

No Place For Antisemitism

Labour Party Disciplinary Processes on Antisemitism - Statistics

This update shows quarterly breakdowns of actions taken, at different stages of Labour's disciplinary processes, on all antisemitism cases. Consistent and comprehensive recording of antisemitism complaints began in 2018. Earlier data has been compiled retroactively.

As a result of increased resources, improved practices and investigatory techniques:

- The Labour Party **expelled 45 members** in relation to antisemitism in 2019, compared to **10 in 2018** and **1 in 2017**.
- After rule changes passed at Conference in September 2019 gave NEC panels the power to expel, twice the number of people were expelled in two months than had been expelled during the whole of 2018.
- NEC Disciplinary Panels heard **274** cases relating to antisemitism in 2019, a tenfold increase on the **28** cases heard in 2017.
- In 2019, **149 members were removed** from the party as a result of disciplinary processes relating to antisemitism, either being expelled or quitting the party as proceedings progressed.
- The Labour Party **suspended 296 members** in relation to antisemitism in 2019, compared to **98** in 2018 – itself a big increase on the previous year.

Table 1 displays the overall number of members removed from the party as a result of our disciplinary processes for antisemitism, broken down by quarter and by type of removal.

Table 2 displays the overall number of antisemitism cases processed, broken down by quarter and initial decision, including those which did not meet the threshold of a rule breach and therefore no action was taken on. Those which receive a suspension or Notice of Investigation progress to an NEC Disputes Panel or NEC Antisemitism Panel. Reminders of Values are issued where complaints do not meet the threshold of a rule breach, but the party deems it appropriate to remind the member(s) involved of our values.

Table 3 displays the number of decisions taken on antisemitism cases by an NEC Disputes Panel or NEC Antisemitism Panel, broken down by quarter and by decision. Cases which receive a "referral to the NCC" progress to the National Constitutional Committee (NCC).

Table 4 displays the number of decisions taken on antisemitism cases by the National Constitutional Committee, broken down by quarter and by decision.

As some of these statistics, principally in **Table 2**, relate to the date in which a complaint was received, they may change in future iterations of this document when further actions are taken on complaints made in previous quarters.

Table 1: Removals

The overall number of members removed from the party as a result of our disciplinary processes for antisemitism, broken down by quarter and by type of removal.

	Total	Expelled	Resigned	Lapsed	Auto-exclusions & General Secretary Rejections
2017	-	1	-	-	-
Q1 2018	12	6	3	1	2
Q2 2018	18	1	13	1	3
Q3 2018	13	3	7	2	1
Q4 2018	27	0	18	7	2
2018	70	10	41	11	8
Q1 2019	25	6	10	7	2
Q2 2019	36	1	29	3	3
Q3 2019	39	8	18	8	5
Q4 2019	49	30	18	0	1
2019	149	45	75	18	11

Expelled: Members expelled from the party, by the NCC or – after September 2019 rule changes – the NEC.

Resigned, Lapsed: Members who have resigned or lapsed while disciplinary proceedings were underway against them, most often when already suspended or referred to the NCC for expulsion.

Auto-exclusions: Members removed from the party after they have been found to have supported a party or candidate standing against the Labour Party.

General Secretary Rejections: Membership rejected by decision of the General Secretary, within 8 weeks of joining.

**Table 2:
First Outcomes on Cases**

Actions taken on cases after initial review and investigation, broken down by time period.

	Total	Suspension	Notice of Investigation	Reminder	Auto-exclusion or General Secretary Rejection
Q1 2018	51	13	34	2	2
Q2 2018	76	29	39	5	3
Q3 2018	237	39	81	116	1
Q4 2018	64	17	31	14	2
2018	428	98	185	137	8
Q1 2019	225	74	100	49	2
Q2 2019	266	92	95	77	2
Q3 2019	252	116	80	51	5
Q4 2019	30	14	8	7	1
2019	773	296	283	184	10

Due to the 2019 snap General Election, we are still processing some complaints from 2019.

The vast majority of complaints pertain to social media activity, often going back several years. A third of all cases in 2019 have the same single individual as the main complainant.

All complaints relating to protected characteristics are logged, regardless of merit. Some do not meet the threshold of a rule breach and no further action is taken:

	No action
Q1 2018	8
Q2 2018	12
Q3 2018	70
Q4 2018	43
2018	133
Q1 2019	110
Q2 2019	97
Q3 2019	45
Q4 2019	3
2019	255

The Party does not have the same detailed breakdowns of figures for the period before 2018, as a comprehensive central complaints system was not in use until then. However:

- From 5 July 2017 to 5 March 2018, just 11 new suspensions identified as relating to antisemitism were reported in General Secretary reports to the NEC.
- In the January 2018 General Secretary report to the NEC, a total of 40 members were listed as currently suspended in relation to charges of antisemitism.
- On 3 April 2018, the Governance and Legal Unit reported that just 89 members were under investigation in relation to antisemitism, of which 50 were at that point suspended.

**Table 3:
NEC Decisions**

Decisions taken on antisemitism cases by an NEC Disputes Panel or NEC Antisemitism Panel, broken down by quarter and by decision. Cases which receive a “referral to the NCC” progress to the National Constitutional Committee.

	NEC Panels						
	Cases Heard	Expulsion	Refer to NCC	NEC Formal Warning	Reminders	No Further Action	Resigned
2017	28	-	26	0	2	0	0
Q1 2018	8	-	6	2	0	0	0
Q2 2018	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
Q3 2018	53	-	32	9	4	6	1
Q4 2018	19	-	0	2	11	6	0
2018	80	-	38	13	15	12	1
Q1 2019	86	-	43	21	20	2	0
Q2 2019	37	-	15	6	15	1	0
Q3 2019	82	-	49	15	16	2	0
Q4 2019	69	26	23	8	9	3	0
2019	274	26	130	50	60	8	0

From August 2018 onwards, special, smaller NEC Antisemitism panels have convened, monthly, to deal with antisemitism cases, rather than the larger quarterly NEC Disputes Panel.

Before September 2019, the power to expel lay solely with the National Constitutional Committee (NCC). A rule-change introduced at Labour Party Conference in September 2019 gave this power to the National Executive Committee to use in serious cases of prejudice.

Previously, and since the 1980s, the highest action available to the NEC was referral to the NCC, which alone had the power to expel members.

**Table 4:
NCC Hearings**

Antisemitism cases heard by the National Constitutional Committee, broken down by quarter and by decision.

	NCC Hearings						
	Cases	Expelled	Extended Suspension, or Removal for Less Than 2 Years	Warning	Not proven	Resigned or lapsed	Autoexcluded
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	4	1	1	0	0	2	0
Q1 2018	7	6	0	0	0	1	0
Q2 2018	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Q3 2018	4	3	0	0	0	1	0
Q4 2018	5	0	3	1	0	1	0
2018	18	10	3	1	0	4	0
Q1 2019	15	6	1	2	0	6	0
Q2 2019	14	1	2	3	1	6	1
Q3 2019	17	8	2	1	1	5	0
Q4 2019	5	4	0	1	0	0	0
2019	51	19	5	7	2	17	1