



Hey. We're new to Twitter. To open our account, we've analysed what MPs earned - in addition to their salaries - in the last Parliament. MPs declare such earnings, but in a super unstructured way. So, we've written some code to create a neat dataset of all their declarations.

Since the last #GeneralElection, MPs have earned £8.4 million in addition to their parliamentary salary (an average of £12,900 per MP).

Over half of this £8.4million was earned by just 15 MPs.

#BorisJohnson earned the most, nearly £800,000. That's equivalent to an additional £27,440 a month. The other 14 top-earners were all men too...

2: MPs with highest additional earnings in 2017 - 19 Parliament

Each square = 1% of total, or ~£83,700



..which reflects a broader #genderpaygap. The average female MP earned £3,350 in addition to their salary. The average male MP earned £17,360 – over 5 times as much.

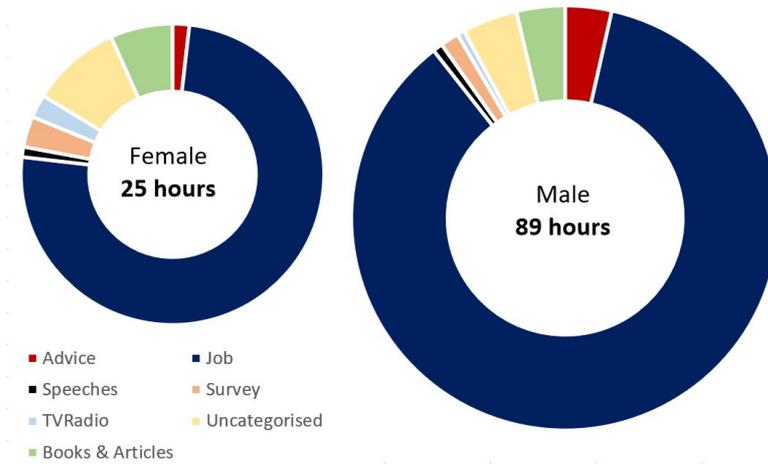
3: Average additional MP earnings, by gender & activity, in 2017-19 Parliament



Assumes second jobs are paid monthly (i.e. MPs have received what they are owed for work up until October 2019).

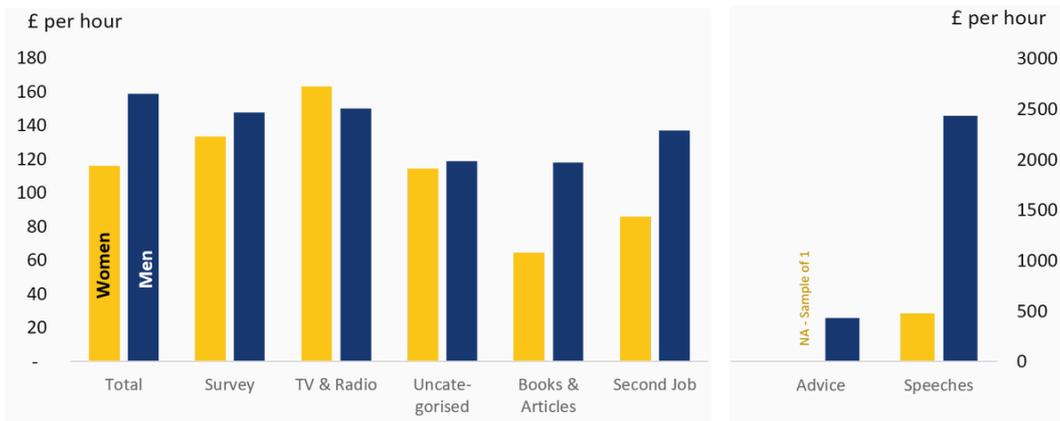
Why such an enormous pay gap? Well, partly because women spent less time earning additional income. The average female MP worked an additional 25 hours in the last Parliament, compared to 89 for male MPs.

4: Average number of additional hours worked in 2017-2019 Parliament



But women often also earned less for performing the same type of activity. For all but TV/Radio appearances, they earned less per hour.

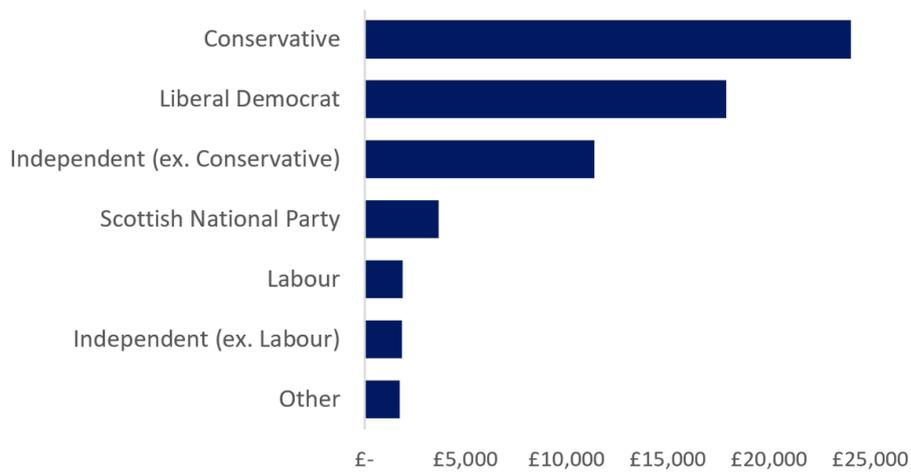
5: Average hourly wage in 2017-2019 Parliament for women and men



There could be many reasons for that. The lower rate for surveys suggests female MPs may have spent more time doing similar tasks. It is also possible they had less experience in cabinet posts; affecting the rate they received for speeches, for example. Further research necessary

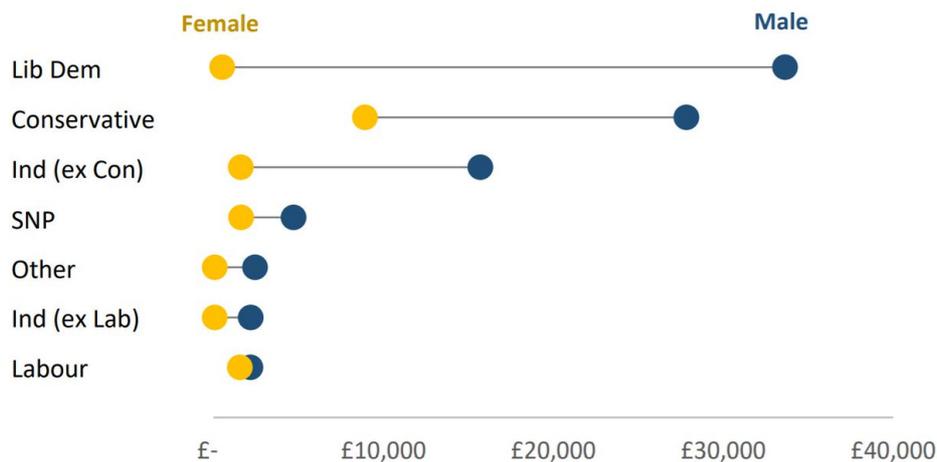
There are also notable differences when you look across parties. #Conservatives tend to earn the most, followed by #LibDems. #LabourParty MPs are amongst the lowest earners.

6: Average additional MP earnings in 2017-19 Parliament, by party



Combined, this means different types of MP made very different amounts in additional income. Male Conservative MPs earned an average of £27,895. Whilst Female Labour MPs earned an average of £1,563.

7: Average additional MP earnings in 2017-19 Parliament, by party



All this is available on our website: Follow us for other analysis in the pipeline. For example, on which corporates make the most payments to MPs.

2: MPs with highest additional earnings in 2017 - 19 Parliament
Each figure is in £100,000

Boris Johnson					
Nicholas Soame				John Redwood	
Owen Paterson	Jacob Rees-Mogg	Thomas Tugendhat			
Ed Vaizey	Andrew Mitchell	Edward Davey			
Michael Ellis	Henry Bellingham	Mark Pritchard	Jo Johnson	Edward Leigh	
David Davis					
Other 634 MPs					

MPs additional income

Since the last general election, the average MP has earned £12,900 in addition to their parliamen...

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We also have data on donations to MPs (from cash to football tickets) and international trips. So expect posts on these themes, too.