How to use the DfE's MP look-up table
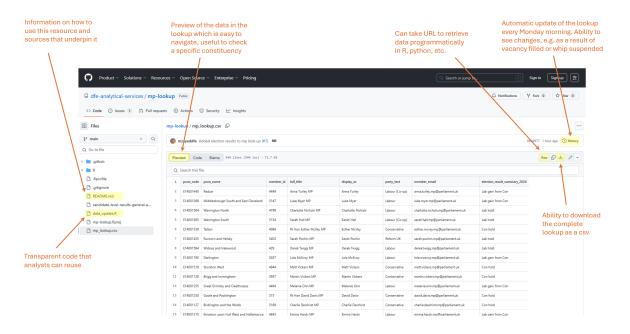
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Introduction

This document outlines how to access and use the DfE's MP Parliamentary Constituency look-up table.

Quick look guide

Information on how to use this resource and sources that underpin it

Preview of the data in the lookup which is easy to navigate, useful to check a specific constituency

Can take URL to retrieve data programmatically in R, python, etc.

Automatic update of the lookup every Monday morning. Ability to see changes, e.g. as a result of vacancy filled or whip suspended

Ability to download the complete lookup as a csv

Transparent code that analysts can reuse

What does the MP look-up table contain?

The look-up table contains a single row for each current parliamentary constituency. Each row contains the following items:

- Parliamentary constituency code
- Parliamentary constituency name
- Member ID of current sitting MP
- Full title of current sitting MP
- Preferred display name of current sitting MP
- Political party of current sitting MP
- Primary e-mail address of current sitting MP
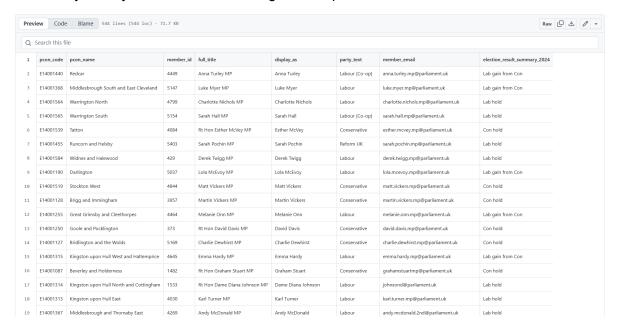- Parliamentary constituency election result from the 2024 general election

> **ℹ Note**
>
> The MP look-up table is automatically updated every Monday.

Viewing the MP look-up table

The look-up table can be viewed on GitHub: mp_lookup.csv.

Note that you may need to scroll left to right and top to bottom to view all the available data.
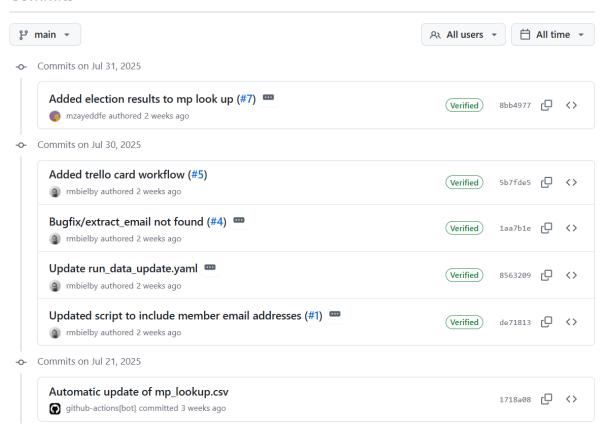

Downloading the MP look-up table

The latest version of the look-up table can be downloaded from the direct link to mp_lookup-csv. Alternatively, it can be downloaded by clicking the "Raw" button above the table as displayed on GitHub.

This download will retrieve a CSV copy of the look-up table that can be opened in Excel and PowerBI or with developer tools such as R or Python.
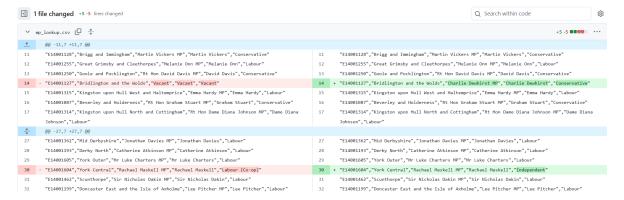
Reviewing recent updates to the look-up table

Any recent changes can be reviewed on GitHub by viewing the project history.

Commits

Clicking on any of the listed commit titles (e.g. Automatic update of mp_lookup.csv) will provide details of all changes made in a spcific update:

The left hand column above shows the state of the look-up prior to the update and the right hand side shows the state after the update. Changes are marked in red in the previous version (left) and green in the updated version (right).