

Year	1979	1981	1981	1982	1983	1983	1983	1984	1985	1986	1986	1987	1988	1989	1989	1990	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Year		
Month	May	January	September	April	January	June	October	September	September	January	June	June	July	July	October	July	November	November	October	April	May	July	July	October	May	Month	
	General Election 3 May 1979					General Election 9 June 1983						General Election 11 June 1987						Leadership contest			General Election 9 April 1992			Leadership contest			
<i>Minister</i>																								<i>Minister</i>			
Thatcher, M.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1										Thatcher, M.	
Whitelaw, W.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	[retired 10 January 1988]													Whitelaw, W.	
Hailsham, Lord	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3															Hailsham, Lord	
Carrington, Lord	4	4	4	[resigned 5 April 1982]																						Carrington, Lord	
Howe, Sir G.	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	[resigned 1 November 1990]									Howe, Sir G.	
Joseph, Sir K.	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	8																Joseph, Sir K.	
Pym, F.	7	7	7	5	5																					Pym, F.	
Soames, Lord	8	8																								Soames, Lord	
Prior, J.	9	9	8	7	7	8	8																			Prior, J.	
Gilmour, Sir I.	10	11																								Gilmour, Sir I.	
Walker, P.	11	12	10	9	8	9	9	8	9	9	7	7	6	7	7											Walker, P.	
Heseltine, M.	12	13	11	10	9	10	10	9	10	[resigned 9 January 1986]								7	7	6	6	6	2	2	2	Heseltine, M.	
Younger, G.	13	14	12	11	10	11	11	10	11	10	8	8	7													Younger, G.	
Edwards, N.	14	15	13	12	11	12	12	11	12	12	9															Edwards, N.	
Atkins, H.	15	16	14																							Atkins, H.	
Jenkin, P.	16	17	15	13	12	13	13	12																		Jenkin, P.	
St. John-Stevas, N.	17	[sacked 5 January 1981]																								St. John-Stevas, N.	
Nott, J.	18	10	9	8	[resigned 6 January 1983]																					Nott, J.	
Howell, D.	19	19	17	15	14																					Howell, D.	
Carlisle, M.	20	20																								Carlisle, M.	
Biffen, J.	21	18	16	14	13	14	14	13	13	13	10															Biffen, J.	
Maude, A.	22	[resigned 5 January 1981]																								Maude, A.	
Fowler, N.		21	18	16	15	15	15	14	14	14	11	9	8	8	8											Fowler, N.	
Brittan, L.		22	19	17	16	5	5	5	5	5																Brittan, L.	
Young, Lady			20	18	17																					Young, Lady	
Lawson, N.			21	19	18	6	6	6	6	6	5	4	3	3	[resigned 26 October 1989]											Lawson, N.	
Tebbit, N.			22	20	19	16	16	15	15	15	12															Tebbit, N.	
Parkinson, C.				21	20	17	[resigned 14 October 1983]					20	20	15	15	12	11	[sacked]								Parkinson, C.	
Cockfield, Lord				22	21	18	17																			Cockfield, Lord	
King, T.					22	19	18	16	16	16	13	10	9	9	9	7	6	8	8							King, T.	
Jopling, M.						20	19	17	17	17	14															Jopling, M.	
Rees, P.						21	20	18																		Rees, P.	
Ridley, N.						21	19	18	18	15		11	10	10	10	[resigned 14 July 1990]										Ridley, N.	
Hurd, D.								20	7	7	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	[retired]				Hurd, D.	
Gowrie, Lord								21																		Gowrie, Lord	
Young, Lord								22	19	19	16	12	11													Young, Lord	
Baker, K.									20	20	17	13	12	11	11	8	7	5	5							Baker, K.	
Clarke, K.									21	21	18	14	13	12	12	9	8	9	9	5	4	4	4	4	4	Clarke, K.	
MacGregor, J.									22	22	19	15	14	13	13	10	9	10	10	7	7	7	6	6	6	MacGregor, J.	
Rifkind, M.										11	20	16	15	14	14	11	10	11	11	8	8	7	6	6	6	Rifkind, M.	
Channon, P.										21		17	16													Channon, P.	
Moore, J.										22		18	17													Moore, J.	
Havers, Lord												5														Havers, Lord	
Wakeham, J. / Lord												19	18	16	16	13	12	12	12	9	9					Wakeham, J. / Lord	
Major, J.												21	21	6	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Major, J.	
Mackay, Lord													4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	Mackay, Lord	
Belstead, Lord													19	17	17	14	13									Belstead, Lord	
Newton, A.														22	18	18	15	14	13	13	13	10	10	8	8	Newton, A.	
Patten, C.															19	19	16	15	14	14						Patten, C.	
Brooke, P.															20	20	17	16	15	15		12				Brooke, P.	
Gummer, J.															21	21	18	17	16	16	11	11	9	9	9	Gummer, J.	
Lamont, N.															22	22	19	18	6	6	4	[resigned May 1993]				Lamont, N.	
Waddington, D. / Ld																6	6	5	4	4						Waddington, D. / Ld	
Howard, M.																20	19	17	17	12	5	5	5	5	5	Howard, M.	
Hunt, D.																21	20	18	18	13	13	10				Hunt, D.	
Lilley, P.																22	21	19	19	14	14	11	10	10	10	Lilley, P.	
Waldegrave, W.																	22	20	20	15	15	12	11	11	11	Waldegrave, W.	
Lang, I.																		21	21	16	16	13	7	7	7	Lang, I.	
Mellor, D.																		22	22	17	[resigned September 1992]					Mellor, D.	
Mayhew, Sir P.																			18	17	14	12	12	12		Mayhew, Sir P.	
Patten, J.																			19	18	[sacked]					Patten, J.	
Bottomley, V.																			20	19	15	13	13	13		Bottomley, V.	
Shephard, G.																			21	20	16	14	14	14		Shephard, G.	
Portillo, M.																			22	21	17	15	15	15		Portillo, M.	
Redwood, J.																					22	18	[defeated]			Redwood, J.	
Mawhinney, B.																						19	16	16	16	Mawhinney, B.	
Dorrell, S.																						20	17	17	17	Dorrell, S.	
Cranborne/Cecil, Ld																						21	18	18	18	Cranborne/Cecil, Ld	
Aitken, J.																						22	[resigned July 1995]			Aitken, J.	
Hanley, J.																						23				Hanley, J.	
Young, Sir G.																							19	19	19	Young, Sir G.	
Hogg, D.																							20	20	20	Hogg, D.	
Forsyth, M.																							21	21	21	Forsyth, M.	
Freeman, R.																							22	22	22	Freeman, R.	
Hague, W.																							23	23	23	Hague, W.	

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