

AppendixA.doc contains links to the web sites of parliaments, governments and other sources used to gather information on members of parliaments, governments, and their connections, as described in the paper.

ConnectedFirms.xls contains a list of all firms identified as politically connected, based on the definition provided in the paper. Sources listed in AppendixA.doc can be used to identify the specific type of connection in place for a particular firm.

CrossCountry.xls contains country-level data used to produce tables II, IV, and V. The variable names used in the file are identical to those employed in the paper. Please read the paper for the definition of each variable.

EventStudy.xls contains the cumulative abnormal returns, and other information employed to produce Table VI.

Regulation on conflicts of interests.doc contains all information (and links) on relevant regulations prohibiting or restricting MPs and ministers from holding corporate positions. These regulations are used to put together the index in Table III.

All original data sources employed and variable definitions are provided in the paper.