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Cabinet Reshuffle Briefing

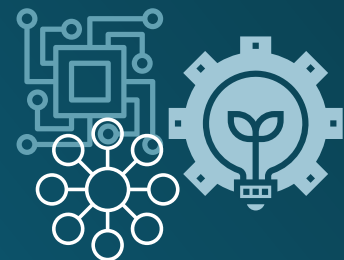
Key appointments for Infrastructure & Development



New Look Government Departments



Department for
Energy Security
and Net Zero (DESNZ)



Department for
Science, Innovation and
Technology (DSIT)



Department for Business
and Trade (DBT)



Department for Culture,
Media and Sport (DCMS)

Foreword

After surpassing 100 days in post as Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak undertook his first reshuffle on 7th February, which was accelerated following his sacking of Nadhim Zahawi as Conservative Party chair.

The most significant element of this reshuffle was the reorganisation of Whitehall to create four new departments.

- The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) was broken up, with energy separated into its own department – the **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**.
- Fulfilling a leadership election pledge on the new energy department, Rishi Sunak appointed Grant Shapps to the helm, in a clear signal of the Government's priorities in this area ahead of the next General Election.
- The breakup of BEIS also saw the creation of a new dedicated **Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT)**, which Michelle Donelan will lead. The move to create this new department was broadly welcomed by the business community and highlights another area of government in which Rishi Sunak wishes to make his mark in.
- The business element of BEIS was integrated into the Department for International Trade (DIT) to create a new **Department for Business and Trade** headed up by former Secretary of State for DIT Kemi Badenoch. With the Prime Minister keen to stress the opportunities of Brexit, this new department will be tasked with "backing British businesses at home and abroad, promoting investment and championing free trade."

- And while the **Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities** remained intact as a department, Rachel Maclean became the new housing minister following the departure of Lucy Frazer, which meant she became the 15th since the Conservatives came to power in 2010 and the sixth to hold the post in the past 12 months.
- Finally, a re-focused **Department for Culture, Media and Sport** (with the digital element ciphered into the new DSIT) will look to champion these industries and build on the UK's global position as a leader in the creative arts.

With a general election expected in late 2024, the Prime Minister has made the decision to re-wire certain government departments and their relationship with one another, which he hopes will deliver on his five promises made in January. And with no sackings resulting from this reshuffle, he will hope he has avoided ruffling the feathers of the majority of his Cabinet ministers.

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

This new department has been tasked with securing the UK's long-term energy supply, bring down bills and halving inflation.



Grant Shapps Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

- Grant Shapps won the seat of Welwyn Hatfield in 2005.
- His first role was as Shadow Minister for Housing and Planning and he has since been Minister of State for Housing and Local Government, Chairman of the Conservative Party, Secretary of State for Transport and Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.
- He was appointed Home Secretary in October 2022, the same day as his predecessor Suella Braverman resigned over a breach of the Ministerial code. He was in the post for just six days, moving to the Business Secretary role when Rishi Sunak became Prime Minister.



Graham Stuart Minister of State

- Graham Stuart won the seat of Beverly and Holderness in 2005. He has held a number of different ministerial roles, including Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exports and Minister of State for Europe.
- He was made Minister of State for Climate in September 2022 as part of the incoming cabinet of Prime Minister Liz Truss. In October, Rishi Sunak reappointed him to the position and he was given the additional Energy portfolio but was removed from Cabinet.



Andrew Bowie Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Andrew Bowie won the seat of West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine in 2017. Bowie was appointed as PPS to the Department for DCMS in February 2018 and then later promoted to PPS to Prime Minister Theresa May, until her resignation.
- Supporting Rishi Sunak in the 2022 leadership contest, when Sunak became Prime Minister, he appointed him Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for International Trade.



Amanda Solloway Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Amanda Solloway won the seat of Derby North in 2015 and has held several ministerial positions in departments, including in BEIS, the Home Office and the Foreign and Commonwealth and Development Office.
- In September 2022, she became a Government Whip as part of Liz Truss' prolonged first reshuffle and was reappointed in October by Rishi Sunak.



Lord Callanan Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Lord Callanan was appointed to the Lords in 2014, having previously been Leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament.
- Since then, Callanan has been Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport and Minister of State for Exiting the EU before being appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT)

This department will drive the innovation that will deliver improved public services, create new and better-paid jobs and grow the economy. Having a single department focussed on turning scientific and technical innovations into practical, applicable solutions to the challenges we face will help make sure the UK is the most innovative economy in the world.



Department for
Digital, Culture,
Media & Sport



Department for
Business, Energy
& Industrial Strategy



Department for
Science, Innovation
& Technology



Michelle Donelan Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- Michelle Donelan won the seat of Chippenham in 2015 and has served as Secretary of State for DCMS for five months. Before that, she had an even briefer stint as Education Secretary, holding the role for just two days before resigning.
- She has previously been Universities Minister in the Department for Education and provided maternity cover for Kemi Badenoch in the Minister for Children and Families role.



George Freeman Minister of State

- George Freeman won the seat of Mid Norfolk in 2015. Before Parliament, he spent 15 years in the life sciences sector and was appointed in July 2011 as a government adviser on Life Sciences.
- Ministerial positions Freeman has held include Minister of State in the Department for Transport and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Life Sciences at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.



Paul Scully Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Paul Scully won the seat of Sutton and Cheam in 2015 and has served as Minister for London since February 2020.
- Scully has held several ministerial positions, notably as Minister of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

Business and Trade (DBT)

The Government have said that a combined Department for Business and Trade will support growth by backing British businesses at home and abroad, promoting investment and championing free trade.



Kemi Badenoch Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- Kemi Badenoch won the seat of Saffron Walden in 2017.
- Badenoch ran for the leadership in the summer of 2022 and was seen as a grassroots favourite, having been a Minister of State in DLUHC until she resigned in the wake of the Chris Pincher affair.
- Under Liz Truss, she was appointed Secretary of State for International Trade, a position she retained when Rishi Sunak became Prime Minister in October 2022.



Nusrat Ghani Minister of State

- Nusrat Ghani won the seat of Wealden in 2015. Ghani has previously been Lord Commissioner of the Treasury and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Transport.
- Liz Truss appointed Ghani as a minister in BEIS before being appointed by Rishi Sunak as Minister of State in the newly formed Department for Business and Trade in February 2023.



Lord Johnson of Lainston Minister of State

- Lord Johnson was appointed a peer in October 2022 and Minister of State for Investment at the same time.



Kevin Hollinrake Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Kevin Hollinrake won the safe seat of Thirsk and Maldon in 2015 and his only previous Government position was as PPS to Michael Gove as Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs.
- When Rishi Sunak became Prime Minister, he became Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.



Maria Caulfield Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Maria Caulfield won the seat of Lewes in 2015. In 2018, she was appointed to her first official role as Vice Chair of the Conservative Party for Women under Theresa May, losing it when Boris Johnson became leader.
- Since then, other major roles she has held included Minister of State for Health until she gained her current role under Rishi Sunak.



Nigel Huddleston Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Nigel Huddleston won the seat of Mid Worcestershire in 2015. Huddleston previously served as Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Department for International Trade and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for DCMS.
- Huddleston was appointed Government Whip by Liz Truss, a position he was re-appointed to by Rishi Sunak, alongside his position within the Department for International Trade.



Stuart Andrew Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Stuart Andrew won the seat of Pudsey in 2010. He served in Government as a Whip before becoming Minister for Housing in February 2022.
- Andrew also served as a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DCMS and Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice. Before his appointment, Andrew was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DCMS and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for International Trade.

Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC)

DLUHC supports communities across the UK to thrive, making them great places to live and work. Their work includes investing in local areas to drive growth and create jobs, delivering the homes our country needs, supporting our community and faith groups, and overseeing local government, planning and building safety.



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities



Michael Gove Secretary of State for levelling Up, Housing and Communities

- Michael Gove was elected MP for Surrey Heath in 2005 and by 2007 was Shadow Secretary of State for Education. Following the 2010 general election, he was appointed Secretary of State for Education
- In 2014 he moved from Education and became Chief Whip. Gove has also held numerous Cabinet roles, including Secretary of State for Justice, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
- In September 2021, he was appointed to his current role as Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and had a brief exit from July 2022 to October 2022 after being sacked by Boris Johnson before being reappointed under Rishi Sunak.



Rachel Maclean Minister of State

- Rachel Maclean won the seat of Redditch in 2017. In 2020 she was given her first job as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport. She then became Under-Secretary of State for Safeguarding until her resignation in July.
- Under Liz Truss, she was appointed Minister of State for Victims and Vulnerability, losing this when Sunak became Prime Minister. She was moved to Vice Chairman of the party before moving to her current role last week.



Felicity Buchan Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Felicity Buchan was elected to Kensington in 2019 with a majority of 150. Under Lis Truss, she was given her first job as Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury.
- Under Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, she was appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing and Homelessness.



Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Baroness Scott was created a Life Peer in 2015. In February 2020, she was appointed as a Government Whip.
- Under Lis Truss, Baroness Scott was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.



Dehenna Davison Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Dehenna Davison was elected MP for Bishop Auckland in 2019. Under Lis Truss, she was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and the Minister for Levelling Up.
- Davison retained her role under Prime Minister Rishi Sunak before being appointed to her current role.



Lee Rowley Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Lee Rowley was elected MP for North East Derbyshire in 2017. Appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Business and Industry) at BEIS in September 2021, he was also promoted to the Whips Office.
- Following his resignation from Government following the Chris Pincher affair, in September 2022, he was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; he was reappointed when Rishi Sunak became Prime Minister.

Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)

A re-focused Department for Culture, Media and Sport will recognise the importance of these industries to the economy and build on the UK's position as a global leader in the creative arts.



Lucy Frazer KC MP Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

- Lucy Frazer has been an MP for South East Cambridgeshire since 2015. Before Parliament, she practised as a barrister, taking the silk in 2013.
- She previously served in the Department for Transport before becoming the Minister for Housing and Planning at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in October 2022, making her the 5th Housing Minister in 12 months.
- Over the course of her Parliamentary career, Frazer has held a number of ministerial positions, notably as Financial Secretary to the Treasury between September 2021 and September 2022.



Julia Lopez MP Minister of State

- Julia Lopez became an MP for Hornchurch and Upminster in 2017. She first became a minister in February 2020 and was promoted to Minister of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport in September 2021.
- She resigned on 6th July 2022, asking former Prime Minister Boris Johnson to step aside. She was subsequently reappointed by Liz Truss in her first reshuffle to DCMS, continuing in the role under Rishi Sunak.



Stuart Andrew MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (also Minister for Equalities at the Department for Business and Trade)

- Stuart Andrew has been an MP for Pudsey since 2010 he first served in Government as a Whip before becoming Minister for Housing in February 2022.
- He has also served as a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DCMS and Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice. Prior to his current appointment, Andrew was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DCMS and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for International Trade.



Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

- Lord Parkinson was nominated for a life peerage in Theresa May's resignation honours list, having previously been her Special Adviser when she was Home Secretary.
- In September 2021, Parkinson became Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in DCMS and designated Minister for Art. Under Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Parkinson remained in the department as a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State.



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