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PROFILES OF RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KC MP
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
LEADER OF THE LABOUR PARTY



Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 61
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Edmund Hall, Oxford (BCL)• University of Leeds (LLB)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barrister• Director of Public Prosecutions (2008-13)
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holborn and St Pancras<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2015○ 2024 majority: 11,572 (30.0%)
Current role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (July 2024-present)• Leader of the Labour Party (April 2020-present)
Previous roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader of the Opposition (April 2020-July 2024)• Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union (2016-20)• Shadow Home Office Minister (2015-16)



Prime Ministerial responsibilities:

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The Prime Minister is the leader of His Majesty's Government and is ultimately responsible for the policy and decisions of the government.

As leader of the British Government the Prime Minister also:

- oversees the operation of the Civil Service and Government agencies
- chooses members of the Government
- is the principal Government figure in the House of Commons

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Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER



HM Treasury

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• London School of Economics (MSc – economics)• New College, Oxford (BA – PPE)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economist
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leeds West and Pudsey (previously Leeds West)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2010○ 2024 majority: 12,392 (32.2%)
Current role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chancellor of the Exchequer (July 2024-present)
Previous roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer (2021-July 2024)• Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (2020-21)• Shadow Cabinet Office Minister (2020-21)• Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (2013-15)• Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (2011-13)
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the House of Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee (2017-20)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Former member of the APPG on Loneliness



Ministerial responsibilities:

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The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the government's chief financial minister and as such is responsible for raising revenue through taxation or borrowing and for controlling public spending. She has overall responsibility for the work of the Treasury.

The Chancellor's responsibilities cover:

- fiscal policy (including the presenting of the annual Budget)
- monetary policy, setting inflation targets
- ministerial arrangements (in her role as Second Lord of the Treasury)
- overall responsibility for the Treasury's response to COVID-19

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Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT



Home Office

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• London School of Economics and Harvard University (MSc – economics)• Baliol College, Oxford (BA – PPE)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic journalist• Economic researcher
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pontefract, Castleford and Knottingley (previously Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford / Pontefract and Castleford)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 1997○ 2024 majority: 6,630 (18.4%)
Current role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Secretary (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Home Secretary (2011-15; 2021-July 2024)• Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities (2010-13)• Shadow Foreign Secretary (2010-11)• Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary (2010)
Previous Government roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work and Pensions Secretary (2009-10)• Chief Secretary to the Treasury (2008-09)• Housing and Planning Minister (2005-08)• Regeneration and Regional Development Minister (2003-05)• Minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department



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	(2002-03) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minister for Public Health (1999-2002)	
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair of the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee (2016-21)	

Ministerial responsibilities:

The Secretary of State has overall responsibility for all Home Office business, including:

- overarching responsibility for the departmental portfolio and oversight of the ministerial team
- Cabinet
- National Security Council (NSC)
- public appointments
- oversight of the Security Service

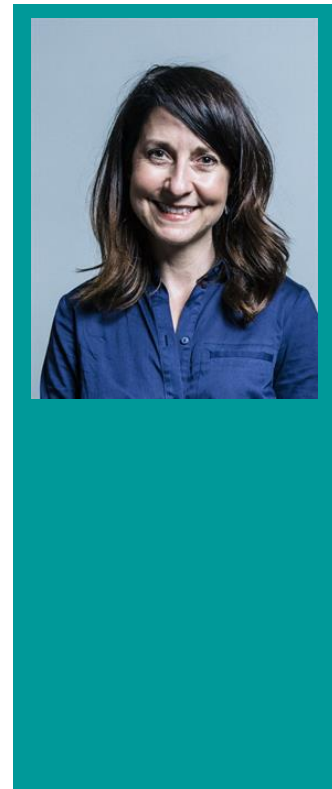
Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS



Department
for Work &
Pensions

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 53
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Queen's College, Cambridge (BA – history)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government special adviser• Political researcher
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leicester West<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2010○ 2024 majority: 8,777 (24.8%)
Current role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work and Pensions Secretary (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary (2023-July 2024)• Shadow Social Care Minister (2011-15; 2020-23)



Ministerial responsibilities:

The Secretary of State has overall responsibility for the business of the department, including the Departmental Strategy, planning and performance, reporting and governance requirements. They have direct responsibility for departmental expenditure.

The DWP is responsible for the administration of the State Pension and working age benefits system, providing support to:

- people of working age
- employers
- pensioners
- families and children
- disabled people

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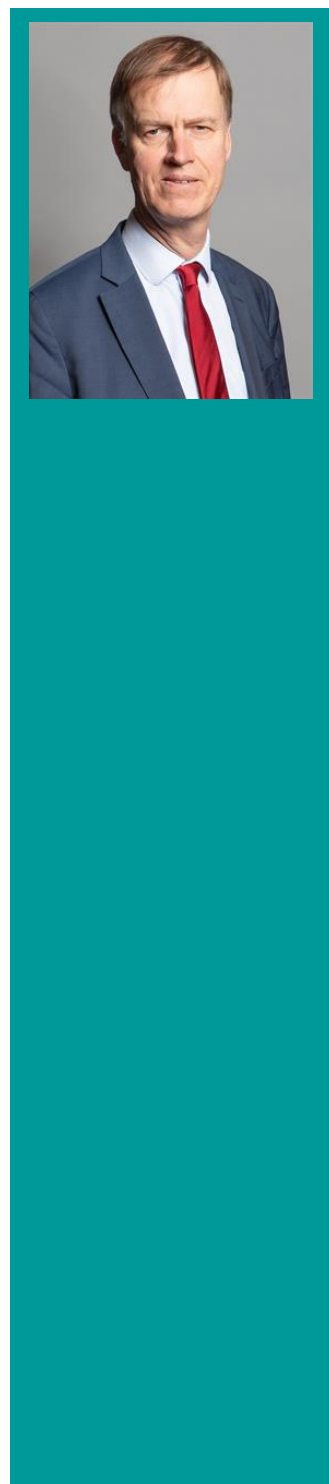
Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND DISABILITY



Department
for Work &
Pensions

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel College, Cambridge (BA – mathematics and MPhil – operational research)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telecommunications specialist
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Ham (formerly Newham North East) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Since 1994 ○ 2024 majority: 12,863 (33.9%)
Current role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security and Disability Minister (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadow Home Secretary (2011-15; 2021-July 2024) • Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities (2010-13) • Shadow Foreign Secretary (2010-11) • Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary (2010)
Previous Government roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Britain Minister (2009-10) • Financial Secretary to the Treasury (1999-2002; 2004-05; 2008-10) • Employment and Welfare Reform Minister (2008) • Competitiveness Minister (2002-04; 2007-08) • Chief Secretary to the Treasury (2006-07) • Schools Minister



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	<p>(2001-02)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pensions Minister (1998-99; 2005-06)	
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the House of Commons Work and Pensions Select Committee (2020-24)• Former member of the Digital Finance APPG• Former member of the Financial Technology APPG• Former member of the Dying Well APPG• Former member of the Council Housing APPG• Former member of the Extreme Poverty APPG• Former member of the Foodbanks APPG	

Ministerial responsibilities:

- disability policy and cross-government responsibility for disabled people
- Universal Credit and legacy benefits delivery
- contributory benefits, Personal Independence Payment, Disability Living Allowance and Employment Support Allowance
- Carer's Allowance
- housing
- arm's length body: Health and Safety Executive
- Serious Case Panel
- uprating and benefit cap
- oversight of Disability Unit

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Emma Reynolds MP

MINISTER FOR PENSIONS

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (HM TREASURY)

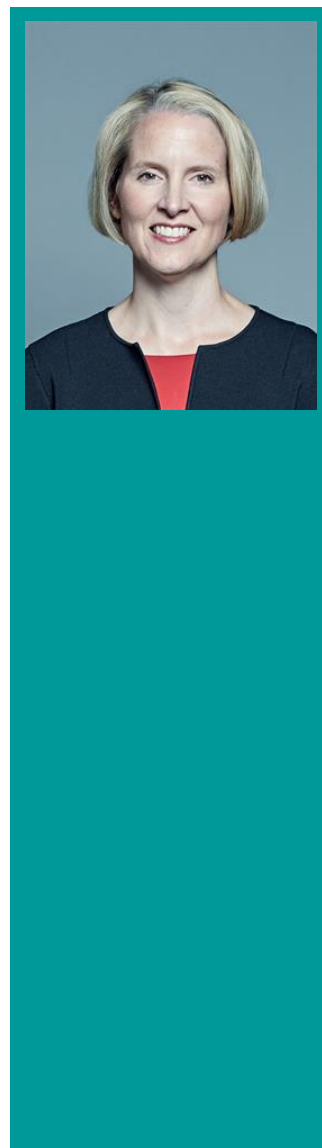


HM Treasury



Department
for Work &
Pensions

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 46
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wadham College, Oxford (BA – PPE)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government special adviser• Political researcher• Public affairs consultant
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wycombe<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2024○ 2024 majority:
Current role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pensions Minister (July 2024-present)• Parliamentary Secretary to HM Treasury (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Communities and Local Government Secretary (2015)• Shadow Housing Minister (2013-15)• Shadow Europe Minister (2010-13)
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of Parliament for Wolverhampton North East (2010-19)



Ministerial responsibilities (as Minister for Pensions):

- private pensions
- State Pension
- pensioner benefits

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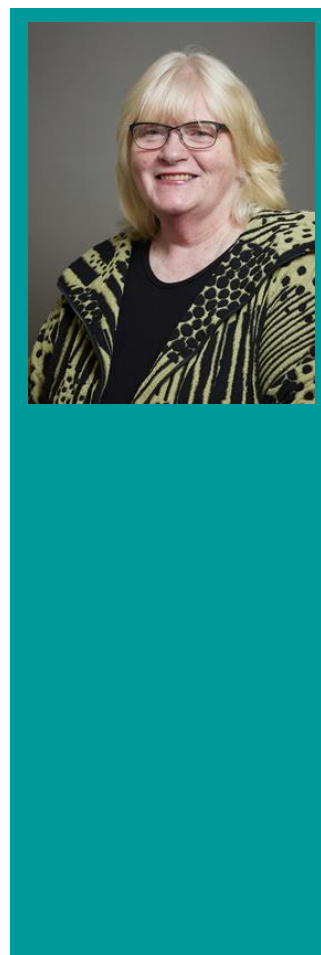


Rev and Rt Hon Baroness Sherlock OBE MINISTER FOR WORK AND PENSIONS IN THE LORDS



Department
for Work &
Pensions

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 63
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Chad's College, Durham (DTh)• Open University (MBA)• University of Liverpool (BA – sociology)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anglican priest, charity chief executive and thinktank trustee
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Current role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work and Pensions Minister (Lords) (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Work and Pensions Minister (2023-July 2024)• Shadow Faith Minister (2013-24)• Shadow Education Minister (2021-22)• Opposition Senior Whip (2015-20)• Opposition Whip (2013-15)



Ministerial responsibilities:

- DWP Lords spokesperson
- departmental oversight including Commercial and Research
- legislation coordination
- disadvantaged groups
- Shadow Fraud in the House of Lords
- Social Security Advisory Committee oversight
- Child Maintenance, Family Test and Reducing Parental Conflict

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Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 41
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selwyn College, Cambridge (BA – history)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public sector consultant
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ilford North<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2015○ 2024 majority: 528 (0.8%)
Current Government role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Health and Social Care Secretary (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Health and Social Care Secretary (2021-July 2024)• Shadow Child and Poverty Secretary (2021)• Shadow Schools Minister (2020-21)• Shadow Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury (2020)
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President of the National Union of Students (2008-10)• Redbridge London Borough councillor (2010-18)



Ministerial responsibilities:

The Secretary of State is responsible for the work of the Department of Health and Social Care, including:

- overall financial control and oversight of NHS delivery and performance
- oversight of social care policy

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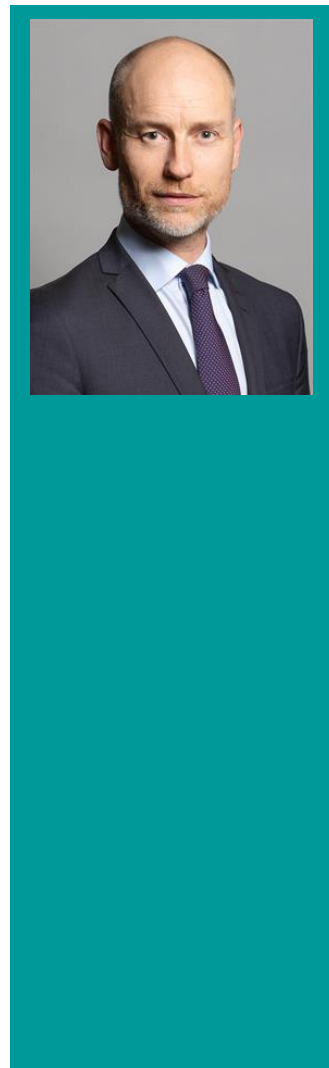
Hon Stephen Kinnock MP

MINISTER FOR CARE



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 54
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College of Europe (MA)• Queen's College, Cambridge (BA – modern languages)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business consultant• World Economic Forum director for Europe and Central Asia• British Council training services executive
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aberafan Maesteg (formerly Aberavon)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2015○ 2024 majority: 10,354 (29.0%)
Current Government role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care Minister (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Immigration Minister (2022-July 2024)• Shadow Armed Forces Minister (2021-24)• Shadow Asia and Pacific Minister (2020-21)



Ministerial responsibilities:

The Minister of State for Care is responsible for:

- **adult social care:**
 - **workforce**
 - **funding**
 - **system assurance and data**

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- markets
- technology and innovation
- continuing healthcare
- hospital and community discharge
- health and social care integration
- dementia
- primary care:
 - general practice
 - pharmacy
 - eye care
 - dentistry
- community health, including neighbourhood health services
- end of life and palliative care
- disabilities and SEND (special educational needs and disabilities)

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Karin Smyth MP

MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SECONDARY CARE)



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 59
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Bath (MBA)• University of East Anglia (BA – economics and social studies)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manager in the National Health Service’s Bristol Commissioning Group
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bristol South<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2015○ 2024 majority: 7,666 (17.7%)
Current Government role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Minister (Secondary Care) (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Health Minister (2023-July 2024)• Shadow Social Care Minister (2021-22)• Shadow Northern Ireland Minister (2018-21)• Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons (2017-20)
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-chair of the Choice at the End of Life APPG• Former member of the Health APPG• Former member of the Healthcare Infrastructure APPG• Former member of the Osteoporosis and Bone Health APPG



Ministerial responsibilities:

The Minister of State for Health (Secondary Care) is responsible for:

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- system oversight:
 - system reconfigurations and improvement
 - commissioning
- elective care:
 - elective performance and waiting list recovery
 - cancer care
- **NHS workforce:**
 - **recruitment and retention**
 - **education and training**
 - **leadership**
 - **pay and pensions**
 - **industrial relations**
 - **professional regulation**
- **NHS data and technology:**
 - **cyber security**
 - **Federated Data Platform**
- NHS capital, land and estates:
 - New Hospital Programme
 - hospital upgrades
 - reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC)
 - energy resilience and net zero
 - car parking
- medicines:
 - medicines regulation, pricing and supply
 - prescribing
- supply threats and disruption
- NHS finance:
 - procurement
 - cost recovery and immigration health surcharge

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- counter fraud
- urgent and emergency care:
 - accident and emergency services
 - NHS 111 services
 - hospital at home services
 - ambulances
 - winter planning
- sponsorship of:
 - NHS England
 - NHS Counter Fraud Authority
 - NHS Property Services
 - NHS Business Services Authority
 - Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
 - National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

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Rt Hon Anneliese Dodds MP

MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND EQUALITIES

MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT



Department
for Education



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London School of Economics (PhD – government) • University of Edinburgh (MA – social policy) • St Hilda’s College, Oxford (BA – PPE)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public policy analyst and university lecturer
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour and Co-operative Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Since 2017 ○ 2024 majority: 14,465 (36.8%)
Current Government role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women and Equalities Minister (DfE) (July 2024-present) • Development Minister (FCDO) (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadow Women and Equalities Secretary (2021-July 2024) • Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer (2020-21) • Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury (2017-20)
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Labour Party (2021-July 2024) • Member of the European Parliament for South East England (2014-17) • President of the Oxford University Student Union (1999-2000)



- Former member of the Financial Crime and Scamming APPG

Ministerial responsibilities (as Women and Equalities Minister):

The Minister for Women and Equalities has responsibility for:

- promoting equality of opportunity for everyone, and reducing negative disparities
- strategic oversight of Government's equality policy, for women, ethnicity and LGBT
- sponsorship of the Social Mobility Commission and Equality and Human Rights Commission
- overview of the overarching equalities legislative framework, including the Equality Act

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Rt Hon Louise Haigh MP

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT



Department
for Transport

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 36
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Nottingham (BA – politics)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head of local authority youth services, parliamentary researcher, and policy manager at Aviva
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheffield Heeley<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2015○ 2024 majority: 15,304 (39.8%)
Current Government role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport Secretary (July 2024-present)
Previous opposition roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shadow Transport Secretary (2021-July 2024)• Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary (2020-21)• Shadow Policing Minister (2017-20)• Shadow Digital Economy Minister (2016-17)• Shadow Civil Service and Digital Reform Minister (2015-16)
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Constable in the Metropolitan Special Constabulary (2009-11)• Former member of the State Pension Inequality for Women APPG



Ministerial responsibilities:

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The Secretary of State has overall responsibility for all Department for Transport business, including:

- overarching responsibility for the departmental portfolio and oversight of the ministerial team
- delivering the transport priorities of the government: making transport cheaper, greener, and more reliable
- **ensuring the transport network is safe and accessible**
- corporate functions such as oversight of departmental finance and public appointments

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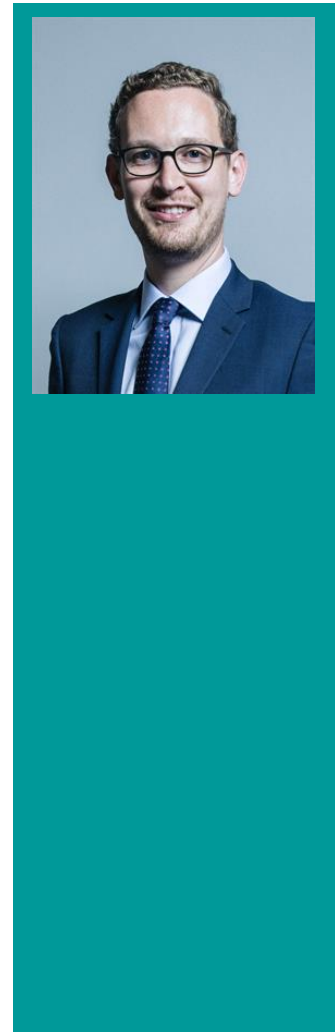
Rt Hon Darren Jones MP

CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY



HM Treasury

Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 37
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Law (LLM)• University of the West of England (BL)• University of Plymouth (BA – human bioscience)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solicitor specialising in technology law (including for BT)• National Health Service worker
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bristol North West<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2017○ 2024 majority: 15,669 (32.3%)
Current Government role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Secretary to the Treasury (July 2024-present)
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the House of Commons Business and Trade Select Committee (2020-23)• Former member of the Data Poverty APPG• Former member of the Internet, Communications and Technology APPG



Ministerial responsibilities:

The Chief Secretary (CST) is responsible for public expenditure, including:

- spending reviews and strategic planning
- in-year spending control
- public sector pay and pensions
- Annually Managed Expenditure (AME) and welfare reform

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- efficiency and value for money in public service
- procurement
- capital investment
- infrastructure spending
- housing and planning
- spending issues related to trade
- transport policy, including HS2, Crossrail 2, Roads, Network Rail, Oxford/Cambridge corridor
- Treasury interest in devolution to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- women in the economy
- skills, labour market policy and childcare policy, including tax free childcare
- tax credits policy
- housing and planning
- legislative strategy
- state pensions/ pensioner benefits
- freeports – with support from EST on customs aspects

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Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CRIME, POLICING AND FIRE



Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 58
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Queen Mary University of London (LLB)
Professional background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barrister
Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour Party
Constituency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kingston upon Hull North and Cottingham<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Since 2024○ 2024 majority: 10,679 (48.3%)
Current Government role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire (July 2024-present)
Other notable experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee (2021-2024)• Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools (2009-2010)• Assistant Government Whip (2007-2009)• Member of the London Assembly (2003-04)• Tower Hamlets London Borough councillor (1994-2002)

