

The IR35 MP hit list - The 100 politicians most likely to lose their seats



Last December research conducted by ContractorCalculator identified the MPs for whom it will prove most costly to lose the self-employed vote, and published the top 20 from each party. The results were based on data from the [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\)](#) and contractor sentiment indicated by a previous ContractorCalculator survey.

The full results of this research are now published, with the top 100 MPs, ordered by risk of losing their seat, due to the Off-payroll (IR35) reforms that Treasury, HMRC and the Chancellor are attempting to push through Parliament.

In total, 85 MPs hold a majority in Parliament that would feasibly be overturned if the expected turnout of IR35-opposing self-employed voters from their constituency were to vote against them, and we list the next 15, making 100 in total, that are potentially under threat if the self-employed voter turnout is higher than expected.

"This single piece of damaging policy could prove catastrophic for all parties involved, not least the Tories, who make up 43% of the at-risk seats," comments ContractorCalculator CEO, Dave Chaplin. "There is also potentially a lot to gain for some, but those in precarious positions will have to act swiftly and earnestly to win over contractors' trust."

How we identified the at-risk MPs

The research leveraged the data and compared the MPs majority at the last election with the likely number of self-employed voters in their area who would turn out and vote against them.

Who are the potential IR35 political casualties?

Of the vulnerable MPs, there are 43 Conservative, 33 Labour, and 7 Liberal Democrat politicians. Given the fine margins, the self-employed vote will prove crucial to either party's fortunes at the next General Election.

"The Conservatives appear to have a lot more to lose than Labour," comments Chaplin. "They now face an uphill task if they want to save their seats."

The 100 politicians most likely to lose their seats

Rank	MP	Constituency	Party	Parliamentary majority	Number of shifting self-employed voters
1	Stephen Gethins	North East Fife	SNP	2	1,782
2	Emma Dent Coad	Kensington	Lab	20	4,939

3	Zac Goldsmith	Richmond Park	Con	45	9,263
4	Pete Wishart	Perth and North Perthshire	SNP	21	2,146
5	Royston Smith	Southampton, Itchen	Con	31	2,460
6	Laura Smith	Crewe and Nantwich	Lab	48	2,903
7	Ian Austin	Dudley North	Lab	22	1,045
8	Paul Farrelly	Newcastle-under-Lyme	Lab	30	949
9	Ben Lake	Ceredigion	PC	104	2,658
10	Rosie Duffield	Canterbury	Lab	187	3,883
11	Chris Stephens	Glasgow South West	SNP	60	1,212
12	Hywel Williams	Arfon	PC	92	1,738
13	Derek Thomas	St Ives	Con	312	5,421
14	Stephen Kerr	Stirling	Con	148	2,330
15	Theresa Villiers	Chipping Barnet	Con	353	5,137
16	John Grogan	Keighley	Lab	239	3,264
17	Amber Rudd	Hastings and Rye	Con	346	4,007
18	Angela Crawley	Lanark and Hamilton East	SNP	266	2,592
19	Jackie Doyle-Price	Thurrock	Con	345	3,345
20	Stephen Crabb	Preseli Pembrokeshire	Con	314	3,003
21	David Drew	Stroud	Lab	687	4,452
22	Matthew Offord	Hendon	Con	1,072	6,349
23	Gerard Killen	Rutherglen and Hamilton West	Lab	265	1,525
24	Stuart Andrew	Pudsey	Con	331	1,820
25	Neil Gray	Airdrie and Shotts	SNP	195	1,044
26	John Woodcock	Barrow and Furness	Lab	209	1,074
27	Chloe Smith	Norwich North	Con	507	2,521
28	Thelma Walker	Colne Valley	Lab	915	4,245
29	Craig Whittaker	Calder Valley	Con	609	2,697
30	Gloria de Piero	Ashfield	Lab	441	1,882
31	Tim Farron	Westmorland and Lonsdale	Lib Dem	777	3,168
32	Marion Fellows	Motherwell and Wishaw	SNP	318	1,266
33	Paul Sweeney	Glasgow North East	Lab	242	935
34	Lesley Laird	Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath	Lab	259	996
35	Fiona Onasanya	Peterborough	Lab	607	2,288
36	Layla Moran	Oxford West and Abingdon	Lib Dem	816	2,918

37	Justine Greening	Putney	Con	1,554	5,264
38	Matt Western	Warwick and Leamington	Lab	1,206	3,960
39	Mike Freer	Finchley and Golders Green	Con	1,657	5,143
40	Sandy Martin	Ipswich	Lab	836	2,584
41	Bob Blackman	Harrow East	Con	1,757	5,246
42	Mohammed Yasin	Bedford	Lab	789	2,348
43	Stephen Lloyd	Eastbourne	Lib Dem	1,609	4,715
44	Jack Brereton	Stoke-on-Trent South	Con	663	1,917
45	Michael Ellis	Northampton North	Con	807	2,286
46	Helen Goodman	Bishop Auckland	Lab	502	1,411
47	Guto Bebb	Aberconwy	Con	635	1,705
48	Anna Soubry	Broxtowe	Con	863	2,315
49	Chris Green	Bolton West	Con	936	2,473
50	Ronnie Cowan	Inverclyde	SNP	384	976
51	Paul Williams	Stockton South	Lab	888	2,093
52	Mark Field	Cities of London and Westminster	Con	3,148	6,339
53	George Eustice	Camborne and Redruth	Con	1,577	3,157
54	Brendon O'Hara	Argyll and Bute	SNP	1,328	2,593
55	Patrick Grady	Glasgow North	SNP	1,060	2,069
56	Lucy Allan	Telford	Con	720	1,382
57	Douglas Chapman	Dunfermline and West Fife	SNP	844	1,618
58	Tom Brake	Carshalton and Wallington	Lib Dem	1,369	2,561
59	David Morris	Morecambe and Lunesdale	Con	1,399	2,543
60	Ben Bradley	Mansfield	Con	1,057	1,865
61	Stewart McDonald	Glasgow South	SNP	2,027	3,534
62	Angela Smith	Penistone and Stocksbridge	Lab	1,322	2,292
63	Iain Duncan Smith	Chingford and Woodford Green	Con	2,438	3,698
64	Danielle Rowley	Midlothian	Lab	885	1,299
65	Richard Harrington	Watford	Con	2,092	3,056
66	Philippa Whitford	Central Ayrshire	SNP	1,267	1,824
67	Simon Clarke	Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland	Con	1,020	1,451
68	Tom Pursglove	Corby	Con	2,690	3,720
69	Mark Lancaster	Milton Keynes North	Con	1,915	2,631
70	Deidre Brock	Edinburgh North and Leith	SNP	1,625	2,198

71	Iain Stewart	Milton Keynes South	Con	1,725	2,326
72	Karen Lee	Lincoln	Lab	1,538	2,023
73	Alex Chalk	Cheltenham	Con	2,569	3,366
74	Andrew Stephenson	Pendle	Con	1,279	1,657
75	Faisal Rashid	Warrington South	Lab	2,549	3,299
76	Andrew Lewer	Northampton South	Con	1,159	1,497
77	Stephen Morgan	Portsmouth South	Lab	1,554	1,973
78	Joanna Cherry	Edinburgh South West	SNP	1,097	1,360
79	Alun Cairns	Vale of Glamorgan	Con	2,190	2,704
80	Peter Heaton-Jones	North Devon	Con	4,332	5,222
81	Trudy Harrison	Copeland	Con	1,695	2,043
82	Andrea Jenkins	Morley and Outwood	Con	2,104	2,346
83	Sarah Newton	Truro and Falmouth	Con	3,792	4,197
84	Christine Jardine	Edinburgh West	Lib Dem	2,988	3,074
85	Robert Goodwill	Scarborough and Whitby	Con	3,435	3,457
86	Colin Clark	Gordon	Con	2,607	2,581
87	Jared O'Mara	Sheffield, Hallam	Lab	2,125	2,091
88	Chris Williamson	Derby North	Lab	2,015	1,978
89	Eleanor Smith	Wolverhampton South West	Lab	2,185	2,041
90	Damien Moore	Southport	Con	2,914	2,709
91	Alison Thewliss	Glasgow Central	SNP	2,267	2,082
92	Bambos Charalambous	Enfield, Southgate	Lab	4,355	3,958
93	Matt Rodda	Reading East	Lab	3,749	3,403
94	Marsha De Cordova	Battersea	Lab	2,416	2,192
95	Martin Whitfield	East Lothian	Lab	3,083	2,768
96	Ruth Smeeth	Stoke-on-Trent North	Lab	2,359	2,118
97	Norman Lamb	North Norfolk	Lib Dem	3,512	3,136
98	Paula Sherriff	Dewsbury	Lab	3,321	2,963
99	Edward Davey	Kingston and Surbiton	Lib Dem	4,124	3,659
100	Mary Creagh	Wakefield	Con	2,176	1,902

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Meetings with MPs are essential. We have prepared a [32 page fact pack](#) to assist you with your meeting. Just email your MP name to us on

info@contractorcalculator.co.uk and we will send you the information. Then you simply prepare, and meet your MP for 30 minutes.

The need for decisive action is now urgent, as the next HMRC consultation is due to be published in February 2019. ContractorCalculator is also looking to ramp up its own campaigning efforts, for which it requires financial support. If you are able to, then please [contribute to the campaign](#)

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