Chair:

- Archives and history
- Climate change

Secretary:

- British-Qatar
- Archaeological
- Intelligent energy

Member:

- Bolivia
- British-Lebanon
- Cycling
- Mexico
- Renewable and sustainable energy
- Western Sahara
- Youth affairs

Entry in the Register of Lords' Interests

Category 1: Directorships

Chairman, Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Association
Non-executive Director, Watertight International
Director, Silipco Ltd (film on glass company)



Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc.

City of London College
Associate, Cbig Ltd

Category 3: Clients

As Chairman, Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Association, I advise members of the Association on government policy on anaerobic digestion

Category 5: Land and property

Redesdale Estate, Northumberland, including farmland and commercial and residential property

Category 10: Non-financial interests (a)

Director, BestBarNone Ltd (alcohol-related disorder charity)

Category 10: Non-financial interests (c)

Board Member, York Archaeological Trust

Category 10: Non-financial interests (d)

Chair, Red Squirrel Protection Partnership

